



# LANGUAGE LINKS

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## LEARNING STRATEGIES

### Some Tips for Learning How to Speak English

Because the pronunciation rules for English are not consistent, you may often come to points where you will have a difficult time determining how to say things correctly.

It is also important to realize that English has accents and dialects like any other language. As a result, you may feel confused when you are told to pronounce a word in a certain way, only to hear it spoken in a different way by someone else. Nevertheless, there are a number of methods that you can use to develop your English speaking skills.

#### Using a Tape Recorder

A tape recorder is very useful for helping you learn how to form sounds. As you listen, you will be able to hear the difference in what you intended to sound out, and what actually occurred. You can also compare these results to tapes of native English speakers and work on specific sound groups that are difficult to manage.

#### Listen and Repeat Numerous Dialects and Accents

Once you have mastered the basic sounds, it may be helpful to listen to these words spoken by people with different accents. As an example, you might want to try and imitate everything from Texan accents to Irish ones. In the process, you may find that some letter pronunciations fit better with your own natural speech patterns.

As you listen and repeat from tapes, it is very important to experiment and find out what will make your speech clear and understandable. You can also find numerous samples of spoken English on the Internet. If you visit sites like *You Tube*, it is possible to download videos on just about any subject. Some video producers may even have content available that shows you the proper lip and tongue positions to form specific sounds. You can also select materials that match a hobby or other personal interest, and gain the benefit of hearing a native English speaker at the same time.

#### Voice Chat

At some point, you will want to gain steady practice in conversational English. If your computer is equipped with a sound card and microphone, you may be able to find internet chat rooms that also support voice chat.

Unfortunately, learning to verbalize in English will be very difficult if you do not actually speak out loud. If you cannot find someone to practice with, you can use a tape recorder, or practice with videos. On the other hand, if your computer has the necessary hardware, you may find that you have unlimited opportunities to carry on conversations with native English speakers from all over the world.

<http://www.1-language.com>

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# Culture Corner



## Business Card Etiquette



A business card is a singularly powerful tool for self-advertisement. It lets you market yourself to a very wide audience without the hassle and prohibitive cost of newspaper advertising.

When you have business cards printed in bulk, however, be sure to get yourself a business card case. It's crass to distribute your business card without putting them in a business card case first.

### » How to Distribute Your Business Card

**The Wrong Way:** Distributing your business card as if you are dealing playing cards.

**The Right Way:** Never pass out business cards like you would pass around sheets of paper or playing cards. Keep them in a business card case. Additionally, *present them in such a way that the recipient can read them right side up.*



### » Keeping Up Appearances

Your business card is your advertisement. It should, thus, be representative of the image you are trying to get across. So, make sure they are **never** creased, wrinkled or dirty. To help your cards remain spotless and **crisp**, keep them inside a business card case.



### » Tips for Cross-Cultural Card-Giving

1. When traveling abroad, have your information printed in English on one side and in the language of the country you're visiting on the other.

2. When giving out business cards in Asia, remember to use **two hands** to give and receive cards. Be sure to put the card that you receive on the tabletop, at least until the meeting ends. After the meeting, put the business cards you received inside a portfolio or a business card case.



3. If you ask someone for a business card, offer yours in return. The same rule applies for times when it is you who does the asking.



The act of exchanging business cards is as important as a handshake. After all, when you exchange business cards with someone, you trade not just contact information. You exchange the possibility of a future with each other in it. Do it with style.

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# Here's the Answer...

## In Time or On Time



What is the difference between '**in time**' and '**on time**'/ '**in the end**' and '**at the end**'?



Michael Swan's excellent Practical English Usage (Oxford University Press), provides a succinct answer to both of these questions:

### On Time

= at the planned time; neither late nor early:

*Peter wants the meeting to start exactly **on time**.*



### In Time

= with enough time to spare; before the last moment:

*He would have died if they hadn't got him to the hospital **in time**.*



### In the end

= finally, after a long time:

***In the end**, I got a visa for Russia.*



### At the end

= at the point where something stops:

*I think the film's a bit weak **at the end**.*



<http://www.britishcouncil.org/learnenglish-central-grammar-prepositions-in-time-v-on-time.htm>

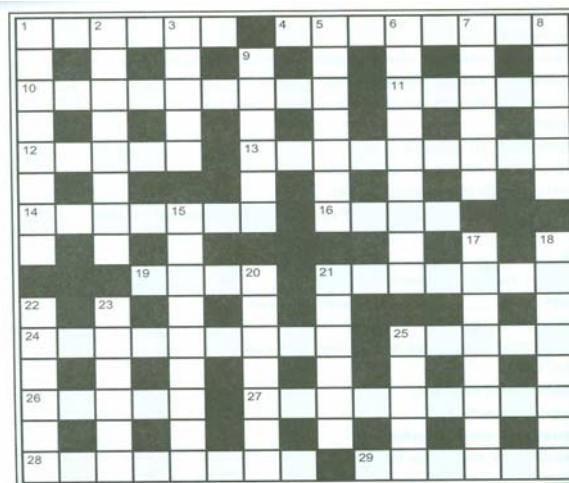
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# FUN WITH ENGLISH

## No.5 Crossword Puzzle

### Across

- 1 Wage  
4 Officially released statement  
10 White stone that contains calcium  
11 Enclosed area for sports events  
12 Tuna fish  
13 Ritual killing  
14 Strange person  
16 Water falls from the sky  
19 DAWN (anagram)  
21 Refuse to buy something as a way of protesting  
24 Alcoholic drink  
25 Cause by  
26 Used for cutting  
27 Lady and \_\_\_\_\_  
28 At the same time  
29 Grandmother

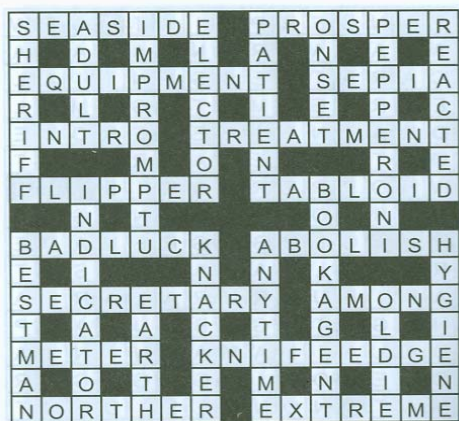


### Down

- 1 An answer to a puzzle  
2 Drink made from lemon juice  
3 Dangerous  
5 Not a new car  
6 Legal responsibility  
7 Academic research paper  
8 Make tidy  
9 Animal or plant that turned in to rock  
15 Great surprise  
17 Monster that is used to frighten children  
18 Lawyer  
20 Make wet and dirty  
21 \_\_\_\_\_ soda = Sodium bicarbonate  
22 We usually put sandwiches into this for a picnic  
23 Season between winter and summer  
25 Cutting implement

From: Crossword Puzzles Book

### Answer no.4



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