

English Learning - All Begins with Exposure

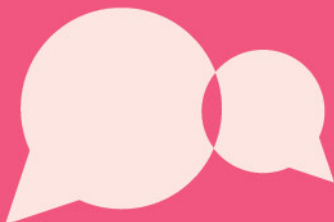
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English is an international language. Today, without even the basic knowledge of English, you may get left behind in our ever-changing and globalized world. Learning English is of utmost importance and should be taken seriously from a very young age. This article discusses the best ways to learn and improve in written and oral English.

It all begins with exposure. To learn a language, you have to be exposed to it. With English, this is extremely easy. With the help of the Internet, we can browse through a plethora of material that is written in English. The only struggle is to learn how to read. Reading English, however, is quite simple as all the letters in the alphabet come with a sound. Once you have mastered the pronunciation, it will not even be a challenge. You can virtually read anything placed in your

palms. Exposure can come in different forms. It can come through culture, music, books and films. You can listen to English songs, read English books and watch English movies or TV shows. You can try and challenge yourself by joining English language competitions, which often include oral recitation, speech making and even word spelling. These contests may boost your confidence so that you will not be afraid to speak in English in front of a crowd. Being exposed to the language is conducive to its acquisition.

Apart from exposure, you would also need practice. You can practise writing by choosing to write a short passage every week. The topic could be about anything you fancy. The goal is not to meet the word requirement or use as many words as you can. Instead, it is to get your ideas across. If you have trouble with grammar and





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vocabulary, it all goes back to exposure. You need to read more in order to learn how to write.

As for oral English, it would always be ideal to have someone practising the language with you. If you and your friend decide to learn English together, do not feel shy to speak to each other in the language. If you are lucky enough to have a friend who is a native speaker, try and talk with him or her as much as possible. If you find it difficult to pronounce some of the words or doubt the accuracy of your spoken English, do not worry. You need to stumble and fall before you acquire a skill, whatever it is. Start small. Learn phrases first, and then move on to sentences. Every big step starts with a small one. Try and practise for at least half an hour each day.

The best way, of course, is immersion. Be in a place where everyone speaks

English. This could be an English school or an English speaking country. Being surrounded by the language enables you to be more active in learning the language. Unconsciously, you will be improving day by day. You would be forced to read in English, write in English and communicate with other people who speak English. After being immersed in the language for a few years, you would be able to master English usage and speak it with clarity and confidence.

Learning English requires the same basic components for learning any other language. You would need exposure, practice and, to perfect it, immersion. These are the best ways to learn English. It is fun and challenging. Do not be afraid to try something new or seek improvement in something you find difficult. Learn English today and watch with confidence as new paths unfold before you.

