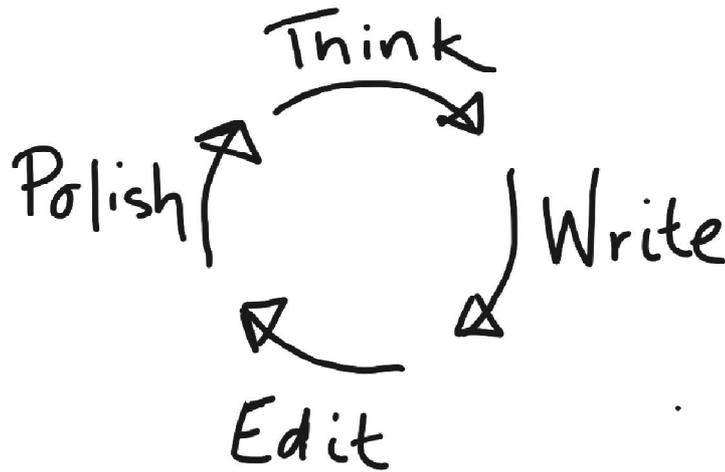




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100 Things You Can Do To Improve Your English

Have a read of the below list and we are sure you will find a lot of helpful tips to improve your English!

1. Don't be afraid to make mistakes. Be confident. People can only correct your mistakes when they hear you make them.
2. Surround yourself in English. Put yourself in an all English speaking environment where you can learn passively. The best way to learn is through speaking.
3. Practise every day. Make yourself a study plan. Decide how much time a week you are going to spend studying and stick to it. Establish a routine.
4. Tell your family and friends about your study plan. Get them to push you to study and also don't let them interrupt you.
5. Practise the 4 core skills: reading, writing, speaking and listening. They all need to be worked on for you to improve.
6. Keep a notebook of new words you learn. Use them in sentences and try to say them at least 3 times when you speak.
7. Do a lesson at least once a day.
8. Memorisation of lists is one of the most common ways of learning vocabulary for a test. It's only a good exercise for short term studying because you often do not retain the information that you have learned for a test.
9. Use your body clock. If you're not a morning person, study in the afternoon.
10. You will find words easier to remember if you try to remember an example sentence using that word rather the word on its own.
11. Plan to take a test. You'll find that you work harder when you need to study for something.

or become distracted by other people or events. Concentrate on the speaker with your ears and eyes. Follow the movements the speaker makes in an effort to hear more. It may help to repeat what you hear others say in an effort to understand their thoughts.

71.It's not enough to only learn English words. You can teach a parrot English words but that doesn't mean it can speak English! You still need to have an understanding of grammar.

72. Verb tenses are used by English speakers to talk about the timing of actions. You might not have the same expressions in your own language. It's important that you know these tenses and when to use them.

73. English has many irregular verbs. You should drill yourself on them.

74. Keep it up! If you take a break from speaking English, you will find that your level decreases and all your hard work has been wasted.

75. Don't be put off by a bad test score. Sometimes students have the ability to pass an English test, but can't communicate well with English speakers. If you can speak freely in English, you should be proud of yourself.

76. Remember that as long as you have tried your hardest, you have succeeded!

77. Learn English with a friend. You'll have someone you can practice with and you can motivate each other to study.

78. Remember, the way we write English is not the same as how it's pronounced. For example 'Ough' has over 6 pronunciations. Familiarise yourself the Phonetic Alphabet. It will help you correctly pronounce words in the dictionary.

79. Get used to the 'schwa' sound [É™] — an unstressed and toneless neutral vowel sound. 'Schwa' is the most common vowel sound in English. For example, the 'a' in *about* and the 'u' in *supply*.

80. Keep in mind that it takes longer to improve when our level is high. Usually the fastest progress is made when we are beginners. Don't think that you're suddenly not learning anymore, it's just a less noticeable progress.

99. Don't get distracted in class. Focus on the lesson, don't stare out of the window. Don't be late, arrive a few minutes before the start of the lesson. Don't sit next to people who won't speak to you in English. Switch off your phone. Be organised, remember to take your textbook, notebook and pen.
100. Find a comfortable, peaceful place for quiet study. You need somewhere where you can focus 100%.



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How technology can help you in your English studies

The role of Information Communication Technologies in English learning environments and how they benefit you.

Information and Communication Technologies or otherwise known as ICTs, are commonly used in most facets of life, and English as a Second Language (ESL) learning and teaching environments, such as Langports, are no different. Common ICTs that you may be used to using in the classroom include, but are not limited to smart phones, electronic applications or apps, websites, projectors, computers, electronic dictionaries and document cameras.

ICTs allow ESL educators to use technology in the classroom to help facilitate their lessons with the goal to enhance your overall learning experience.

So, what are the benefits of using ICTs to help you with your English language development? Well, ICTs can help you in the following areas:

- Helping with your motivation when learning English
- Enabling your teacher to introduce more authentic and original learning resources into their teaching practices
- Allowing you as the learner to learn through a means with which you are already familiar.

Because ICTs include smart phones, it is possible for you to learn even when you are not at school. This can be done by downloading electronic learning apps, meaning that the learning process doesn't have to stop once you leave the classroom; if you want it to, it is just the beginning. According to linguaorb.com the 8 best language learning apps to learn a second language for students are:

- Memrise (free)
- Basuu
- Cram (free)
- Babbel
- Duolingo (free)
- MosaLingua

- Talk English (free)
- Fun English

At Langports, our teachers use a range of ICTs to enhance their lessons so that you have a better opportunity to improve your overall English language skills in the quickest time possible. Our classrooms are all equipped with overhead projectors and lap-tops, which allows your teacher to engage you in authentic and original materials, allowing for productive and beneficial lessons to take place.

So, to make ICTs work for you in order to help you improve your English language development, embrace them as much as you possibly can for they may prove extremely beneficial in your quest to master the English language. Because ICTs are commonly used in nearly every other facet of your life, you are already an expert at using them so the goal now is to understand how they can benefit you in the classroom and as I have pointed out, outside of the classroom as well. I encourage you to find some electronic apps to download on your smartphone so that you can carry your English classroom wherever you go and to engage with the ICTs your teacher uses in their lessons as much as you can. Try this and I am sure you will not be disappointed with the role that ICTs can play in enhancing your overall English language development.



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6 Ways to Immediately Improve Your English Communication Skills

'Words don't come easy.'

You may have memorized endless lists of vocabulary, you may know all the grammar needed to hold any conversation and still find yourself at a loss when wanting to express yourself.

There are various reason behind this phenomenon some of them more obvious than others.

In this article, I would like to give you a few tips to help overcome the difficulties you might be experiencing, using some of the simplest methods to improve your English communication skills

1. Slow Down Your Speaking Speed



You might be an eloquent speaker when it comes to your mother tongue, but expecting the same standards from yourself when speaking in a foreign language may not be very realistic.

Especially, if you're at the early stages of learning. Learners are often told not to worry about the mistakes they're making, however, it is easy to understand why you would like to make a good impression on your audience.

To overcome this difficulty, you may try **slowing down your speaking speed**.

Nobody will hold it against you if you **speak more slowly and clearly**. Great speakers do the same to get their message across. Selecting your words carefully may also be seen as a sign of respect towards your audience. It shows that you want to give them the best possible answer.

2. Give Yourself Time to Think



You may be worried that the people you're talking to are impatient and would like you to say what you want as quickly as possible.

First of all, it may not be true – people often prefer

Questions like this will keep the conversation going and will **show your interest** in other people's opinion. They will also give you time to relax a little and **start enjoying yourself**. Interrogatives can be quite tricky, so make sure you spend enough time learning the correct ways of asking questions.

6. Produce, Produce, Produce



As I said at the beginning of this article, you might know a lot about the language, but this is passive knowledge that must be **activated** somehow.

Your aim is to be able to produce correct English; **practice** is undeniably the best way to learn and improve.

Writing is one way of producing language; it may help you get used to and reflect on the ways English operates, which, in turn, might prove to be useful when speaking.

Speaking, on the other hand, is a much more spontaneous process and nothing prepares you for it better than actually **doing it**. So, find people you can practise with – either on Skype, or [on language exchange sites](#), with the help of our native teachers – I have a feeling that it will be a great experience.



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How to Stop Negative Thinking

Negative thoughts are like heavy dark clouds hiding the sun and the sky, making the day look gloomy and threatening. You have the power to scatter the clouds in your mind and bring back the sun and the blue sky into your life. It is in your power to chase away the clouds and make your day beautiful, shiny and full of light.

How much do you allow negative thinking to take over your life? The more you allow negative thoughts to occupy your mind, the more negative your life becomes, and in time, negativity becomes a habit.

You need to learn to know how to stop negative thinking. Sometimes, if negative thinking is too deeply set in, one might need some professional help. However, in most cases, some inner work on your part is what you need, and this can make great changes in your life.

A few simple and easy tips you can use to help you stop negative thinking.

10 Simple Tips - How to Stop Negative Thinking

1. Smile more often

Smiling might be difficult, if you are angry, unhappy or depressed. However, even if you force a smile, it does have an effect. The act of smiling sends blood and oxygen to the face, and this improves how you feel.

Try to smile more often. If you look around you, you will always find reasons to smile.

If you find it awkward to smile when you are not in the mood for smiling, then, force yourself to smile in front of the mirror when you are alone. This will help you change your mood and relieve stress.

2. Seek the company of positive people

When stuck in a negative mood, call up or meet a positive friend, who is usually full of energy, happy and positive. Talk about anything you want, except your problems. You don't have to transfer your problems and moods to him or her.

The Power of Positive Thinking



Positive thinking is a mental and emotional attitude that focuses on the bright side of life and expects positive results.

A person with positive thinking mentality anticipates happiness, health and success, and believes that he or she

can overcome any obstacle and difficulty.

Positive thinking is not a concept that everyone believes and follows. Some, consider it as nonsense, and scoff at people who follow it. However, there is a growing number of people, who accept positive thinking as a fact, and believe in its effectiveness.

It seems that this subject is gaining popularity, as evidenced by the many books, lectures and courses about it.

To use it in your life, you need more than just to be aware of its existence. You need to adopt the attitude of positive thinking in everything you do.

How Positive Thinking Works

The following story illustrates how this power works:

Allan applied for a new job, but he didn't believe he will get it, since his self-esteem was low, and he considered himself as a failure and unworthy of success.

He had a negative attitude toward himself, and therefore, believed that the other applicants were better and more qualified than him.

Allan's mind was occupied with negative thoughts and fears concerning the job, for the whole week preceding the job interview. He actually, anticipated failure.

On the day of the interview, he got up late, and to his horror he discovered that the shirt he planned to wear was dirty, and the other one needed ironing. As it

8. It doesn't matter what your circumstances are at the present moment.

Think positively, expect only favorable results and situations, and circumstances will change accordingly. If you persevere, you will transform the way your mind thinks. It might take some time for the changes to take place, but eventually they will.

9. Another useful technique is the repetition of affirmations. This technique is similar to creative visualization, and can be used together with it.



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The 13 Most Effective Android English Pronunciation Apps

English pronunciation is like a dance.

You need to follow a rhythm.

You need to feel the flow of the language.

You need to coordinate different parts of your mouth to make the right sounds.

Just like learning to dance, learning English pronunciation is hard. But once you know the basics, it becomes quite fun!

And if pronunciation is like a dance, **then a conversation definitely feels like a party.**

In this post, we'll explore how English learners can turn their pronunciation practice sessions into a fun party.

So let's imagine. If you hosted a pronunciation party, who would you invite?

Below, we'll list out some of our own recommendations.

These are **the most friendly and helpful Android English pronunciation apps** you'll want to invite to your pronunciation party.

First Category : Small Talk Strangers: Apps for Basic Pronunciation

Practice

We all know that feeling.

You enter a party and you don't know anyone there. You stand in a corner, hoping that someone will recognize you.

But then a stranger greets you and starts a conversation. You talk for about five minutes and start to feel more confident. Some more people join the conversation and before you know it you've made new friends.

The apps in this section are like those friendly strangers. They help you feel comfortable. You might spend just a few minutes speaking with them, but they help you begin the learning process. And before you know it, pronunciation practice becomes your habit and you're spending hours trying to improve your English speaking skills.



★ 4. Speak English Pronunciation ★

★ **Cost:** Free



This app shows English sounds in both charts and the different categories of vowels and consonants. Each sound has a **diagram with instructions on how to produce that sound**. You can also listen to each sound and see the words that use that sound.

★ In case you're **looking for a specific word**, you can also search for it directly.

★ This is really helpful when you need to listen to the pronunciation of a particular word. You can also use this app in reading practice. In English, a word's spelling is often different from the way it's pronounced. Listening to the pronunciation of words while reading helps you avoid confusion.

★ This particular app is especially great for Vietnamese speakers since it has an English-Vietnamese dictionary.

★ 5. Quick Pronunciation Tool ★

★ **Cost:** Free ; In-app purchases available



This is a general pronunciation app for several languages. You can learn both **British and American** English in this app. Instead of focusing on all the individual sounds of English, **this app is designed to teach the pronunciation of words**.

★ With one tap, you can get the search option and listen to how a word is pronounced. You can also share any text from another source (such as a web browser, a reading app or an e-book) and listen to its pronunciation. This app is perfect for reading practice. This app also doesn't show any ads, ensuring that you aren't distracted in your practice sessions.

★ You can use this app anywhere since it doesn't require an internet connection.



Language learners can also compare the pronunciation of different languages since it has Spanish, Italian, German, French, Japanese, Hindi, Korean, Greek, Portuguese and Russian pronunciations along with English. Many words from these languages have related sounds and can help learners connect an English word to a language they already know.

6. English Pronunciation

Cost: Free



This app has certain unique features that'll help you pronounce English words with more precision. For instance, it has a section for **word stress rules** and helps you practice your pronunciation according to the length of the words.

It also focuses more on the individual sounds of words. It has a section where you have to write the phonemes (the symbols in the phonemic chart) in a given word. It also helps you identify the correct sounds through **games and quizzes**.

For instance in one game, the app will give you a sound and you'll need to choose words that have the sound.

The app is great for learners who want to focus deeply on the pronunciation of words and English sounds. It has **diagrams and videos** for each sound and also has a pronunciation test that records you and tells you whether your pronunciation is correct or not.

Second Category : Supportive Friends: Apps for Checking Your Pronunciation

Close friends often have to play the role of a teacher. They ask many questions. They make sure that we're safe. They also try to look after us at parties and other events.

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"If the deaf are to hear, the sound has to be very loud. When we dropped the bomb, it was not our intention to kill anybody. We have bombed the British Government. The British must quit India and make her free."

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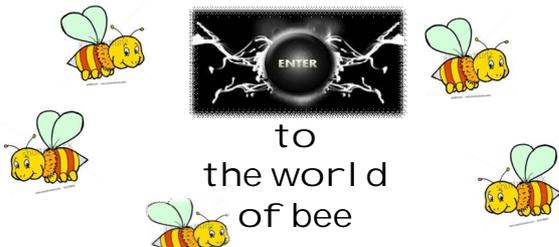
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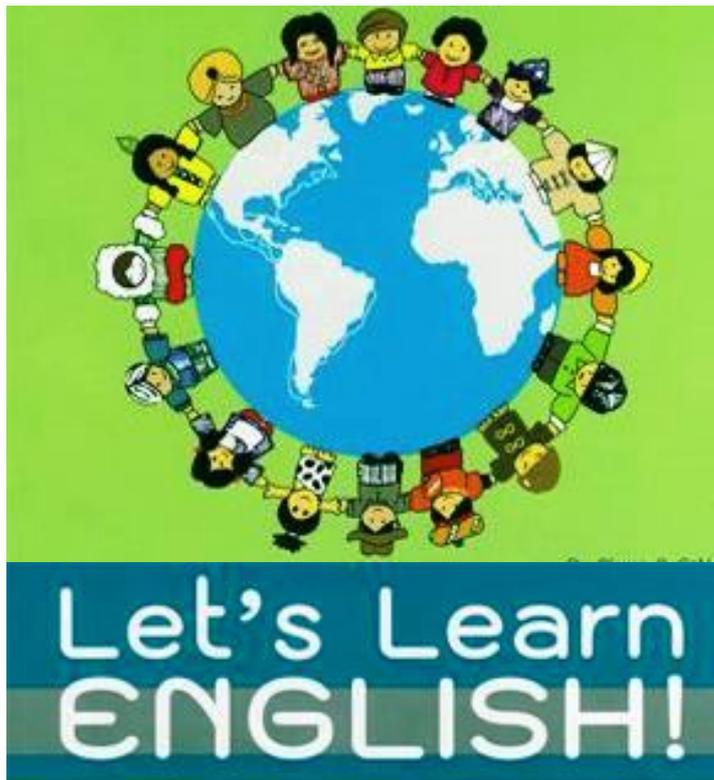


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