

English Learners – Tips

1. Native speakers don't care about your grammar mistakes.

The focus is on your message or idea.

2. Native speakers don't speak perfect English.

3. You don't need to speak like a native.

You can have an accent.

You can use direct translations.

You can make grammar mistakes.

4. You need to learn phrasal verbs, idioms and expressions.

Native speakers don't speak like textbooks.

They use a lot of slang, abbreviations, phrasal verbs, idioms and expressions.

5. Learning a language doesn't mean you can speak it well.

Grammar is important, but conversation practise is more important.

6. Feeling nervous when speaking is perfectly normal.

Public speaking and speaking a second language creates an enormous fear.

Speak as much as possible to deal with that fear.

7. You can improve your speaking when you are alone.

Speak to a camera and after, listen to yourself.

Like this, you can improve your language, pronunciation and your body language.

Thinking about talking is not the same as actually talking out loud.

8. There is no finish line. You continue learning all your life.

Always give yourself a new goal.

9. Enjoy the journey!

There are many ways to learn English:

- tv, films, series, videos, news, apps
- music, podcasts, websites
- magazines, newspapers, books
- group classes, online classes, one-to-one tutoring
- conversations with friends/colleagues/tourists/etc.
- online conversations
- etc.

Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ju9qsoL11bo>