

## Keep it Up!

In order to continue the **acquisition** of the English language, you'll need to put a lot of continuous effort into **keeping** it and **brushing it up**.

There are some quick **fixes** that can help boost your English at short notice. Here are some ways to quickly improve your English language skills.

### 5 Ways to Quickly Improve Your English Language Skills

1. Watch movies in English.
  2. Start a vocabulary book of useful words.
  3. Have conversations in English.
  4. **Practice, practice, practice.**
  5. Don't forget to have fun while you learn.
1. Watching movies helps you to understand the language better, get used to conversational forms of English in order to get a feeling for the language. Being **exposed** to a language for the length of a movie might help you to actually start thinking in English.
  2. Start a vocabulary book of useful words. Either in a notebook or on your computer, start making a list of useful words and phrases. Every time you hear or see a word, you're not familiar with, note it down. Don't only focus on the word itself, but search for synonyms and phrases in which it's used.
  3. Have conversations in English. As helpful as listening and reading tasks may be, you also need to use English **interactively** and practice your own speaking skills. If you're lucky, you'll be friends with a few **native speakers** who can help you out, but if not then try to meet up with someone else studying English. Another option is to talk to yourself in the mirror or record yourself. Listening to the sound of your own voice

might be a little bit **awkward** at first, but you will be able to hear mistakes of which you weren't **previously** aware.

4. **Practice, practice, practice.** Even if your English is already quite good, you still have to practice so that you **keep it up**. Try coming up with a word of the day, and then try to use it as often as possible. If you do this, don't waste time on extremely specific words you will never actually use. Instead, focus on conversational English.
5. Don't forget to have fun while you learn. If studying the English language only feels like a **burden**, you will quickly stop the learning process. This is why it's important to stay motivated and enjoy the experience of learning a new language. Find ways to add **entertainment** into your learning, such as playing word games with friends that will boost your motivation.

**Obviously**, learning a new language is a long-term project. But, when building on a **decent foundation**, you can achieve great results quickly if you **devote** yourself **intensely**.

What are some words you already know in this article?

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