

Appendix I

How to Learn Engine Effectively

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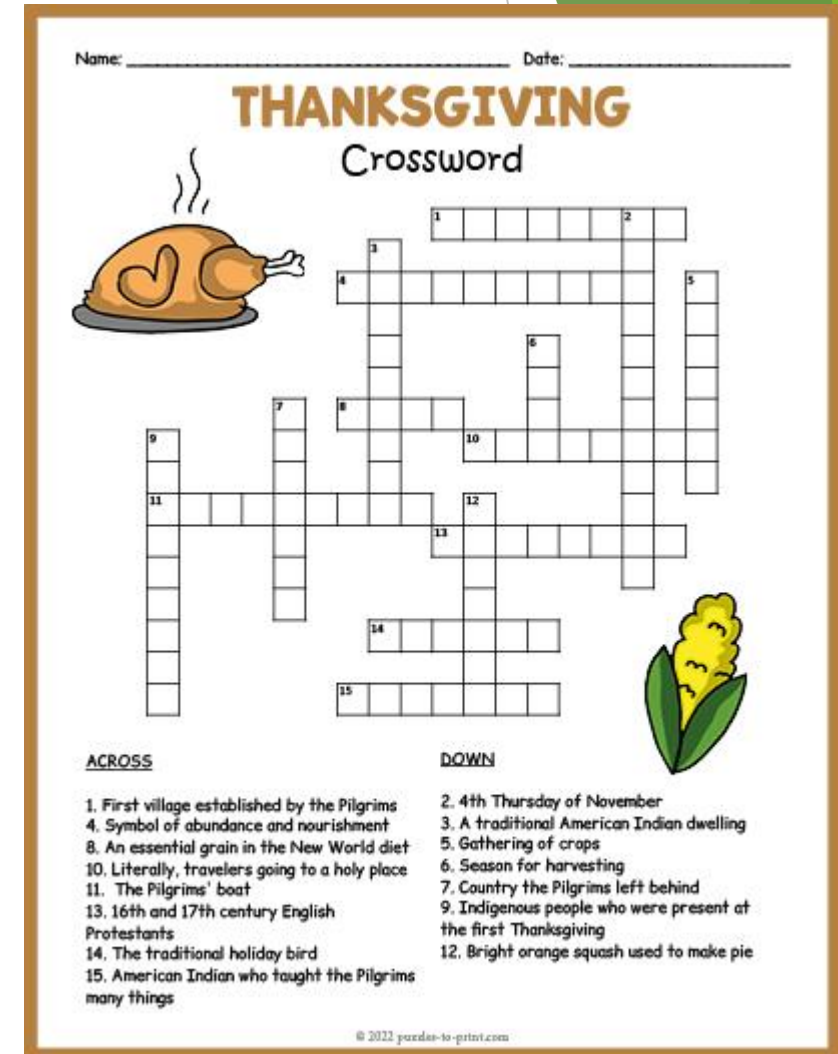
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Learning for Fun

- ▶ To have some mastery of English is unavoidable if one wants to study and do research internationally and improve one's career.
- ▶ Pedagogy of English teaching emphasizes the importance of effective English learning. It reveals that a serious learning approach the effectiveness is lying on not just a serious learning approach, but rewarding and fun ways.
- ▶ Learning English is of no exception to the fact that during the learning process, one's motivation and interesting play a vital role, which can be achieved by making language learning fun.
- ▶ Supplementing fun activities can be quite beneficial for one to quickly achieve the goal of being able to communicate in English.
- ▶ In the following are a few fun ways to learn English that one should try ASAP.

Vocabulary and Grammar Games

- ▶ Playing games is always fun and it's a great way to learn as well!
- ▶ Playing vocabulary games tests one's knowledge of different English words and their meanings. Meanwhile, grammar games give one a chance to practice different grammar skills, such as how to conjugate verbs or how to properly construct a sentence.
- ▶ Taking a “break” from one's serious study sessions to play a few language-related games will help test one's skills and knowledge and keep one interested and motivated to continue learning English.



English Tongue Twisters

- ▶ Learning how to properly pronounce English words is an important skill to develop, it is also kind of tricky.
- ▶ English isn't really a phonetic language, which means that there are many English words that are not really pronounced like they are spelled. This means that you need to practice saying them out loud in order to make sure that you are saying them properly.
- ▶ Using tongue twisters in English is a great way to practice the proper way to pronounce different English words. Tongue twisters aren't just fun, many of them are funny! They provide an interesting break from just repeating and repeating basic travel phrases to yourself over and over.

**Betty bought
butter but the
butter was bitter,
so Betty bought
better butter to
make the bitter
butter better.**

Best Tongue Twisters

Parade

Language Learning Apps

- ▶ There's an app for almost everything nowadays – even language learning. Since most of us don't go anywhere without a mobile device, having a few language learning apps on your device will allow you to squeeze in a few lessons on English grammar or vocabulary whenever you have some spare time.
- ▶ Many English language learning apps make use of nice graphics, pictures, and even sounds to make language learning more lively and interesting. There are also several language apps that use “video game” strategies to keep you motivated, for example, they reward you for taking quizzes or have contests that you can participate in with other users.

It's BBC Learning English – in your pocket



Listen to a programme then listen again whilst reading the transcript



Download audio programmes and listen offline



Ted Talks

- ▶ Babies and young children basically pick up their language skills from hearing the language being spoken around them every day. If one wants to learn English, listening to people speaking in English is important.
- ▶ One particularly fun way to learn English through listening is to listen to TED Talks, which are short but still very inspirational. The speakers are experts on a variety of subjects and know how to make what they are saying interesting as well as easily understandable to a layperson.
- ▶ TED Talks are easily available in a variety of mediums, for example, downloading them as podcast episodes for easy access. Just make sure to pick the ones that sound personally interesting to you, that way not only are you improving your English but you're also learning more on a subject you've always wanted to know more about.



Podcasts

- ▶ As we mentioned above, one can download TED Talks as podcasts to listen at his leisure. However, there are many English language learning podcasts out there that can help improve one's grammar and vocabulary. The best have hosts who know how to make what they are talking about fun and interesting as well as educational.
- ▶ Many English language learning podcasts feature hosts having a dialogue amongst themselves to provide you with practical examples to illustrate a particular point about grammar or vocabulary. This makes podcasts a fun but effective way to learn important lessons about the English language.
- ▶ One can also use podcasts to learn English, even if the podcast isn't specifically geared towards language learning. Listening to a podcast in English about a subject you are interested in, such as sports or pop culture or even news, will help keep you motivated to learn and improve your listening comprehension.



English Songs

- ▶ If you love music, you can use this love of music to improve your English language skills.
- ▶ Listening to English songs and paying attention to the lyrics will help improve your ability to understand spoken English. Bonus? You are bound to hear a lot of different English expressions and idioms by listening to song lyrics. Take note of them and study their real meaning in order to recognize them when you hear them in conversation.



Language Shadowing

- ▶ Shadowing is an advanced language learning technique, which can be used by learners independently to improve their intonation and pronunciation.
- ▶ It's quite a simple concept - you listen to a model (i.e. a video or audio of someone speaking) and you repeat what they say in real time. Note that this is different from the listen-pause-repeat of yesteryear! The idea is that you repeat, word for word, sound for sound, what you hear, with as little delay as possible.
- ▶ Step by step guide to shadowing
 - ▶ 1) Select a model. For example, find a short piece of audio (max. 5 minutes) with just one person speaking.
 - ▶ 2) Listen. Listen to the audio at least once to get used to the speaker's accent, rhythm and intonation.
 - ▶ Practise shadowing. Try to repeat what the speaker says as quickly and as accurately as possible.
 - ▶ (Optional) Record it and listen back. For self-assessment especially you have practiced it for some time.

Language Shadowing

- ▶ Let's be honest, sitting at a desk, in front of a stack of books or a computer can get a bit boring. Sometimes you just need to take a break and getting up from your desk to go take a walk is the best way to get a little restart and refresh your mental capacities.
- ▶ So, go ahead and put down that grammar textbook and go get some fresh air and exercise to clear your head – or you can try and go on a language shadowing walk instead.
- ▶ With language shadowing, you can kill two birds with one stone. You get a nice break and a chance to stretch your legs. However, you are also still continuing your language lessons. This combination of physical and mental activities makes language shadowing a unique, effective, and fun way to learn English.



Comics and Cartoons

- ▶ Many educational professionals will tout the benefits of audiovisual presentations for learning. Images and videos are considered effective teaching mediums as the visuals tend to grab people's attention and keep them for longer; allowing the lessons being talked about in the visual form to be better understood and retained.
- ▶ Because of the effectiveness of animated audiovisual learning materials, there's a long tradition of creating pictures and cartoons for children with educational purpose. These pictures and videos are intended to teach children things ranging from concepts, facts, tricks, manners, skills and morality of English culture.



Comics and Cartoons

- Therefore, a fun and beneficial way to learn English is to look into picture such as comics, or videos, such as cartoon series, which are interesting and effective for people to grasp different concepts and subjects that interest you in English.



Movies and TV series

- ▶ Languages experts point out that watching movies or television shows can help one gain fluency. This piece of learning advice used to be a bit difficult to do, but has gotten easier with the advent of the internet –specifically, the arrival of streaming services such as Youku, iQIYI, Bilibili, etc.
- ▶ These platforms have dedicated channels and host a wealth of English language content that one can watch to not only have fun and relax but to learn the language as well. Watching a show or movie in English can help you practice your listening comprehension, allow you to pick up interesting slang words and expressions, improve your pronunciation and ability to construct sentences, and improve your accent.



Online Conversation

- ▶ One of the most effective ways to learn English quickly is to place yourself in a situation where you regularly have to practice your English. Having regular conversations with a native English speaker will help you put all your lessons on grammar and vocabulary into practice.
- ▶ Working with an online native English language speaker is the most effective and fun way to get fluent in English. Thanks to the internet, there are lots of apps where you can find native speakers there, for example, Tandem, which is language exchange app where you can find native speakers who is interested in your mother tongue. Or some social platforms such as meetup.com, where there always are some social activities of people from different culture.

