

# FUN AND EASY WAYS TO LEARN ENGLISH

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According to academic research, linguists have demonstrated that there is not one single best method for everyone in all contexts, and that no one teaching method is inherently superior to the others. Also, it is not always possible – or appropriate – to apply the same methodology to all learners, who have different objectives, environments and learning needs.

**Add Some Music.** Listening to music while you study English can wake up your mind and put you in a better mood to learn. Happy songs can help you feel re-energized and motivated if you're getting bored, while calming music can help you feel more relaxed if you're feeling nervous about an upcoming test. Keep in mind, however, that listening to music with lyrics can actually distract you from what you're studying. The words of the song can take your attention away from the English words you're trying to learn. If this bothers you, then you can study with music that doesn't have lyrics, like jazz or classical.

**Play Scrabble.** Scrabble is a classic board game in which players use random lettered tiles to create words in a crossword fashion. It's a fantastic way to strengthen your English vocabulary. Playing Scrabble challenges you to really think in English as you try to come up with different words with your set of letters. If you're taking an English class, buy the board game and invite your classmates to play with you. You can also play Scrabble online through websites like Facebook, where the game is called Words with Friends.

**Learn English with Fun YouTube Channels.** Not only does YouTube have funny entertainment videos, but there are also some excellent resources for learning English!

**Learn English with TV.** No matter your preference, you'll find something to watch with these lists of the greatest TV shows for learning English. If you're not so much into *modern* humor, check out the 10 best '90s sitcoms for learning English..

**Study in a New Location.** Sitting in the same place, in the same room, every time you study can start to get boring very quickly. If you always study at home, try going to a library or a coffee shop. The change of scenery will improve your enthusiasm, plus changing locations has been shown to improve memory. Your brain makes connections between what you're studying and where you are. When you study somewhere different, you force your brain to make new connections to what you're studying. The more connections your brain makes, the more likely you are to remember what you learned!

**Find a Conversation Partner.** Get more English conversation practice by searching for English friends online. You might be able to connect with another language learner in your area, or even just exchange emails, instant messages or have Skype conversations in English. Try Conversation Exchange, a free website that helps language learners connect for language exchange. In a language exchange, you have conversations with an English speaker who is studying your native language. This way, your partner practices speaking your native language with you, and then you get to practice speaking English with him or her.

**Learn English with Movies.** Who doesn't enjoy a great movie? And if you can watch a movie while learning English, even better! To get started, use this complete guide to learning English through movies and films. In addition to the seven movies recommended in the guide, you could also watch one of these modern American classics or a classic American film.

**Use English Resources for Children.** Pick up some English children's books from your local library to use for reading practice. The simple language will be easy to follow, and the stories are usually more entertaining than the typical dialogues you find in English grammar books. You could also play some interactive games that are geared towards young English readers, like educational video games or even free online ESL games.

**Get a Book of English Jokes.** While at the library, you could also look for joke books, which are surprisingly useful learning tools. In order to have English conversations, not only do you need to speak the language, but you also have to understand English culture. Humor is very culture-specific; something that's funny

in one country might not make sense in another. Reading a joke book is also a good way to practice tricky concepts like puns and idioms. You might find the joke book entertaining, and they will teach you how English speakers laugh and have fun.

**Learn English Slang.** One of the most fun parts about learning English is the slang. Slang is more informal and interesting, plus you'll sound less robotic and have more of your own personality when using it. To better describe your exercise activities and health habits, check out these health and fitness English slang words, too.

**Sing Karaoke.** Learn a few English songs and sing along with them. It might be interesting to finally learn the meaning of the lyrics to some of your favorite English songs. Both Fluent and Lyrics Training are great online platforms to learn the lyrics to your favorite English song. You can sing at home while you're cooking or taking a shower, or gather some friends and go sing at a karaoke bar. Singing English songs is a great way to practice speaking and intonation, plus you can have fun singing songs that you already know and enjoy.

**Get an English App for your Phone.** You're probably constantly on your phone, right? So why not use it as an opportunity to practice English? There are dozens of great apps, and so the hardest part is simply narrowing it down to just a few.

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