

PRACTICAL TIPS FOR BETTER LEARNING OF ENGLISH

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Abstract:

The article is devoted to the issues of learning English and the most common mistakes in its development. Highlights the most common shortcomings in learning English and suggests ways to correct them. Tips for improving the effectiveness of language learning are offered.

Key words: English language, improving, mistakes, correction, effectiveness.

Introduction

Learning English for many people is a process that requires patience, diligence and the right approach. English is one of the most widely spoken languages in the world, and knowing it opens the door to career opportunities, travel, and personal growth. However, on the way to successful language acquisition, there are often various mistakes that can slow down the process or even lead to frustration. In this article, we will look at the most common mistakes that people make when learning English, as well as offer tips to help avoid these problems and speed up language acquisition.

Underestimating practice

One of the most common mistakes that beginners make is that they spend too much time on theory and grammar, but neglect practical exercises. Without practice, even the most deeply learned rules will be forgotten, and conversational skills will not develop. Research shows that the active use of language in real situations contributes to a much faster learning of the material. For example, a study conducted at the University of Virginia confirms that regular practical use of language helps improve long-term memory and consolidate skills [1,449].

Tip: Communicate regularly in English, even if your level is not perfect yet. The more you talk, the faster you will improve your skills. Use apps to communicate with native speakers, watch movies and TV series in English, and read books and articles. Practice is the key to success.

Fear of mistake

Many people are afraid of making mistakes, which slows down the language learning process. They avoid conversations because they are not sure of their grammar or vocabulary. The fear of making a mistake blocks development, as it prevents you from trying new phrases and expressions. The importance of mistakes in the learning process is confirmed by a study by Professor Robert Martinez from the University of Berkeley. He emphasizes that mistakes play an important role in language acquisition, as they help us understand where we are wrong and where we need to work next [Martinez, R. 2003].

Tip: Accept mistakes as an integral part of the learning process. Every time you make a mistake, you are one step closer to using the language correctly. The more you practice, the fewer mistakes you will make, and they will become less significant.

Not enough diversity

Many students focus on one aspect of the language, whether it's just grammar or just vocabulary. This leads to uneven skill development. For example, you may understand grammar well, but you won't be able to communicate fluently because you don't have enough practice in speaking. Research such as the work of Margaret Low from the University of Cambridge shows that for successful language acquisition it is important to develop all aspects: listening, speaking, reading and writing [Low, M. 2010].

Tip: The training should be comprehensive. Read, write, listen, and speak in English. Include various materials: audiobooks, movies, podcasts, blogs, books, and articles. It is also important to pay attention to various aspects of the language: grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation, and listening comprehension.

Pronunciation ignoring

Neglecting pronunciation is another common mistake. Even if you have a good command of grammar and vocabulary, incorrect pronunciation can make it difficult to understand the other person and create

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difficulties in communication. Research shows that correct pronunciation directly affects the perception of native speakers. For example, a study conducted as part of the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) project showed that pronunciation is an important component of successful communication, and it affects the assessment of language proficiency [ETS 2015].

Tip: Work on your pronunciation from the very beginning. Use phonetic transcriptions, listen to native speakers and repeat after them. Record yourself on a voice recorder to hear your mistakes and improve the sound of words. Use online resources and applications to help you do this.

Lack of motivation

Sometimes people start learning English with great enthusiasm, but over time they lose interest and motivation. This happens especially often when progress seems too slow or difficult. Motivation studies conducted as part of the study of second language competence (for example, research on Robert MacIntyre's theory of motivation) confirm that intrinsic motivation plays a key role in successful learning. If a person does not see personal value in learning a language, they quickly lose interest [MacIntyre, P. 1994].

Tip: Find your inner motivation. Set specific goals, such as traveling to an English-speaking country, improving your career, or being able to watch movies without subtitles. The important point is to enjoy the process. Find interesting content for yourself: movies, TV series, books, and even games that will keep you interested.

Conclusion

Mistakes on the way to learning English are a natural part of the process. The main thing is not to be afraid of them, but to learn from them and keep moving forward. Avoiding common mistakes such as lack of practice, fear of mistakes, or ignoring pronunciation will help you achieve success faster. Regularity, variety of activities and real motivation are the components that will help you master the English language.

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