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LEARNING STRATEGIES

English Training, Basic English

General :

Decide why you want to study English. Keep this in mind when studying gets tough. Regular study is important. Try to study a little and often, 30 minutes a day is better than 3 1/2 hours once a week. Motivate yourself by studying for an exam eg

TOEIC (Test of English for International Communication).

Listening :

Try watching movies and tv programmes, and listening to the radio, in English. Don't be discouraged if you can't understand everything first time, the more you listen the more you will understand.

With movies on video, if you find it difficult, don't try to watch everything at once; watch a little at a time, checking any new words in your dictionary.

Tape record English radio programmes, listen to them several times. Listen to songs. Follow the lyrics sheet that often comes with a CD. Try to write the lyrics of a song only by listening to it; you'll probably need to listen several times with many pauses. (The lyrics of many songs can be found on the Internet, try starting with a search engine such as Google, Yahoo or AltaVista.)



Speaking :

Practice introducing yourself in English.

Prepare a 5 minute presentation on a subject that interests you.

Give it to your friends.

Speak to as many English people as possible; if you see

English people in your country, say hello and ask if they need any help.

Have an "English Only" party with your friends. Have English food, beer and conversation!



Reading :

Read newspaper and magazine articles that interest you.

Subscribe to an English newspaper or magazine or read one regularly on the Internet; see the links page.

When you find new words try to guess their meaning before looking at them in the dictionary.

Practice reading quickly, without re-reading, to see how much you can understand (this can also help your listening).



Practice different kinds of reading :

- Scanning is reading for specific information, eg reading some adverts to find the ones that interest you.

- Skimming (or reading for gist) is reading to get the main point of a piece of text, e.g you might do this with a newspaper or magazine to decide which articles to read in full.

To be continued.....

<http://english-preparation.blogspot.com/2011/05/how-to-learn-old-english.html>

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Culture Corner

Business Etiquette and Protocol

- Appointments are required and should be made several weeks in advance.
- The best means of doing so is through a local representative who can act as a reference and also translator/interpreter.

- The Vietnamese are punctual and expect others to be so too.



- Handshakes are used upon meeting and departing. Handshakes only usually take place between members of the same sex.

- Some Vietnamese use a two-handed shake, with the left hand on top of the right wrist.



- Always wait for a woman to extend her hand. If she does not, bow your head slightly.



- Business cards are exchanged on initial meetings and should be presented with both hands. When receiving business cards ensure you show proper respect to it and do not simply glance at it and put it on the table.

- Silence is also common in meetings where someone disagrees with another but remains quiet so as to not cause a loss of face.

- Relationships are critical to successful business partnerships. Always invest time in building a good relationship based on both personal and business lines. Any initial meeting should be solely used as a "getting to know you" meeting.



- Business gift giving is fairly common at the end of a meeting or during a meal in honour of your business associates. Gifts should be small but not expensive. Something with your company logo or something typical from your country both make excellent gifts.

Article source: <http://www.kwintessential.co.uk/>

Here's the Answer...

SOCIAL ENGLISH

Q: Could you tell me appropriate responses for social English?

A: Social expressions help you to promote a pleasant and positive atmosphere in your contact with a guest or host. Here are some samples:

Some one sneezes. What do you say?

- Bless you!

You're just going to start eating. What do you say?

- Enjoy your meal!

Someone says , "Have a nice day!" What do you say?

- You , too.
- The same to you!
- Thank you, the same to you.

Someone thanks you for something. What do you say?

- Don't mention it!
- You're welcome!
- It was a pleasure!
- A pleasure!
- My pleasure!

Refuse an invitation politely.

- I'd love to come, but I'm afraid I have to

A friend can't come to dinner. What do you say?

- What a pity! Maybe next time.

A friend spilt coffee on your best suit. What do you say?

- Never mind.
- It doesn't matter.
- Don't worry.

You need the salt. It's at the other end of the table. What do you say?

- Could you pass the salt, please?

A friend offers to give you a lift home. What do you say?

- That would be nice, thank you.
- That's very kind of you.

A colleague gives you a birthday present. What do you say?

- That's very kind of you!
- You really shouldn't have!



<http://yasemintasbasi.jimdo.com/english-resources/social-expressions/>

Napassawan

Nationalities & Languages

1. People from Canada are called

- a. Canuks
- b. Canadians
- c. Canadites

2. People from India are

- a. Indies
- b. Hindus
- c. Indians



6. People in Israel are

- a. Jewish
- b. Israeli
- c. Hebrew

7. People from Israel speak

- a. Jewish
- b. Israeli
- c. Hebrew

3. He's from Germany. He is

- a. German
- b. Germany
- c. Dutch

8. People in Hong Kong speak English and

- a. Hangul
- b. Cantonese
- c. Mandarin

4. She lives in Argentina.

She speaks

- a. Argentinian
- b. Spanish
- c. Portuguese

9. People in Macau speak Cantonese and

- a. Spanish
- b. English
- c. Portugese

5. She lives in Argentina. She is

- a. Argentinian
- b. Argentese
- c. Argentonian

10. People from Ireland are

- a. Irish
- b. English
- c. Irelandish



<http://a4esl.org/q/h/9704/ow-nationalty.html>

- 1. b
- 2. c
- 3. a
- 4. b
- 5. a
- 6. b
- 7. c
- 8. b
- 9. c
- 10. a

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