**Setting goals/objectives to become an autonomous and active English learner!**

You are in a multi-level class so linguistically it is unfair for you to compare yourselves to your classmates! Therefore you will be graded on your own individual progress throughout the year. It is essential that you work on your homework and practice on your own to be able to see your personal progress and be accountable for raising your individual level in English. Also this is a means for you to get into good habits of taking steps further in your education and betterment of English. This is considered as annual review and here is how it works!

Instructions:

We encourage you to surf the internet and use your own resources to find new ideas, but we will provide you with some excellent tried and tested pedagogical resources to help you advance and progress in your weaknesses.

**Objectives**: Gaining concrete competences in English, based on your level, as well as understanding your strengths and weaknesses. Engaging in a plan to work on your shortcomings and trying to work throughout the year to strengthen and perfect the goals you have set from the start. You should be regularly working on your own and using a multitude of resources at your disposal online.

Everything you do to try and progress in English is good, that is the very spirit of autonomous learning and getting yourself into good habits!

-Access free sites on the web

-Read texts at home

-Play video games in English

-Watch movies in English with English subtitles

-Work on *applying* what you’ve learned or worked on during class!

**Assess yourself on :**

-what you’ve read in English

-what you’ve written in English

-what you’ve listened to in English

-practicing spoken English

-vocabulary work

-grammar work

**Resources**: The Language Department at ISART has compiled an extensive list of excellent free online resources for you to choose from based on the skill(s) you are working on. Do not limit yourselves to these; we strongly encourage you to do your own research on the web as well!

**Read in English**

Great newspapers ☺

<http://www.nytimes.com/>

<http://www.iht.com/>

<http://www.huffingtonpost.com/?country=US>

<http://www.theguardian.com/international>

<http://www.independent.co.uk/>

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/>

Magazines:

<http://time.com/>

<http://europe.newsweek.com/>

<http://www.vanityfair.com/?us_site=y>

<http://www.rollingstone.com/>

<http://www.economist.com/>

<http://www.theatlantic.com/>

<http://news.myway.com/index/id/world%7Cap.html>

<http://www.adweek.com/adfreak>

<http://www.theparisreview.org/>

Read about video-games and high tech:

<http://www.gamasutra.com/>

<http://www.rockpapershotgun.com/>

<http://www.gamespot.com/>

<http://www.gamesradar.com/uk/>

<http://www.ign.com/>

<http://www.eurogamer.net/>

<http://www.polygon.com/>

<http://www.pcgamer.com/uk/>

<http://www.technologyreview.com/>

<http://www.wired.com/>

French culture: <http://french.about.com/od/culture/>

Poetry: <http://www.poets.org/poetsorg/poets>

Great books online: <http://www.bartleby.com/>

Song Lyrics: <http://www.songlyrics.com/>

**Write in English**

Write in English (List all the ways you write in English during the trimester/semester.) Don’t worry if you make mistakes!

Write a text in English and see how it would translate into French (you could even experiment in Google translate and notice how many mistakes occur in your native tongue when using this translation tool).

Write a blog in English, use social networks (Facebook, Google + etc…) and post in English!

Write emails to your English teacher ☺

**Listen in English**

Videos for every level:  [http://www.englishcentral.com](http://www.englishcentral.com/) and <http://eolf.univ-fcomte.fr/?page_id=262>

Lower/Intermediate levels [http://www.eslpod.com](http://www.eslpod.com/)  They speak very slowly and explain the vocabulary! At the bottom of the site you can find a topic that interests you under, “Search” Topics that include for example, sports, movies, travel, doctor, etc.  To listen to a podcast, click, “Listen”.

[www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com/) (on YouTube you can watch videos, YouTube channels and listen to music!) some interesting channels are:

Game Theorists: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCo_IB5145EVNcf8hw1Kku7w>

Extra Credits: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCODtTcd5M1JavPCOr_Uydg>

Cinema Massacre <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0M0rxSz3IF0CsSour1iWmw>

Character Design Reference: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGe0wCbmP_vNnoT4wJ4MSKw>

C.G.P. Grey <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2C_jShtL725hvbm1arSV9w>

Minute Physics: <https://www.youtube.com/user/minutephysics>

**Podcasts** for example: **This American Life**: <http://www.thisamericanlife.org/>

**Serial:** <http://serialpodcast.org/>

**FX Guide podcasts**: <http://www.fxguide.com/podcasts/>

NBC News : <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/3032619/>

TED Talks [www.ted.com](http://www.ted.com/) This is one of my favorite internet sites ever ! Videos can have the subtitles in English or French, you can also read the transcript of the talk while listening!

* Go to a theme that interests you like, Art, Technology, and Entertainment etc…
* When you’ve found an interesting video, watch it but…
* Go to the right of the screen and click on “Open interactive transcript” (in red). There is the whole text of the video! Super!
* Also, often the videos have English subtitles. At the bottom of the video, click on “Languages Off” and choose from the list of subtitles available.

Obviously, you could/should watch all your movies, TV series and play your video games in English too!

**Speak in English!**

Go to Irish, British, and American bars and restaurants (for example):

[Breakfast in America (sooo good!)](http://www.breakfast-in-america.com/main/) 17, rue des Ecoles 75005  et 4, rue Malher 75004

Corcoran’s Fine Irish bar.  28 rue St. Andre des Arts, 75005 Paris

[Here](http://www.easyexpat.com/forums/english-speaking-places-paris-t1804.html#p7626) is a list of 30 bars and restaurants

The bookshop [Shakespeare and Company](http://www.shakespeareandcompany.com/)  37 Rue de la Bûcherie, 75005 Paris

The Thanksgiving shop. All American food products!  20, rue Saint Paul 75004 Paris <http://www.thanksgivingparis.com/>

Try to talk to tourists in Bastille who look lost, help them out!

Come to the Language Exchanges when the Language Department invites you to meet and converse with other international exchange students who come to ISART! Keep your eyes open for our emails ☺

Try a ‘meetup’ <http://english-speaking.meetup.com/cities/fr/paris/>

Talk to us during a coffee break, we love to chat when we have time!

Work on Pronunciation here: <http://www.learnenglishfeelgood.com/listening/index.html>

[**http://www.readthewords.com/**](http://www.readthewords.com/)

[**http://www.forvo.com/**](http://www.forvo.com/) (“search for a word” to find the pronunciation).

**Vocabulary & Grammar**

Confusing words: <http://www.grammar-quizzes.com/confusedsum.html>

Descriptive words: <http://descriptivewords.org/>

Body language dictionary: <http://www.bodylanguageproject.com/dictionary/>

Movie Terminology Glossary: <http://www.imdb.com/glossary/>

Vocabulary and Pronunciation of word : http://freerice.com/#/english-vocabulary/1500

Grammar and Vocabulary quizzes and tests: <http://www.usingenglish.com> (look at the two categories: “Tests & Quizzes” and “English Reference”)

Assessment quizzes <http://www.cengage.com/devenglish/discipline_content/grammarquizzes.html>

<http://a4esl.org/>

Dictionaries: <http://www.linguee.com/english-french/search>

100% English dictionary: <http://www.merriam-webster.com/>

Need to expand your vocabulary? Always using the same words? <http://thesaurus.com/>