



# LANGUAGE LINKS

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## LEARNING STRATEGIES

### The best strategies and techniques for learning English

#### *Why Learners Can't Speak English?*

If you don't think that English is very interesting, you won't be eager to study the language. On the other hand, if you find English interesting, it will be easier to learn and you'll probably enjoy it.

*Enjoyment of learning English*



#### *Why are learners shy and quiet?*

Learners might not be shy and quiet outside class, but they are shy and quiet in class. Why?

- They are too embarrassed to speak in English.
- They are afraid of making mistakes.
- The class room is too quiet and daunting.

#### *How to create an English environment?*

Learners speak in English in class, but they speak in their mother tongue after class and at home. Therefore, learners should try to create an English environment for themselves.

#### *How can you do this?*

- Go abroad
- Go to clubs
- Send foreigners E-mails
- Watch movies in English with subtitles
- Listen to foreign music...and so on



Adapted from <http://opinion.nucba.ac.jp>

**Usana**

# Culture Corner

## Business Cards



Before moving to a new country, it is important to learn as much about its **culture** as possible. To give you an idea of how cultures differ around the world, do this quiz. Try to guess the countries in which the following customs are practiced.

1. Which of these is most important on business cards in Germany?

- ☐ Age ☐ Qualifications ☐ Years at current company

2. In Sri Lanka which hand should you not use to pass business cards?

- ☐ Left ☐ Right



3. When meeting a group of people in Venezuela you should give your business card to...

- ☐ Only the most senior person ☐ Everyone ☐ No-one

4. You should accept cards in Japan with...

- ☐ Both hands ☐ Left hand ☐ Right hand



5. What color ink is best for business cards in China?

- ☐ Green ☐ Black ☐ Gold

6. What language should you ideally translate your business cards into if going to Taiwan?

- ☐ Cantonese ☐ Japanese ☐ Mandarin

7. In the Philippines who should give the business card first?

- ☐ The visitor ☐ The host

8. Business cards are always reciprocated in the USA?

- ☐ True ☐ False

9. Exchanging business cards is very ceremonious in the UK.

- ☐ True ☐ False



10. Which of these should you not do to a South Korean's business card?

- ☐ Write on it ☐ Comment on it ☐ Look at it

Ans. 1. Qualifications 2. Left 3. Everyone 4. Both hands 5. Gold 6. Cantonese 7. The visitor 8. False 9. False 10. Write on it

<http://www.kwintessential.co.uk/resources/quiz/business-cards.php>

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# Here's the Answer...

## Present Continuous--When to use



I have seen the present continuous tense in many situations. Could you tell me when to use the *present continuous tense*?



1. We use the present continuous to talk about activities **happening now**.

Examples

*The kids **are watching** TV.  
I **am not learning** German, because this is an English class.  
Who **are you writing** to?*



2. We can also use the present continuous to talk about activities **happening around now**, and **not** necessarily this very moment.

Examples



*Sally **is studying** really hard for her exams this week.  
I **am reading** a really interesting book at the moment.  
How **are you brushing up** on your English for the trip?*



3. The present continuous tense is also used to talk about activities **happening in the near future**, especially for **planned future events**.

Examples



*I **am seeing** my dentist on Wednesday.  
Polly **is coming** for dinner tomorrow.  
**Are you doing** anything tonight?  
We **aren't going** on holiday next week.*



4. We use the present continuous to talk about **temporary situations**.

Examples

*I **am living** in London at the moment. (I live in London - more permanent)*



5. We use the present continuous to talk about **changing situations**.

Examples



*You're **getting** taller and taller every day.  
The weather's **getting** warmer.*



6. We use the present continuous with words such as "**always**" to talk about things that **happen repeatedly** (sometimes to say that something is irritating or annoying).

Examples

*He's always*



***complaining** about how difficult his life is.*

<http://www.eclecticenglish.com/grammar/PresentContinuous1A.html>

<http://www.eslbase.com/grammar/present-continuous>

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# ***FUN WITH ENGLISH***

## No.1

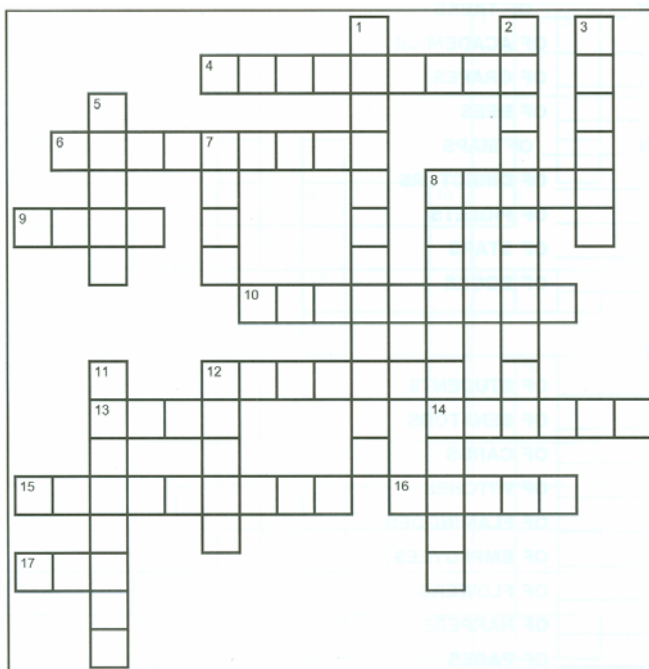
### Common Symbol Associations

#### Across

- 4 Igloo
- 6 James Dean
- 8 Cheetah
- 9 Horseshoe, Unicorn
- 10 Mistletoe
- 12 Balance (scale)
- 13 Lightbulb
- 14 St. Bernard (dog)
- 15 Boomerang
- 16 Hat and wand
- 17 Uncle Sam

#### Down

- 1 Roast Turkey
- 2 Windmills
- 3 Maple leaf
- 5 Dove
- 7 Cupid
- 8 Alpine
- 11 Red Cross
- 12 Shogun



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