

General Mistakes in Learning English

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ABSTRACT

Learning English or other foreign languages is not as difficult and impossible task as it might seem at first glance. In order to achieve the desired success, you need to properly organize your workflow and try to avoid common mistakes. In this article, we will look at the reasons why even the most diligent people do not achieve good results. Here is discussed different mistakes which are done by ordinary people who want to learn English and given some recommendations how to avoid them. Various educational reasons, economic reasons, cultural reasons, etc. are stressed upon here.

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Introduction. Each language is different from the others in its own way. Just like our language, other languages reflect the past of the people. While studying a foreign language, you will get acquainted with the culture, way of life, mentality and worldview of the people. Very often, for a student, especially an adult, learning a new language can seem overwhelming, or at least a very difficult and time-consuming task. When we are just starting to discover a new language and are faced with volumes of incomprehensible rules, it is very easy to lose confidence and quit classes. What can help in such a situation? How can you learn English, German, French - or whatever language - and not feel so helpless in the first weeks of your studies? This is what our article is about. Learning English or other foreign languages is not as difficult and impossible task as it might seem at first glance. In order to achieve the desired success, you need to properly organize your workflow and try to avoid common mistakes. In this article, we will look at the reasons why even the most diligent people do not achieve good results. Unfortunately, today each of us is negatively affected by advertising, which for the most part is rather absurd. A new "super school of foreign language" has opened in your city, which promises to significantly improve your level in just a couple of weeks? Do not believe such a sweet lie: in a short time you will not be able to learn neither English, nor German, nor Chinese. You can bring your knowledge to a decent level from scratch in at least 1 year of intensive studies. [1]

Objective. Learning Foreign languages has become a necessity and trend these days. In this article importance of foreign languages and the reasons why people go for them are discussed. Various educational reasons, economic reasons, cultural reasons, etc. are stressed upon here.

Methods and discussion

Wrong goal setting: If you learn a language just because it's so fashionable, or "without English," then you will not have too much motivation. The real goal is to study the language in order to get a new and more promising job, a complete change of qualifications, admission to a prestigious educational institution (for example, abroad), travel. You must be clearly aware of the benefits that new knowledge will bring you.

Concentration on grammar is the most popular and dangerous mistake. Research shows that learning too much grammar alone negatively affects speaking ability. Why? English grammar can be difficult

to understand logically and real-time communication is fast. It turns out that you will not have enough time to recall hundreds of learned rules just to express yourself. It is advisable that you master the grammar of the English language on a subconscious and intuitive level. The best way is to actively communicate with foreigners and listen to correct English speech.

Language learning only official English from books - this approach to learning is justified only if you intend to pass a serious international test. If you just need to significantly improve your own knowledge, do not forget about other methods. Native English speakers hardly use the abstruse phrases that you can find in serious textbooks in communication. If you want to be successful, don't forget to learn idioms, phrasal verbs, and even slang. [1]

According to Tomasz P. Szynalski something obvious first: mistakes are bad. If one had a choice between saying a sentence correctly and saying it with a mistake, nobody in their right mind would choose saying it with a mistake — and no teacher would recommend that. Similarly, no teacher would give a higher grade to a student who made more mistakes than another one. The reason teachers sometimes say that mistakes shouldn't be avoided is that they believe one of two things (or both): a) That mistakes are an inseparable part of the learning process; therefore, the only way to avoid language mistakes would be to avoid speaking and writing in a foreign language, and that would be bad. (the "Mistakes are inevitable" group); b) That making mistakes, and having them corrected, is a good way to learn a language. (the "Mistakes are good" group). [2]

The fact that the dictionary of the language contains about 300 thousand words is only of theoretical interest for a beginner to learn this language. Perhaps the main principle for the rational organization of their studies, especially at the initial stage, is the economy of words. You need to learn to memorize as few words as possible, but do it as best you can. In the pedagogical literature, you can find the terminological combination "basic vocabulary". From this point of view, the maximum vocabulary level is around 8000 words. It seems to you that it is hardly necessary to learn more words, except perhaps for some special purpose. Eight thousand words will be enough for full-fledged communication in any conditions.

Both teachers and their students are often too fixated on mistakes and upset about them, this is too much striving for the ideal. Alas, trying to get closer to the ideal, you forget that even native speakers admit inaccuracies in their speech. Instead of dwelling on the negative, focus on the actual communication and language learning process. Your goal is to learn how to convey your own thoughts in such a way that they are understandable to those around you. Over time, you will stop making the same mistakes. [3]

Many people who learn English overly rely on and even shift responsibility to teachers or courses in language schools. This is completely wrong. First of all, it all depends on you. A good tutor only gives you the help you need. You need to study every day, even if your teacher hasn't given you homework. Only you can force yourself to study seriously. Instead of studying individual lexical units and learning individual words, you need to focus on memorizing ready-made phrases. The way small children do it. Remember, you didn't memorize constructions like "do-did-done" as a child, did you? That's right, you immediately memorized whole phrases or even sentences. In fact, it is not difficult at all. The best helper is reading.

While learning any language, you should be guided by the rule "less, but better". If you believe that a phrase that you learned yesterday you will be able to remember in a month, this is most likely a delusion. Our brain simply throws out unused and unclaimed information. It will be great if you take the time to review what you have learned several times at regular intervals. For example, the first repetition every other day, the next one after 3-4 days, and another one a week later. This technique will allow you to consolidate important knowledge in long-term memory and easily "get" it from

there if necessary.

Many lovers of especially fast methods of learning foreign languages argue that you need to start speaking English from the very first lessons. Now imagine: a child who has just begun to get acquainted with the speech of others is immediately forced to talk. It is unlikely that something sensible will come of this. Without a certain baggage of knowledge, you will get nothing but frustration. That is why competent tutors focus the student's attention on listening to audio recordings prepared by native speakers.

Missing classes, the lack of a specific teaching methodology, constant changes of tutors - at such a pace you will definitely not be able to quickly and efficiently learn English. First, you need to properly plan your own time. If you decide to study on your own, then try to make sure that the lessons are held at least 3-4 times a week. Better - every day. Otherwise, tangible progress will be difficult to achieve. Second, write out a timetable with precise start and end times. Set short term goals that you are going to achieve in language learning. Stick to a set plan and don't skip classes.

Everyone has heard that the pronunciation of English is significantly different from ours. You may know perfectly grammar, have a good vocabulary and even be able to apply the knowledge gained in practice, but speak with an eerie accent. There can be a lot of reasons for this disappointing phenomenon: choosing an incompetent tutor, not spending enough time to practice pronunciation, ignoring audio courses, lack of live communication in English ... The main problem is that over time it becomes more difficult to eradicate pronunciation errors.[4]

Reluctance to read in English - yes, reading foreign newspapers, magazines and books is quite a difficult task. But there is no need for you to understand literally every word you write. It is important to understand the general meaning of the text and learn to determine the meaning of lexical units in context. [5] Regular reading will help you not only expand your own vocabulary, but also learn how to build your own speech correctly. Without noticing it, you will learn more than a dozen rules of English grammar. Don't give up on a cheap (if not free) practice option.

Finally, we will dwell in more detail on the most common shortcomings, popular mistakes beginners make. We will highlight the main mistakes that many people who want to learn English make. [6]

- Pronunciation;
- Confusion in the pronunciation of short and long vowels;
- Difficulty pronouncing diphthongs (for example, replacing them with regular vowel sounds);
- Pronunciation of the combination "th". It is often spoken as the Uzbek "z" or "s", which leads to the appearance of an ugly accent. Surprisingly, some English learners find it inconvenient to pronounce this letter combination correctly;
- Stunning consonants at the end of a word;
- Erroneous staging of stress. This problem often appears when it comes to polysyllabic words;
- Problems with the correct setting of intonation. This is especially clearly reflected in tag-questions.

Thus, problems with the correct pronunciation of the English language are largely due to the fact that the student is guided by his native language.

Conclusion. As a conclusion we can say that on the way to the heights of the English language, each person will face many completely different mistakes. And there is nothing shameful in this: they are not allowed only by the one who does nothing. Language learning does not have to be based on speaking, mistakes, and repeated correction. Of course, it would be great if a sensitive and

experienced teacher could help you in overcoming difficulties. It is possible to cope with the problems on your own, but this process will take a little longer. There is no point in treating study like a race against the clock. Languages are practically living creatures that sometimes willingly allow themselves to be tamed, and sometimes resist it with "all four". But no matter how difficult it is, remember: you are moving forward. Don't quench your enthusiasm and strength by comparing yourself to others or wondering why it is taking so long. If you are tired, take a break. Take time not only for study, but also for relaxation.

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