The Old Man and The Sea ( Ernest Hemingway)

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NOTE: revise (BrE): read again to improve one's knowledge revise (BrE & AmE): read and correct; update   Now you've had all your 7 Secrets and you're feeling much more confident!   |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Secret #6: 30 MINUTES A DAY BETTER THAN 3.5 HOURS A WEEK | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | In fact, 30 minutes of English study once a day is better than 5 \*hours\* once a week! Study regularly. Study often.  LITTLE + OFTEN is better than LOT + SOMETIMES.  It's easier, too. You can easily find 30 minutes each day. How? You can get up 30 minutes earlier. Or have a shorter lunch break. Fix a particular time every day - and keep it!   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Secret #4: DON'T LISTEN!** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | In the last secret I said LISTEN! LISTEN! LISTEN! Now I say DON'T LISTEN! What do I mean?!  Do you know the difference between the verbs TO LISTEN and TO HEAR? TO LISTEN is active. TO HEAR is passive. Sometimes you can LISTEN too hard. Sometimes you can TRY too hard. Sometimes it is better only to HEAR. Let the radio play. Let the cassette play. But DON'T listen. Just HEAR. Your subconscious will listen for you. And you will still learn. If you listen and try to understand, you may block on one word and get frustrated. Don't worry! Just HEAR! Believe me, you will still be learning. The important thing is to let the radio or cassette or television or record PLAY. Let it play. And you - you do nothing. Your brain will HEAR, your subconscious will LISTEN and you will LEARN! | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Secret #1: Learn about WORD STRESS** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**Word Stress**](https://englishclub.us8.list-manage.com/track/click?u=6512b8f4ce84dfb64ec7ca97a&id=03338b49de&e=94e464fdd0) is golden key number One for speaking and understanding English.  Word Stress is **very important**. You can try to learn about Word Stress. This is one of the **best** ways for you to understand spoken English—especially English spoken fast.  **What is Word Stress?**  Take 3 words: *photograph, photographer, photographic,* for example. Do they sound the same when spoken? No! They sound very different, because **one**syllable in each word is "**stressed**" (stronger than the others).  ***PHOtograph  phoTOgrapher  photoGRAPHic***  This happens in **all** words with two or more syllables:  *TEACHer, JaPAN, CHINa, aBOVE, converSAtion, INteresting, imPORtant, deMAND, etCETera*  The syllables that are not stressed are "weak" or "small" or "quiet". Native speakers of English listen for the stressed syllables, not the weak syllables. If you use Word Stress in your speech, you will instantly and automatically improve your pronunciation and your comprehension.  If you have an English teacher, ask him or her to help you understand Word Stress. Try to hear the stress in words each time you listen to English—on the radio, or in films for example. Your first step is to **hear** and recognise it. After that, you can use it! | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Secret #5: IMPROVE YOUR VOCABULARY WITH 5 WORDS A DAY** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Vocabulary is easy! How many days in a year are there? 365, normally (on Earth).  If you learn only 5 new words a day, you will learn 5 x 365 = 1,825 new words in a year. ONE THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE WORDS. That is a lot of new words. And we are not counting all the other words you will learn in other ways - reading, conversation etc. Buy a notebook and write in 5 new words EACH day, EVERY day. Learn them! You will soon have an excellent vocabulary. | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | EnglishClub 7 Secrets for ESL Learners | | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Dear Mohamed | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | ****Secret #3: LISTEN! LISTEN! LISTEN!**** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Students sometimes say: 'I don't listen to the BBC news on the radio because it's too fast for me and I can't understand it.' That's a pity! When it's too fast for you, when you can't understand it, that is exactly when you NEED to listen to it!!!  How can you improve if you don't listen and practise?  When you were a baby, did you understand your own language? When you were 3 weeks old, or 2 months, or 1 year, did you understand everything? Of course not! But you **learned** to understand by **listening**. Think about it. You learned to understand your own language by listening, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. After that, you learned to speak. Then you learned to read. And then you learned to write. But [listening came first](https://englishclub.us8.list-manage.com/track/click?u=6512b8f4ce84dfb64ec7ca97a&id=118cc76a99&e=94e464fdd0)**!** | | | | | | | |