

HOW MUSIC HELPS TO LEARN ENGLISH

Nowadays one of the most important tasks for Ukrainian people is to learn the English language according to a new law № 9432 of the Constitution of Ukraine. Despite of the importance of this law, little attention is paid to studying English by Ukrainians.

According to the calculations of scientists and linguists only 34 percent of people have started to learn this language this year. But what about 66 percent of people? They for some reason (or on purpose) do not want to learn this foreign language. But what if those people would try to inspire themselves with something from abroad, like books, videos, podcasts, videogames or music? However, little research has been undertaken to study the issue of studying English in the modern society nowadays. The aim of our study is to identify effective ways of learning English.

“You should develop students’ cognitive abilities, “to ignite thirst for knowledge and thoroughness in learning”, for which it is necessary to combine pleasure and usefulness, to encourage children's curiosity,” – once said the famous Czech educator, the "Father of Pedagogy" Jan Amos Comenius [1].

Furthermore, a lot of famous people exhort other pedagogues treading in steps of Jan Comenius. For example, German philosopher and psychologist Johann Friedrich Herbart. He urged a teacher / an educator not to be boring, but to build learning on the child's inherent interests [2]. It seems to me that his saying also applies to adult people who are studying. Combining work / studying process with something enjoyable can make it more interesting and less boring than it seems at the first glance. Moreover, the Ukrainian writer and pedagogue, Sofia Rusova, who told educators and teachers not to force children to observe and explore the world, because in this way children will lose interest, thirst for learning new things. Kids can explore the world by themselves and educators just need to help them with it [3].

A little example from my experience. I have been learning the English language since the age of 4. I know it is pretty impressive. But, to be honest, I had a burnout a lot of times, while studying this foreign language. I had less inspiration, did not want to develop my language skills anymore: did not want to read books in the English language, did not want to do my exercises in English. At that time I might not want to see anything in this abroad language ever again.

But I have found a perfect solution to this problem. Music becomes my new inspiration (English songs). I know my method is may not suitable for all people, but maybe I can try to change someone's mind in this article.

Firstly, listening to foreign music is very good to improve English vocabulary. You can find and keep in mind new words which can definitely be in this type of music.

Secondly, listening songs from abroad can improve speaking skills. You can remember how pronounce words, phrases, or even sentences from different songs.

And thirdly, there is the most important thing in listening to music from abroad that it is fun. You can listen to it while reading books in the foreign language or doing your English exercises. For kids in the kindergarten, we can use songs in English during lessons, strolls, physical education minutes, and so on. Music can be used everywhere.

To sum up, all kinds of ways to study English are good. And in my opinion music is a very useful tool for learning English for both children and adults.

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