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LEARNING ENGLISH AS THE QUESTION OF GREAT IMPORTANCE

There are many ways to learn a language. In the article when speaking of a language we mean English as it is considered to be international. We think it is imperative to study English that is why the question of teaching is of great importance. When teaching a foreign language it should be taken into consideration the students' age, level, aim, and individual exercise or in group. We think that native speakers as teachers can help us improve our English for business or touristic trips, teach us to carry on negotiations, to correctly correspond, to talk on the phone. But often training courses are insufficient for building up a high level of English and for the ability to communicate our messages in a foreign language fluently. Today to know a language means mastering verbal behavior in a number of natural situations, getting acquainted with culture, traditions and etiquette of a country. There are a lot of methods for people who want to learn English by themselves. To train listening, speaking and reading is a necessary thing in every respect. But our focus is a kind of listening comprehension activity and watching authentic video. We can listen to music and audio books to develop the perception of unfamiliar language by ear. It is possible to improve speaking when socializing with native speakers. Communication in social networks can also help us develop writing skills and enlarge our vocabulary.

Firstly, if you frequently listen to songs in a foreign language you will most likely to remember a word or a phrase. It can also be very useful in the study of the language. At the initial stage of learning English it is most importantly to adapt to hearing at least a few words in a strange set of sounds and work on the pronunciation [1]. The following can help you cope with the songs:

- Choose a few favorite pieces (5–7 pieces);
- Read the pieces and translate unfamiliar words;
- Take time to transcribe or just use ready-made material;
- Rewrite or reprint the lyrics several times so that you will be able to memorize the words visually. – Upload them to your player and

sing as often as possible (if there is someone around you and you fear to disturb them – sing to yourself).

In the very beginning it is good to have the lyrics in front of the eyes to pry words. The song is considered to be mastered while you are listening to the text [1].

Secondly, adapted audio books are irreplaceable in the study of basic irregular verbs and in setting of the initial vocabulary. The verbs in their second and third forms are often used there.

Still possible, again, to reproduce text adapted books. This practice facilitates to significantly increase your vocabulary, to learn idioms and immerse yourself in the language environment. The top skill will be to write the text while listening to it. And it is a good thing to pronounce the words after a native speaker.

Thirdly, films in the original language are able to help us get quickly and easily involved in the studied language environment. Learning a foreign language through films has several advantages. One of them is the fact that in most films actors use «spoken» language. Thus viewing such films you will be acquainted with the «living» language (not adapted book phrases). Watching films and news helps you grasp the pronunciation. Then listening skills or ability to understand the overall meaning of the phrase, not each word separately can also be trained. Besides, the interest of watching the film serves as an incentive to learn the language. That is, unlike other sources of information watching films is a real pleasure or fun for most of people.

Before watching a film in English you should watch it in Russian, especially if you don't know language well. This removes the difficulty of understanding the meaning of the film and help concentrate on memorizing phrases in English. If you have difficulty in understanding the film you can keep the original sound turned and add Russian subtitles.

There are several recommendations to make watching the films helpful in learning English.

First, you should pause the film at each unknown phrase and translate it.

In the second place, you should repeat the words and phrases after actors.

Third, you should watch films regularly (as in any other activity associated with training).

There are many points for and against watching films with subtitles.

For starters the following can be suggested:

1. Watch an episode or film without subtitles.

2. Watch the film with subtitles.

3. Practice pronunciation.

The genre of a film is also very important as the effectiveness of learning the language depends on your liking it or not, your readiness to watch again and again. Of course, the choice of the film should be based on the level of the language. There are some recommendations for watching video material:

Elementary:

Living English (by the Australia Network). This film will help deal with the main points of learning English. The film has 42 series. Each part is about 14 minutes on the average. *Extra English*. Series about four friends living in London. Actors communicate with each other, their English is conversational. That gives you to learn a bunch of colloquial words by the end of the film.

Pre-Intermediate – Intermediate:

Matrix-I, The Green Mile, 28 days later, Harry Potter, The devil wears Prada, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Back to the Future (trilogy), Bridget Jones' diary.

Upper-Intermediate – Advanced:

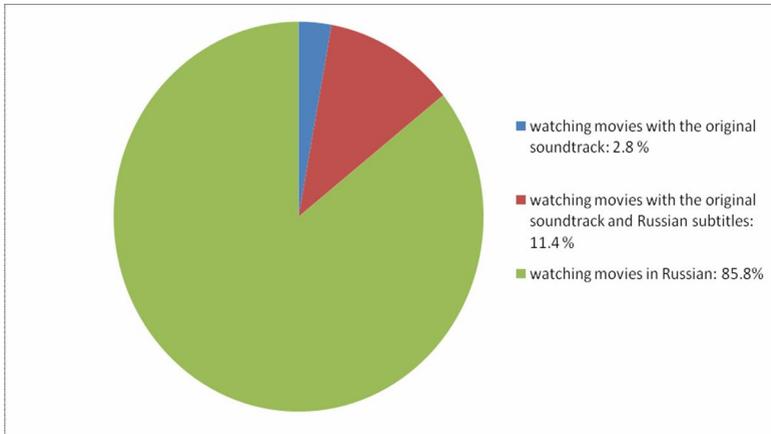
Frankenstein, King Kong, Gone with the Wind, The Wizard of Oz, Psycho, The Godfather, Star Wars, Titanic, The Lord of the Rings, Avatar.

There had been conducted a survey where the students as respondents took part. They were asked to answer the following questions:

1. Do you watch foreign films? If yes – are they dubbed or with original sound?

2. Do you listen to foreign music? How easily do you understand the meaning of a song in English? What genres (performers, groups) do you prefer?

The results have shown the following:



If you want to learn the language you need to follow a few simple rules, which are called «10 Commandments of Kato Lomb»:

1. Spend time tinkering with the language every day – if there is no more time available, then at least to the extent of a ten-minute monologue. Morning hours are especially valuable in this respect: the early bird catches the word!

2. If your enthusiasm for studying flags too quickly, don't force the issue but don't stop altogether either. Move to some other forms of studying, e.g., instead of reading, listen to the radio; instead of assignment writing, poke about in the dictionary, etc.

3. Never learn isolated units of speech, but rather learn words and grammatical elements in context.

4. Write phrases in the margins of your text and use them as «pre-fabricated elements» in your conversations.

5. Even a tired brain finds rest and relaxation in quick, impromptu translations of billboard advertisements flashing by, of numbers over doorways, of snippets of overheard conversations, etc., just for its own amusement.

6. Memorize only that which has been corrected by a teacher. Do not keep reading texts you have written that have not been proofread and corrected so as to keep mistakes from taking root in your mind. If you study on your own, each segment to be memorized should be kept to a size that precludes the possibility of errors.

7. Always memorize idiomatic expressions in the first person singular. For example, «I am only pulling your leg».

8. A foreign language is a castle. It is advisable to attack it on all fronts at once: via newspapers, the radio, un-dubbed movies, technical or scientific articles, textbooks, or via a visitor at your neighbor's.

9. Do not let the fear of making mistakes keep you from speaking, but do ask your conversation partner to correct you. Most importantly, don't get peeved if he or she actually obliges you – a remote possibility, anyway.

10. Be firmly convinced that you are a linguistic genius. If the facts demonstrate otherwise, heap blame on the pesky language you aim to master, on the dictionaries, or on this little book, not on yourself.

For most of the students language learning that takes place in the classroom can be a little bit boring as all the classrooms are alike and the training process itself is familiar to them. Besides, the students' point is that traditional language teaching methods are not in great demand among them as well as among school children and just ordinary people. But those aimed at studying the language fully should exercise all the methods including a traditional set of them. As for the rest of the students, they prefer to experience something new that is why the search for the original ways (the latest or not) of presenting material to be studied is welcome.

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LEARNING ENGLISH AT A TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY AS THE QUESTION OF CURRENT INTEREST

Innovations in the field of electronics and widespread electronic media as the most rapid means of information served as an incentive for the expansion of the English language. Mass media such as the Internet, television and the press give unlimited access to getting new information and new spheres of knowledge. And the most important thing is that 80 % of the overall information is published in English. In modern condi-