
Learning English Easily

MOHAMMAD AHMAD IBRAHIM AL-SHALLAKH

Instructor

Department of English, Sur University College
Sur, Oman

Abstract:

English is considered one of the most languages in the world. Many learners of EFL need to practice this language easily without challenges. They need to practice English to enable them finishing their work, studies, and lives. This article helps them learning English easily without difficulties. The researcher suggested ten ways to learn English as a foreign language in any place in the world. If the learner follows these steps, he will learn and speak this language everywhere they need.

Key words: EFL, challenges, teaching. Learning, syllabus, curricula

INTRODUCTION

The English language is an international language. All people around the world use it in their daily routine. In some countries, it is the only used language in the country. Sometimes, people are forced to use English to communicate because there is no other languages can be used when people who speak different language want to communicate. Al Noursi (2013) stated in his study about the attitude toward learning English in the United Arabs of Emirates that English is nominated as the foreign language in the curricula in the Emirates and the gulf schools for more than 30 years. It is now

a compulsory subject from grade one in all schools. So, this language is important for all people in the gulf.

A lot of people go to language centers to learn the English language, but most of them stop after few months because they find learning English very boring and wasting their time. People expect speaking language after starting learning in few months. English language learners have to understand that any language depends on understanding the four language skills speaking, reading, writing and listening. So, they have to find suitable ways to learn these skills easily. Akbari (2015) stated in his article about the current challenges in teaching/learning English for EFL that the process of learning English as a second language in Iran is not satisfactory. The researcher mentioned that there are different factors are involved in the process of learning this language. He focused on the problems of learning English as a foreign language to find the best ways of learning this language easily. He finally mentioned that these factors should be considered to learn English easily.

English language learners have to ask and search for the best ways to learn this language. They might find different answers for these ways, but they have to follow the most suitable ways which match their needs. The learners also have to know the purpose behind learning this language. Then, they have to know which skill is the most important for them in their life. If they answer these questions, they can learn English easily and quickly. So, knowing the students' needs are very important and it is a critical matter in learning English as a foreign language. Bada and Okan (2000) mentioned in their study that many of EFL students tend to participate in communicative English to learn this language easily. They are eager to practice English conversations outside and inside the classrooms. Moreover, some of those students prefer to find more emphasis on English grammar in teaching and learning English. So, the syllabuses should be well designed to match

their needs and interests. Here are some ways to learn English easily and quickly:

1. Listening to Audio Tracks with Scripts:

The listening skill is an important skill in learning any language in the world. It is important because the learner gets the correct pronunciations from the correct source which is the native speaker of the language. In this part, the learner has to imitate the same words, phrases and sentences he hears. He also tries to find the script of the audio tracks he hears. This will help him in understanding the meaning of the content and the words he reads and repeats. This will also help him moving correctly with the intonation of positive, negative and question sentences.

2. Play Scrabble:

Scrabble is an old and traditional game in which the learner uses random letters to build words in a crossword form. It is a wonderful way to learn and practice new words he learns. In this part, the learner has to be careful in playing this game correctly by choosing the puzzle which contains only one part of speech. For example, the first puzzle should contain only Nouns, Verbs, Adjectives or Adverbs. Here, the learner will categorize the words he learns and this will help him later memorizing these words easily. This game helps the learner learning the correct spelling of the words he uses. These words should also be written in a separate notebook to be revised from time to time. To make this game enjoyable, the learner has to try to play with other learners on papers or online.

3. Studying in New Places:

If the learner sits in the same place to learn the language, he will get bored after some time. There are many places the learner can use to learn English. Studying at home for a long time and every time is not good for learning the language. Some skills should be done at home and others can be done in the

library, coffee shops or even in open areas. Here, the learner will feel refreshed every time he changes his location. He might find other learners in these places which have a good impact on the learner. Finding other learners gives the power to the learner of the language. Your brain will be refreshed and makes strong connections between what the learner learns and the place he sits in. When you study in a new location, your brain will be forced to make good connections to what you are studying and learning. This will help the learner memorize everything he learns.

4. Get a Conversation Partner:

This is a very important step in learning any language. Finding new partners - such as the United States, Britain, Canada, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand or South Africa - means that the learner practices the language more and more. The learner can find many partners in the places he goes to learn English. If the learner finds it difficult to partners in the places he goes, he can find many partners on the social media he uses. The internet is the easiest way to find learners of the same language. There are many free websites for English learners, so the learner has just to log in these websites and starts practicing the language all the time. This part is important because the learner will start practicing the language skills he learned. He can practice listening using his microphone with headset and also practice writing using chat rooms. This will improve these two skills in a very big way especially when the partner is a native speaker. This will enable the learner to use the language in correct situations.

5. Learn with Movies:

This is a very interesting way to learn the English language. All people like watching movies for a long time. This way should be done in steps and with specific tools. The learner should use headsets to listen carefully and clearly to the heard words. Moreover, there is a special option in the audio player

which shows the script of the heard words along with the speakers. This enables the learner catches the words he hears which give him more understanding of the sentences he hears along with the content and the scenes he watches. Watching movies with showing scripts should be done every day to enrich the listening skill very quickly.

6. Use the Correct Resources:

English language resources are varying, so the learner has to choose the correct resources to get the best results. Many books are created to help the English language learners in learning English as a second language. Here, the learner has to ask English language teachers to help him choosing the most suitable book. Some books are designed to enrich some skills more than others. So, the learner needs help to find a book or a set of books which cover his gaps in the language and enable him learning English correctly. Each set of books are designed to work as a chain, so the learner has to choose only one set and starts from level one to the last book in the set. After this step he has to find a language center to evaluate his language by sitting to a formal test such as the TOEFL or the IELTS Exams.

7. Learn the Slang:

All language are spoken in different ways, one of them is called the standard or the formal language which is used in the formal situations such as the NEWS, TV and Radio programs while other ways of the spoken language are called the slang or the colloquial language. The learner at the beginning has to learn the formal one for a long time then move to learn the informal language or the colloquial language.

8. Read Books of English Jokes:

When the learner is at the library, he can look for joke books. These books are surprising useful learning tool. If the learner wants to have English conversations, the learner has to

understand the culture of the spoken language. Humor is very culture-specific, for example, what is funny in one country might not make sense in other countries. Reading in joke books give the learner the sense of the language this helps the learner to practice tricky concepts like puns and idioms. These books also teach the learner how English speakers laugh and have fun.

9. Start your Own Blogs

This means that the learner writes some sentences in a notebook every day. The learner can write about what he does every day or what he did the last days. These writings should not be exciting. It is a kind of practicing English writing every day. This exercise is a perfect way to become more comfortable describing your interests and hobbies in English. If you feel comfortable with this way, try to find a native speaker to look over what you wrote and check it for any errors. Educated native speakers can help you to avoid doing the same mistakes again and again.

10. Practice every day

If the learner wants to get fluency quickly, he needs to practice English every day. Learning English language is based on repetition, so if the learner of the language waits too long between studying sessions, he will forget everything he learned previously and have to start all over again. However, the learner should not study so much that he grows sick of English. He can keep things interesting by doing a different task each day to practice the four skills - one day of reading, one day of listening comprehension, one day of writing practice, one-day studying grammar, etc. However, the learner should never pass up an opportunity to practice speaking English, as this is the number one most important thing you can do to gain fluency.

CONCLUSION:

Learners of English as a foreign language face many difficulties. These difficulties might stop them from learning this language. The mentioned steps could solve some of these difficulties. The learners should spend time following these steps to enable the practicing English easily. They might also find more results in following some of these steps more than others. So, they should continue to the point they feel that they are satisfied and can practice English in all situations. Moreover, they have to focus mainly on the skill or skills they need more than other skills. In the researcher's point of view, English should be dealt as one block in all skills, so the learner should focus on all skills at the same time.

Acknowledgement

I would like to thank the management of Sur University College for the continued support and encouragement to conduct this research. Also, I would like to thank the dean at Sur University College for his motivation toward doing this research.

REFERENCES

1. Al Noursi, O. (2013) Attitudes towards learning English: the case of the UAE Technological High School. Educational Research, Vol. 4(1) pp. 21-30, January 2013.
2. Akbari, Z. (2015) Current challenges in teaching/learning English for EFL learners: The case of junior high school and schools. Procedia, social and behavioral sciences. Pp. 394-401.
3. Beda, E & Okan, Z. (2000) Students' language learning preferences. TEFL-EJ, 4(3).