

# Speak English With Vanessa

## Free PDF Worksheet

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Dear English Learner,

Get ready to remember vocabulary with these 4 steps! I recommend reading these sentences out loud, watching the bonus videos, and using the blank space on the last page to answer my challenge question. Thanks so much for learning English with me!

Your teacher,  
Vanessa

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### Ever Since

#### **Step #1 Look it up in the dictionary**

- **Ever since:** *from that moment*
- **Ever since** I started practicing English, I am getting more confident in my abilities!
- [Youlish.com](https://www.youlish.com) pronunciation

#### **Step #2 Listen for it in a movie, TV show or song**

- "Christmas is just about my favorite time. **Ever since** I was a little kid, I always felt like it was my own personal holiday."  
–from [Ernest Saves Christmas](#)
- "I've been praying **ever since** New York"  
–from [Ever Since New York by Harry Styles](#)

#### **Step #3 Look for it in a book**

- "It felt like you threw me so far from myself I've been trying to find my way back **ever since**" -Rupi Kaur

### ***Step #4 Use it in a conversation***

- “I started watching cartoons in English when I was a child. I have been learning and practicing **ever since**.”

## **Seal the deal**

### ***Step #1 Look it up in the dictionary***

- **Seal the deal:** *to make an agreement official*
- I wasn’t sure about taking this course, but once I read all the great reviews, that **sealed the deal**.
- [Youglisch.com](https://www.youglisch.com) pronunciation

### ***Step #2 Listen for it in a movie, TV show or song***

- “You have a wedding and a reception to **seal the deal**.”  
–from [Wedding Crashers](#)

### ***Step #3 Look for it in a book***

- We want to **seal the deal** that we're the best team that's ever happened.  
–Kerri Walsh, Olympic volleyball player

### ***Step #4 Use it in a conversation***

- “I wasn’t sure about working for this company when I first heard of them. But after interviewing and learning more about them, I am ready to **seal the deal** and go work for them.”

## It's just one of those things

"I hate driving everywhere, but in the US, **it's just one of those things.**"

### Step #1 Look it up in the dictionary

- **It's just one of those things:** *a bad or unfortunate thing that happens that you just have to live with*
- I hate the traffic of the city, but **it's just one of those things** that I live with for the convenience of having everything I could ever want so close by.
- [Youglish.com](http://Youglish.com) pronunciation

### Step #2 Listen for it in a movie, TV show or song

- "Oh, PONGO, boy. **It's just one of those things.**"  
—from [101 Dalmatians](#)
- "It was **just one of those things**  
Just one of those crazy flings  
One of those bells that now and then rings  
**Just one of those things...**"  
—[Just One Of Those Things](#) by Frank Sinatra

### Step #3 Look for it in a book

- "It was **just one of those things**," I said, "You know, that just happen. You don't think or plan. You just do it."  
—Sarah Dessen, *The Truth About Forever*

### Step #4 Use it in a conversation

- Making mistakes is **just one of those things** in life. You just have to keep learning and trying and never give up.

## Vanessa's Challenge Question

Use the space below to write a few sentences answering this question: What is something that **sealed the deal** for you when you decided to learn English?

Sample answer: *I thought that I wouldn't need to use English in my life, but ever since I visited Disney World in Florida, I realized that English is really useful. That trip sealed the deal, and I've been passionate about English ever since.*

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