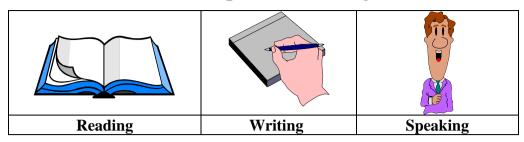
How to improve own English?



Whether it is English or any other skill it is the "**Practice that makes one perfect**". The following tips are based upon personal experience in an attempt to improve language. The difference in progress depends upon dedication and technique. Hard work can produce some results but more important is technique and regular practice (discipline)

Some tips:

Reading

- Set a goal for yourself in terms of the speed of reading
- Buy a medium size dictionary
- Buy old books Primary School English
- Read what interests you
- Choose a paragraph and read aloud
- Mark the words that you find difficult to pronounce
- Check those words in the dictionary
- Choose some nursery rhymes to practice
- Read a short paragraph to a friend and let him do the same. Compare the differences
- Read jokes and tell them to your friends
- If you have difficulty in reading, then listen first (on recorded tapes)

For spellings

- Use a dictionary
- Make a separate notebook and write the spellings of the words that you find difficult
- Keep trying new words
- Break the words and then make spellings
- Play word games. A very good site for playing word games is http://www.manythings.org/c/hm-clothes.cgi

Writing

- Be Simple, Clear, Concise(short), Complete and Honest
- Read what you have written and listen to your writing
- Check spellings
- If possible, choose a friend and get his feedback
- Buy a handwriting book to improve your handwriting

Speaking

- Observe the mouth movements of those who speak English well and try to copy them
- Use the dictionary for checking the pronunciation
- Make a list of words that you find difficult to pronounce and ask someone who speaks the language well to pronounce them for you. If possible search on the computer

- Read aloud in English for 15-20 minutes everyday
- Record your own voice and listen to the pronunciation mistakes
- Listen to and sing English songs
- Don't speak too fast or too slow

Listening

- Pay attention
- Accept the fact that you are not going to understand everything
- Keep cool when you do not understand
- Do not interrupt
- Listen to how something is said
- Face those you are talking with and maintain eye contact
- Don't talk too much

Start right now with the following exercise:

- Read this page again but note the time it takes you to read. Keep a record for A) comparing it next time. Now read it aloud and see how your words flow and time it again
- B) Underline the words you do not know at this stage. Make a separate list and write their meaning in simple English by looking at an English to English dictionary
- Close this page and write as many points as you can recall about learning C) English, or, speak to someone about the contents of this page.

Keep a record and repeat the above exercise after three days and see the difference. Practice, practice, practice!!!!!

Keep practicing and find ways to improve your technique. Remember, where there is a Will there is Way. Smile, and world will smile with you; frown and you will be left

alone to brood. Choose ① ① ① .





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