

## **EFFECTIVE WAYS OF LEARNING ENGLISH**

Today in our chaotic and quickly changing world it is very important to learn foreign languages. Because of the globalization there appeared a lot of possibilities to contact with many countries all over the world. And so a necessity of using a universal language has appeared.

To learn a language is to have one more window from which to look at the world. This question is similar to “what is the best or the most effective method for learning English?”. It goes without saying that the answer is not an easy one. As academic research has proved there is not just one best method for all learners. Different learners have different objectives, live in diverse environments, have special learning needs and, above all, have different learning styles.

When a person decides to learn a foreign language he wonders what way of learning to choose. This is issue of great concern. Everyone who improves his knowledge tries to use the most modern and effective methods for making progress as quick as possible.

We all know that learning a new language is supposed to take a long time. There are new rules to memorize and new words to learn. You have to learn and practice and remember tons of things, and all that takes time.

You can always choose the language learning methods that work best for you – but that often means you need to try many different methods before finding your favorite one. You might waste a bunch of time trying other methods that do nothing for you before you find the perfect one.

Having a clear goal (enrolling in a foreign institution of higher education, finding a job abroad, moving in other countries) is the first step in learning English.

There are two most widespread ways of learning English: 1) studying on your own using different tools like books, magazines, comics; English songs (Coldplay, Sia, Adele, Queen, Lucas Graham), videos and movies; TV shows, news, etc; the internet, social networks (Hellolingo, Lang-8, italki, Interpals.net, How do you do?) where you can interact with other English speakers (TED website) or even move to or spend some time in an English-speaking country; and 2) attending a school or an institute, courses.

When you are abroad and you understand that everyone around you speaks English, you are in a stressful situation. Our brain in stressful situations can work more effectively. The main thing is that the panic does not swallow you up. When you understand that you can not use words from your native language and no one can translate to you, you should feel yourself not helpless but independent and self-confident.

If to choose the second way, it is important to understand the various methods and techniques to be able to choose the one that best suits as well as enables to enjoy and profit from learning as much as possible.

Language teaching methods have gone a long way since the time when teaching a second language meant transmitting structural rules, focused on writing, grammar and analysis.

Relevant examples of traditional methods are as follows: 1) grammar translation method (analyze and study the grammatical rules of the language, practice them through translation exercises); 2) direct method (learners develop skills by interacting with their teacher using questions and answers, vocabulary is taught through pictures or real objects); 3) audio-lingual method (repetition of patterns in dialogues and phrases about daily situations, practice is based on drills, repeated till the students' response is automatic, there is very little grammatical explanation); 4) communicative language teaching approach (the teacher facilitates communication while students try hard to interact using English).

Even though there are several other methods and techniques, one is worth mentioning here is blended learning. We consider that it is the best and most modern way to learn a language. It appeals to all learning styles, situations, needs and demands.

This method is a combination of face-to-face (in class) learning with online learning. It is much more than adding computers to a classroom. It means that both students and teachers have to change their approach to language learning. It has to be carefully designed using customized strategies to balance and enrich the use of both in-class and web contents. It provides an integrated learning experience and gives the student some kind of control over time, place and pace.

This method includes the best parts of the different learning styles above. This method is unique, supportive and personalized.

We can call this a multi method. The name speaks for itself, namely the fact that this method has collected all possible concepts for the study of a foreign language. After all, when you use several ways to learn a foreign language, you will be able to speak this language, read, write as well as to listen.