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LEARNING STRATEGIES

How To Improve Your English

....Continued from lastweek



9. Relate grammar to practical usage. Grammar by itself does not help you USE the language. You should practice what you are learning by employing it actively.
10. Move your mouth! Understanding something doesn't mean the muscles of your mouth can produce the sounds. Practice speaking what you are learning aloud. It may seem strange, but it is very effective.
11. Be patient with yourself. Remember learning is a process - speaking a language well takes time. It is not a computer that is either on or off!
12. Communicate! There is nothing like communicating in English and being successful. Grammar exercises are good - having your friend on the other side of the world understand your email is fantastic!
13. Use the Internet. The Internet is the most exciting, unlimited English resource that anyone could imagine and it is right at your finger tips.



Tips:

1. Remember that English learning is a process
2. Be patient with yourself
3. Practice, practice, practice



Adapted from:<http://esl.about.com>

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Culture Corner

Customs and Etiquette in Spain



The following are some examples of what you ought to know about customs and etiquette in Spain if you ever travel there.

OUT ON THE TOWN

- Many of the misunderstandings for visitors to Spain concern the dinner table. The Spanish eat **no earlier than 1:30 PM** for lunch, preferably after 2, and **not before 9 PM for dinner**. Dining out on the weekend can begin at 10 PM or even later. In areas with heavy tourist traffic, some restaurants open a bit earlier.



- Dining is not the only part of Spanish life with a bizarre timetable. Outside of major cities most shops shut in the afternoon from 2 to 5, when shopkeepers go home to eat the main meal of the day, and perhaps snooze for a while. It's best to work this into your plans on an "if you can't beat them, join them" basis, taking a quick siesta after lunch in preparation for a long night out on the town.



- One of the major drawbacks of drinking and eating in Spanish bars and restaurants used to be the amount of cigarette smoke. Anti-smoking laws introduced in 2006, however, now require bars and clubs with 100 square meters of space or more to provide a nonsmoking section; in most of the better restaurants, smoking is not allowed at all.



DOING BUSINESS

- Spanish office hours can be confusing to the uninitiated. Some offices stay **open** more or less continuously from 9 to 3 with a very short lunch break. Others open in the morning, break up the day with a long lunch break of two to three hours, then reopen at 4 or 5 until 7 or 8.
- Spaniards enjoy a certain notoriety for their **lack of punctuality**, but this has changed dramatically in recent years, and you are expected to show up for meetings on time.



- Smart dress is the norm for business meetings in Spain.
- Spaniards in international fields tend to conduct business with foreigners in English. If you speak Spanish, address new colleagues with the formal *usted* (meaning 'you') and the corresponding verb conjugations, then follow their lead in switching to the familiar *tú* once a working relationship has been established.

Source: http://www.fodors.com/news/story_3900.html

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HERE'S THE ANSWER...

Verbs & Adverbs that go together



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



Some verbs and adverbs go together naturally in English and it's often 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

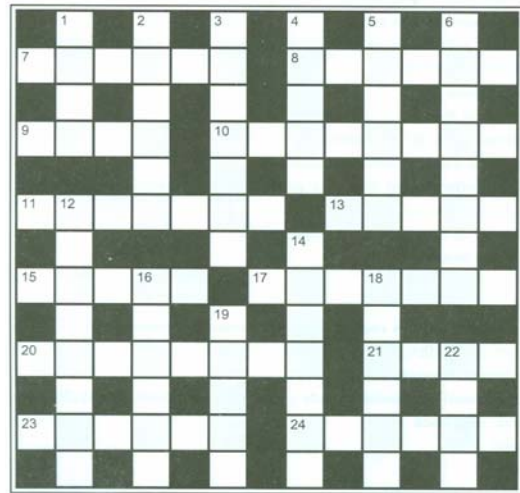
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Across

- 7 To determine / find a place
- 8 Transfer a computer file
- 9 Islamic ruler
- 10 CAUSALLY (anagram)
- 11 Person with refined taste, especially in food and wine. First letter: E
- 13 Sour-tasting fruit
- 15 An entrance hall
- 17 To greet hospitably
- 20 Chair with a support for arms on each side
- 21 Inclined surface connecting two levels
- 23 To go up
- 24 Balance remaining in a person's account

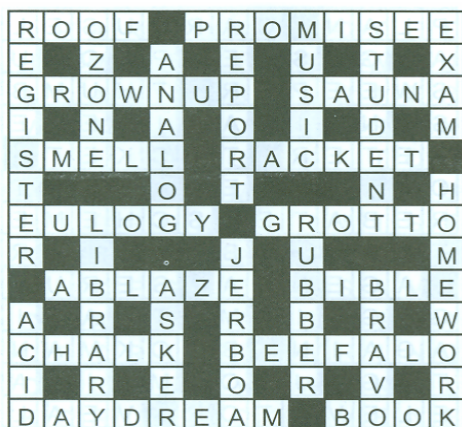
Down

- 1 It has a floor, walls and a ceiling
- 2 Cloth
- 3 Card used to unlock a door
- 4 Hotel's customer
- 5 "Excuse me, _____"
- 6 Large room for dancing
- 12 Development
- 14 Patio
- 16 Pail
- 18 Floor covering made of thick heavy fabric
- 19 One who carries clubs for a golfer
- 22 Domestic worker



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