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Learning English through the Internet

Nowadays, it is very important to know as more foreign languages as possible. It is a crucial skill when we deal with people who have another native language, not the same as ours. Of course, if you live in one country and you are not going to move anywhere, you will ask: “Why do I need to learn another language?” But it is not so easy as it might seem at the first look.

Globalization is the main feature of relations between all countries now. People became highly connected, open-minded and educated. If you know how to communicate with foreigners, you will be able to get more information to expand your intellectual abilities and to improve your communication skills. Also, knowledge of foreign languages can be used for living. For example, teaching other people, translating diverse documents, texts, servicing people who come from other parts of the world. It is obvious that knowledge of the English language can be beneficial. English is an international language. It means everyone in the world should know this language and people from anywhere would understand you. If in previous decades society did not have too much opportunities for interacting with foreign speakers, currently every possible way of studying is available through the Internet connection. Learning English through the Internet can be more fun, interesting and faster than just attending usual classes, which are sometimes extremely boring. Especially learning English through the Internet is suitable for people who are too busy to take any classes. The Internet gives opportunity to study in time, which is more convenient for you. It does not cost too much and provides endless sources of study material. Textbooks, video and audio materials will be easily downloaded with one simple click. These materials contain all necessary information that is intended for learning various aspects of the language: speaking, reading, listening, memorizing, etc.

People are interested in improving English through the Internet, because learning foreign languages is an extremely complicated process and it is important to use all resources that may help. Learning another language is not just saying foreign words, it is an immersion in completely new world that might appear to be different from what we have got used to. I have done a research in order to find the best offers of the Internet, which are useful and valuable for people who learn English. The first step of learning any language is definition your real knowledge level. It helps to set up the most effective program of study and choose materials with the degree of difficulty, which is more preferable for you. Diverse tests are used for these purposes. Mostly they consist of questions related with grammatical aspects of the language. They don't differ too much and everyone can find them on the Internet just by typing “define your English level” in the search line. People with different knowledge levels need their own specific ways of learning. Mainly my research was dedicated to people with Beginner/Elementary level of English. Such websites as [<https://puzzle-english.com/>] and [<http://lingualeo.com/ru>] offer training materials designed for fast learning progress. Everyone can choose content that she or he likes. These websites provide modern information and the latest news. The first website has its own YouTube channel [<https://www.youtube.com/user/PuzzleEnglish>]. Users are able to get information about using the website, to find helpful advices, to learn new words and to improve their pronunciation there. Besides this educational channel, YouTube contain many and many others. It is not a secret that vlogging is popular on YouTube now. Such category of video will be also useful for learners. Usually vlogs aim at showing daily personal life to the audience. Bloggers tell subscribers about their routine, thoughts and feelings. They don't act or pretend and use normal phrases in their speech, which you can hear if you talk with them in private. It gives the idea of how a real speech may sound, proper pronunciation of words and displays changes in the modern language. Another useful resource is podcasts. *Elementary Podcasts by the British Council* and *The English as a*

Second Language Podcast are suitable for the beginner and intermediate learner. The podcasts include situations that people experience every day. In addition, podcasts consist of broader discussions on some topics. *BBC podcasts* are very educational as well. You will find topics in which you are interested more there and you can listen to the latest news through this website. All BBC podcasts are available for downloading. *The English we speak podcast* featured by BBC is highly recommended for beginners. Diverse audiobooks should be an essential part of learning English too. It is not necessary to buy any audio materials. There are plenty of them on the Internet. Even usual browser plugins can be convenient for the listening comprehension. For example, Google Chrome plugin [<http://audiobooks.beelingo.com/>] provides hundreds of free audiobooks, which are open for downloading audio materials and textbooks as well. Another useful Google Chrome plugin is *Google Dictionary*. It gives an instant access to words definition and pronunciation. If you want to improve reading skills than online newspapers should become the part of your daily life. The most readable online newspapers are [<https://www.washingtonpost.com/>], [<http://abcnews.go.com/>] and [<http://edition.cnn.com/>]. They give information about all important news. Another way of learning English is speaking directly with native speakers. The most popular websites for interacting with foreigners are [<https://www.interpals.net/>] and *Twitter*. You can make some English-speaking friends and read their twitter postings there.

In conclusion, there are a lot more methods of learning the English language through the Internet. It is incredible that now people have ability to control studying process on their own and to get as much information as they want. I lighted up just a tiny grain of education services provided by the Internet. The Internet has become a big part of most people's lives; the wealth of information posted from all over the world makes it a valuable tool for learning the English language.