SELFSTUDY FOR JOURNALISM STUDENTS

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Abstract. Here are some tips to selfstudy English effectively. Speak English and don't be afraid of making mistakes. There must be a very good motivation for learning English. Raise your ambitions and improve speaking and writing skills.

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What do you mean by selfstudy?

Now when the world changes so rapidly selfstudy is a lifelong process. And here learning foreign languages may be an important in the trail of a lot of tasks that you have put to yourself. You have started learning English and come to understanding that classroom studies don't give enough knowledge due to a lot of reasons which I am not going to enlist here. You think you don't have enough time to learn English or the teacher is not qualified enough. Let's think of some other opportunities to improve your knowledge.

What can be done more to better your speaking, writing skills, to increase your reading and listening comprehension; in other words to be more pleased when you have to come face to face with English. When the students ask me how to study English so that they can speak it easily and fluently I always tell them that the most difficult thing is to make yourself to study it. Learning English is a challenge, but you may do a lot at home after the classes.

The first thing is to bring out the aim for learning English. You should mark which skill you need to improve at present. Usually it is the lack of vocabulary that hinders speaking fluently[3, 164].

Surround yourself with as many language-concerning things as possible. You may enlarge the vocabulary by sticking word-plates all around yourself. Make them attractive to catch your eye whenever you pass them. Change the sheets after you have got the proof you have learned the words and phrases.

Reading books, e-books, newspaper articles, online magazines gives a good support to enlarge the vocabulary, to expand your horizon. Reading makes you storm your brains, think over the problems of the characters, trace back the events. A reader tries to foresee the developments. The more you read, the better you learn the English structure, speech patterns, new idioms, slang. This cognitive process moves a situation up to a higher level and develop abstract and logical thinking.

It's no problem nowadays as you can easily help yourself with a click in your notebook. That is the easiest thing in a non-speaking English country. You may listen to radio programs, use English online programs, etc.

Watching English movies, TV programs also will improve your speaking and understanding the language. You can learn most current forms of English. Watching will help you to learn commonly used slang terms, idioms, everyday English phrases and it will also increase your vocabulary.

Sometimes learning a foreign language seems frustrating, let alone learning English pronunciation. Pronunciation involves far more than individual sounds. Word stress, sentence stress, intonation, and word linking all influence the sound of spoken English, not to mention the way we often slur words and phrases together in casual speech. But improving pronunciation will boost self esteem, facilitate communication, and possibly lead to a better job or at least more respect in the workplace[6,78]. Effective communication is of greatest importance, so choose first to work on problems that significantly hinder communication and let the rest go. Remember that you need to learn strategies for dealing with misunderstandings, since native pronunciation is for most an unrealistic goal.

A student's first language often interferes with English pronunciation. For example, /p/ is aspirated in English but not in Uzbek or Russian. Sometimes the students will be able to identify specific problem sounds and sometimes they won't.

Make learning English fun and interesting, and you will see the more you do in learning the easier it is later when you speak the language. Make yourself enjoy learning a foreign language by listening and learning songs and poems, English humour. When learning is done for fun and enjoyment, it will keep you more and more interested[6, 78].

These things will help you learn the language more quickly and have a better understanding.

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