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English Study Tips

General study tips for English language learners and
tips from teachers



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Students often ask us what they can do to improve their English quickly. Try the tips below and you will be surprised just how quickly your English improves:

- **Study regularly** – it's better to spend 30 minutes every day than 2 hours once a week!
- **Listen** to the radio and **watch** some English TV every day (ask your teacher to recommend useful English programmes).
- **Read** newspapers and magazines – you will learn lots of new vocabulary and common expressions.
- **Speak English** outside the classroom as much as possible. If you live with friends who speak the same language as you, try and make 'an arrangement' to speak English only (for example, every day between 5pm and 7pm). Every little bit of practising speaking will help.
- Buy a good **dictionary** (ask your teacher for advice).
- Keep a **diary** so you can write a little English every day. This will help you practise all the tenses in writing – you can do this slowly and use your grammar books and dictionaries to help.
- Start a **vocabulary notebook** and write down all the new words you learn each day. If you see an interesting word or expression, show it to your teacher who will be happy to explain and your classmates will enjoy learning something new too.
- Don't be afraid to **ask** if you don't understand something or need help with English pronunciation.
- Find English language exercises and games **online**.
- Book a course at an [English language school](#). Learn English in a structured way and practise speaking with other English language students.
- Check our [Idiom of the Week](#) every Tuesday to help broaden your knowledge of English expressions.
- Read our [weekly blog](#) which includes study tips and interesting aspects of the English language. Plus a 'fun with English' section every week!
- Read our monthly [newsletter](#) which includes a useful English study tip from a teacher every month.

Tips from Teachers

Lauren's tips for improving your pronunciation

- 1. Learn the IPA and the sounds of English by using the chart in your progress form. It will help you with pronunciation when you don't have a teacher to ask.*
- 2. Put your hand on your throat to feel the difference between a voiced sound, such as /b/, and an unvoiced sound, /p/.*
- 3. Record yourself on your smartphone or tablet to hear what you sound like, so you know what areas of pronunciation and intonation you need to work on.*



Dicky's tips for improving your spelling

- 1. Make a list of any words that your teacher has corrected on your written work or that you were not sure of and checked in a dictionary or spell checker. Remember to look at this list regularly.*
- 2. Download a word game like Scrabble or Boggle to your mobile phone or tablet (or play an online game on your computer).*

If you follow these tips, I'm sure your spelling will improve quickly!

Jack's tips for learning vocabulary

- 1. Choose 5 words you want to memorize, and put them into a context by creating a story. This is particularly useful for words which are unconnected.*
- 2. Label objects with stickers. You can start by labelling all your stationary.*
- 3. Play word games such as Scrabble and Boggle. Online crosswords and riddles can also help you learn new vocabulary.*

