



Learning New Things

Conversation > Intermediate 5



Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

when it comes to	Used to identify a specific topic that is being talked about.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: When it comes to learning something quickly, he is the best of all.</i>

cope with	To deal with something difficult.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: I am having trouble coping with work stress.</i>

indeed	Used to confirm or agree with something that someone said.
[adverb]	<i>Ex: This is really tough work! Indeed it is.</i>

go through	To study something by repeating it.
[phrasal verb]	<i>Ex: I need to go through this math textbook tonight.</i>

learn by heart	To memorize or learn something word for word.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: She's learned the poem by heart.</i>



Exercise 2 – Dialogue

Choose one character and read the dialogue aloud with your tutor.

Sara: Jim, how are your studies going?

Jim: Well, when it comes to studying History, I have to cope with memorizing lots of details and dates.

Sara: Indeed... How do you learn all those details?

Jim: I go through them many times and learn them by heart. There is so much to learn. What about you?

Sara: Well, it depends. When it comes to History, I just read the same pages every day for 5 minutes.

Jim: I wonder if that is really enough to learn History.



Sara: For me it is. I was quite good at History in high school. That is exactly how I studied it.

Jim: Amazing! Do you have time tomorrow? Can you help me study History?

Sara: Sure thing! Do I need to bring something?

Jim: No, I have all the books we need. Just bring yourself.

Sara: Oh, don't make me chuckle. I'll be there!

Jim: Cool, I'll be waiting for you.



Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

Choose the correct answers from the answer pool below and fill in the blanks.

Answer Pool

learn something by heart

Indeed

went through

When it comes to

cope with

1. The university student _____ his notes to study for the test.
2. She can't _____ all her work.
3. _____ teaching, my teacher is the best!
4. It's not smart to _____.
5. Is it raining outside? _____ it is.



Exercise 4 – Role Play

Take turns with your tutor and act out the scene described below.

Scene: You have a test tomorrow, ask your sister Lea to give you some advice about how to study. The teacher can be Lea.



Exercise 5 – Discussion

Discuss the following questions with your tutor.

1. How do you usually study? What would you recommend to others?
2. Have you ever had trouble learning something? How did you deal with it?
3. What is the most difficult part for you when it comes to learning English?
4. Which one do you prefer, studying alone or with friends?
5. Why do you think it's so important to take breaks while studying?