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LEARNING STRATEGIES

What is necessary to learn English well?



Learning English requires action. You may know all the learning tips, but if you don't start doing things, you won't achieve a great deal. The fact is, if you want to learn to speak English well, you must **change your life**. Here are some examples of things you can do:

- read a book in English for an hour every day, analyzing the grammar in sentences and looking up words in an English dictionary
- listen to an audiobook or other recording in English, stopping it frequently, trying to understand what is being said, and trying to imitate the speaker's pronunciation
- spend your afternoon practicing the pronunciation of the English "r" sound, and sometimes the "l" sound.
- carefully write an e-mail message in English, using a dictionary or a Web search every 20 seconds to make sure every word is correct, and taking 5 minutes to write one sentence
- think about an English sentence you've read and ask yourself why the article "a" was used instead of "the" in the sentence, and try to find similar sentences on the Web to find out the answer
- walk down the street and build simple English sentences in your head (talking to yourself in English about the things you see around you)



Apted from: www.antimoon.com

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Culture Corner

Spanish Meals & Customs



Many unaware first-time visitors to Spain find themselves hungry and ready for dinner around **6:00** in the afternoon only to be



frustrated to find that Spanish restaurants don't open up for business for at least another couple of hours! Spanish eating habits include loosely defined meal times that take place two to three hours after meal times elsewhere. While it may seem strange, simply throw out your conceptions of proper meal times for the duration of your trip and eat when the Spaniards eat- trust us, you'll be glad you did!



Breakfast

☛ *Before 10 am.*

Breakfast in Spain, if eaten at all, is often a lone cup of coffee. For those wanting to start off the day with a little something in their stomach, toast, croissants, or "pan tomaca"- a piece of toast with an oil and tomato spread- are typical picks.



Café and Coffee

☛ *Between 10:30am and noon.*



Spain, as you'll quickly see, embraces its love of caffeine practically to the point of celebration. Combine this with the contagiously social nature of Spaniards and you've got a country where coffee breaks are an integral part of the workday. After a couple of gruelling hours of work, it's quite common for co-workers to hit up the nearest café for a few minutes of caffeinated downtime. Don't know what to order? Here are the most common coffee choices:

- Café solo- A simple shot of espresso.
- Café cortado- A shot of espresso with just a splash of milk.
- Café con leche- A shot of espresso and an equal amount of milk.
- Café americano- A shot of espresso and lots of water- perfect for Americans who think Spanish coffee is too strong!



Source: <http://www.whatvalencia.com/spanish-meal.html>

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Here's the Answer...

Gone or Been?

Q

Can you explain the difference between '*has gone to*' and '*has been to*'?

A

Has/have gone to...

refers to someone who has gone to a place but has *not yet returned*.



He's gone to the bank.

He should be back soon.

Where has Tom gone?



Has/have been to...

refers to someone who has visited a place sometime in their life. In other words, "*has been to*" refers to a past experience.



He's been to London many times.

I've been to Disneyland twice.



http://esl.about.com/od/grammarintermediate/a/cm_gone.htm?once=true&

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FUN WITH ENGLISH

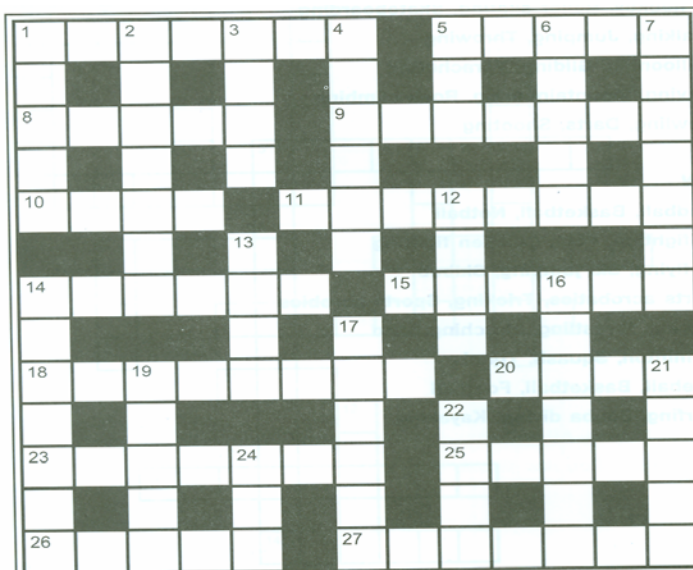
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Across

- 1 Small brownish songbird
 5 Set of eight
 8 Warning signal
 9 Military serviceman
 10 A way out
 11 Australian crested parrot
 14 Similar to a dove, but larger
 15 Leonardo da Vinci, Pablo Picasso; for example
 18 Someone from whom you're descended
 20 Equal / identical
 23 Fast-running African bird
 25 To twist to extract liquid
 26 Czech's currency
 27 Meet formally

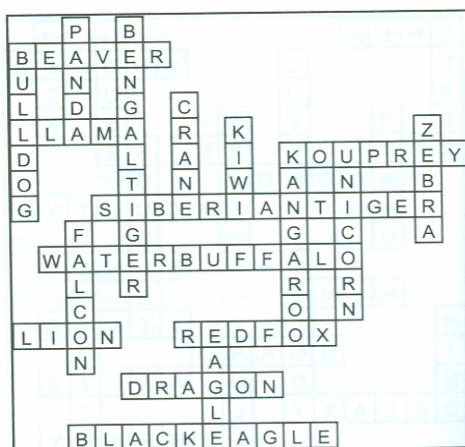
Down

- 1 To use a razor
 2 Surprising
 3 Run around wildly
 4 Accumulated knowledge
 5 Nocturnal bird of prey
 6 To form into a spiral shape
 7 Attendance
 12 A small motor-racing vehicle
 13 Manager
 14 Male peafowl
 16 Ideate or think
 17 Style of architecture developed in Northern France
 19 To supply food
 21 Large keen-sighted bird of prey
 22 Mostly white aquatic bird with long neck
 24 A hotel



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Answers no.3



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