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LEARNING STRATEGIES

How to Learn English as an Adult

It can be difficult to learn English as an adult - unless you have the right teacher or course. Most times, adults who want to learn English want to learn it very quickly. In order to help you do this, read on for some tips on learning English quickly and as easily as possible.

Some Advice



If you're just beginning to learn the English language, try to find lessons that are interesting and easy for you to get through. A beginning English class is most helpful for a lot of students, as you'll hear other students learning to speak English as well - there's a lot to learn from listening to how others speak.

There are also some great English programmes available online or through mail-order. One of the best available is **Rosetta Stone**. Many people have used this program to learn English firstly, and to improve their skills as well.

Another great source of learning can be the public library system. You can find an excellent assortment of books and videos that you can check out to learn English at your own pace. However, it can be difficult to learn if you don't have someone to carry on a conversation with. If you know someone who's fluent, ask them to help you practise your conversation skills and see what suggestions they have to help you improve your English.

Choose the Right Vocabulary

One of the most important things to keep in mind when you're learning the English language is to focus your attention on understanding a good variety of English words. The better your vocabulary, the better you'll be at using conversational English when speaking. You'll also sound much more fluent when your vocabulary is strong. You don't always need to use words that mean exactly what you want to say - understanding what you need to say is much more important.

To be continued.....

Adapted from: <http://www.1-language.com/articles/how-to-learn-english-as-an-adult>

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Culture Corner

Gift Giving in South Korea



- Gift giving is very common in Korea. Offer and receive a gift with both hands. Wrapped gifts are **never** opened in the presence of the giver.



- Reciprocate with a gift of similar value when receiving a gift from your Korean colleague. Koreans like regional United States gifts and Indian/Western artifacts.



- Wrap your gift nicely. Bright colours are preferred for wrapping gifts. Yellow and red or green stripes are a traditional Korean wrapping paper design. Avoid wrapping gifts in dark colours or red.

- Always bring a small gift for the hostess when invited to someone's home. Give: A small gift, candy, cakes, cookies, flowers or fruit. **Do not** give liquor to a woman.



- It is common to exchange gifts at the first business meeting. Allow the host to present his gift first.



- Give: Liquor (good quality scotch), fruit, desk accessories, small mementos or gifts from France or Italy (which often indicate status).

- Do not** give: Expensive gifts (Koreans will feel obligated to reciprocate with a gift of equal value), knives or scissors (they signify "cutting off" a relationship), green headwear, gifts with red writing (denotes death) or gifts in a set of four (denotes death).

Adapted from material compiled by Window on the World, a cross-cultural training and consulting firm. Originally based on material contained in the "Put Your Best Foot Forward" series of books by Mary Murray Bosrock.

Here's the Answer

Verbs & Adverbs That Go Together



Are there any **verbs** and **adverbs** in English that go together? Can you kindly tell me some?



Some verbs and adverbs go together naturally in English, and it's helpful to learn them as expressions.

Verbs & Adverbs Examples

act quickly



We have to **act quickly** if we want to agree to their deal.

listen attentively

She **listened attentively** to what her boss was saying.



play fair



I don't feel that you are **playing fair** – you seem to change your mind when it suits you!

search thoroughly

The police **searched** the house **thoroughly** but couldn't find any evidence.



sigh deeply

He **sighed deeply** when he heard the news.



sit comfortably

She was **sitting comfortably** on a sofa when he walked in.



speak softly



It was difficult to hear her as she was **speaking softly**.



think carefully

Please **think** about this **carefully** – it's a big decision.

vary widely

Marriage customs **vary widely** from culture to culture.

work hard

We **work hard** in the office.

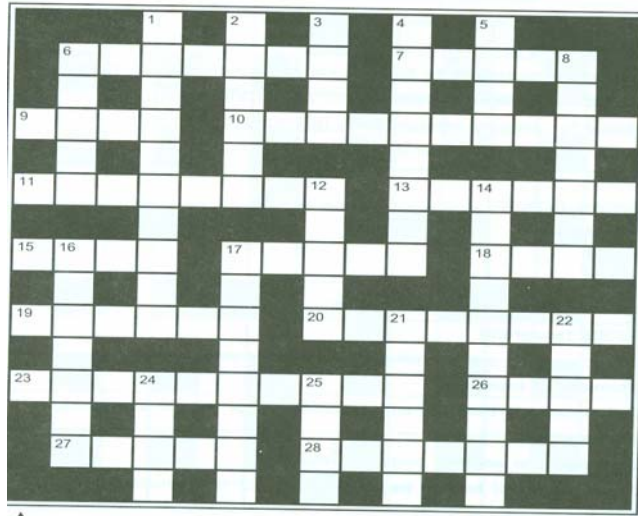


<http://www.english-at-home.com/vocabulary/verbs-and-adverbs-that-go-together>

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FUN WITH ENGLISH

No.4 Crossword Puzzles



Across

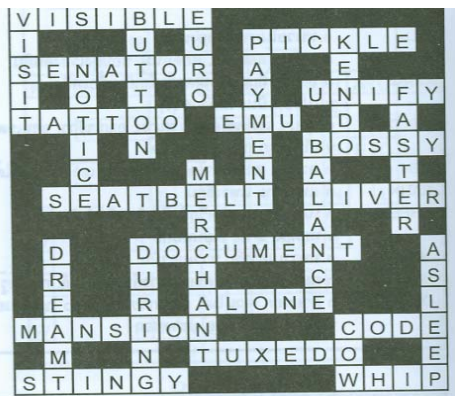
- 6 Chinese herb
7 Opposite of "before"
9 Hindu system of exercise
10 Physical or mental handicap (Synonym)
11 I MEAN ABC (anagram)
13 Attempt to do something
15 Roman numeral meaning eight
17 "_____ sheep" means person who is different from the rest
18 Come together
19 Move in a shape of c coil
20 Used with letter
23 Someone who records the transactions of a business
26 Scotch _____ used for sticking things
27 Related on the mother's side
28 Institution of higher learning

Down

- 1 Not familiar
2 Body tissue that joins a muscle to a bone
3 Many years
4 Dawn (Synonym)
5 Abbreviation of "et alibi" (2,2)
6 Bride _____
8 Person who no longer works
12 Remove something completely
14 Chart that shows connection between family members (6,4)
16 Become better than before
17 Person who believes
21 Relating to words
22 "_____ love" means temporary love
24 Currency of Myanmar = 100 pyas
25 Speak to God

From Crossword Puzzles Book

Answers no.3



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