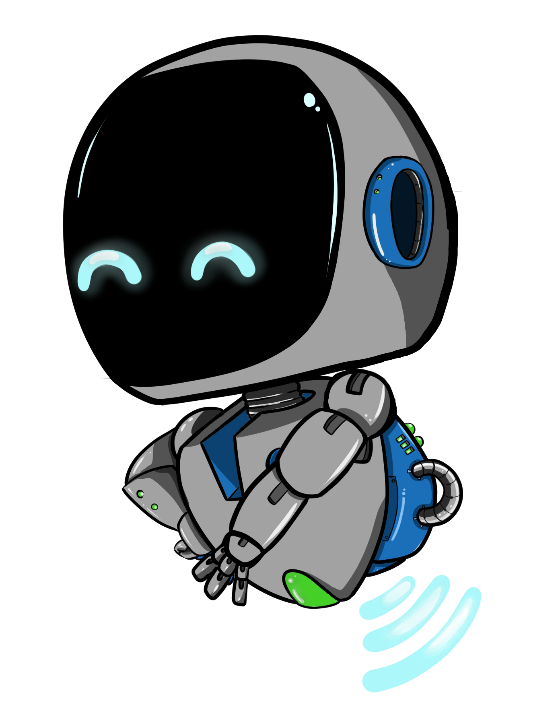
ENGLISH RESOURCE GUIDE

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Welcome to the English **Time Study Guide**!

This guide is designed to help you, as an **Initiate** (A1) or **Seeker** (A2), improve your English skills through self-study.

The focus will be on the four key language skills: **reading**, **speaking**, **listening**, and **writing**, with extra emphasis on **listening**, **speaking**, and **reading**.

Below, you will find recommended resources, study tips, and a structured approach to help you advance to the next level.

Have a nice study!

Listening:

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Listening is crucial for developing **comprehension** and **pronunciation**.

Here are some ways to practice effectively:

## Recommended Resources:

* ***Podcasts****:*
  + *BBC Learning English (BBC) –* Short, clear news stories with transcripts.
  + *The English We Speak (BBC)* – Common expressions explained in simple terms.
  + *ESL Pod (*[ESLPod](https://www.eslpod.com)*) –* Slow conversations for learners.
  + *All things Nintendo –* Videogames conversation with nice vocabulary.
* ***YouTube Channels****:*
  + *Rachel's English -* Learn new vocabulary and accents.
  + *BBC 6-Minute English* – Quick lessons on daily topics*.*
* ***Apps****:*
  + *Duolingo (great for gamified learning)*
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  + *Babbel (good for practical topics)*
  + *Memrise (strong for vocabulary building)*
  + *Busuu (community-based learning)*

***How to Practice****:*

* *Passive Listening:* Play English audio while doing other activities.
* *Active Listening:* Listen to a short clip, write down key words, and summarize what you understood.
* *Shadowing:* Repeat sentences right after you hear them to improve pronunciation.

Speaking:

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Speaking practice helps you gain **confidence** and **fluency**.

## Recommended Resources:

* ***Apps:***
  + *ELSA Speak* – AI-based pronunciation correction*.*
  + *HelloTalk –* Chat with native speakers.
  + *Tandem –* Language exchange with real people*.*
  + *Mondly (focused on speaking).*
* ***YouTube Practice Channels:***
  + *Speak English With Vanessa –* Focus on natural conversation.
  + *Go Natural English –* Tips for fluent speaking*.*
  + *Rachel's English -* Learn new vocabulary and accents

***How to Practice:***

* *Record Yourself****:***Speak on a topic for 1-2 minutes and listen to your pronunciation.
* *Talk to Yourself:* Describe your surroundings or daily activities in English.
* *Use Language* Exchange Apps: Speak with real people daily.
* *Join English Time:* Participate in speaking practice sessions on English Time and prepare some presentation on **English Time Talks**.

Reading:

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*Reading helps improve vocabulary and comprehension.*

***Recommended Resources:***

* ***Websites for Articles:***
  + *News in Levels ([NewsInLevels](https://www.newsinlevels.com)) –* News articles at different levels.
  + *BBC Learning English – Stories –* Short reading passages with explanations.
  + *Bookshare*
* ***Apps:***
  + *LingQ –* Read and listen to real articles.
  + *Readlang –* Helps translate and save new words.
  + *Kindle* (access to a vast library of English books with adjustable reading features - Use translation features to help you to discover new vocabulary)

***How to Practice:***

* *Read Daily:* Choose one short article per day.
* *Use a Dictionary*: Look up words but focus on understanding the context first.
* *Summarize****:***Write a short summary of what you read.

Writing:

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*Writing improves grammar, structure, and vocabulary.*

Recommended Resources:

* ***Grammar Check Tools:***
  + *Grammarly –* Free tool for grammar corrections*.*
  + *Hemingway Editor –* Helps simplify writing.

***How to Practice:***

* *Describe Pictures:* Look at an image and write 5-10 sentences about it.
* *Practice Emails:* Try writing emails in English for work or personal use.
* *Practice Daily:* Make conversation with your close friends or co-workers by Whatsapp or Teams

Nice Recommendations:

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Students A1 and A2

[*https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/vocabulary/a1-a2-vocabulary*](https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/vocabulary/a1-a2-vocabulary)

[*https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/grammar/a1-a2-grammar*](https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/grammar/a1-a2-grammar)

Nice videos

[*https://youtube.com/@learnenglishwithbobthecanadian?si=Z4REwi-cN9SHQrWi*](https://youtube.com/@learnenglishwithbobthecanadian?si=Z4REwi-cN9SHQrWi)

[*https://youtu.be/N-aeST0z72k?si=iCzPs40nsm8WAeK9*](https://youtu.be/N-aeST0z72k?si=iCzPs40nsm8WAeK9)

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Final tips:

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* **Stay Consistent**: Study a little every day instead of cramming once a week.
* **Mix Your Activities**: Use different resources to keep learning interesting.
* **Track Your Progress**: Note down improvements and areas you still find difficult.
* **Ask for Feedback**: Contact our english teachers or join English Time to receive feedback.

Learning a new language or improving your skills is a challenging journey. Stay consistent, even if you can only study for 5 minutes a day. Every little effort counts!

By following this guide, you'll gain confidence and enhance your English skills independently. Keep practicing, and soon you'll be ready for the next level! \(^o^)/