

LIFE SKILLS STUDY SKILLS

LEARNING ENGLISH



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Learning English

We can all be good learners of English. There are lots of different ways to learn English at school and at home.

1 Read, think and answer. Discuss with a partner.

- 1 What's your favourite school subject? Why?
- 2 What languages can you speak?
- 3 Who's your English teacher?
- 4 Where do you do your English homework?
- 5 What is your favourite part of an English lesson: reading, listening, writing or speaking?

2 Tick (✓) the things you do.

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| read in English | ☐ |
| listen to English | ☐ |
| write in English | ☐ |
| speak English | ☐ |
| learn and remember new vocabulary | ☐ |

3 Read the messages on the online forum. Which of the ideas from Exercise 2 can you see?



FORUM FOR STUDENTS

Where students share ideas!



We learn English at school. This can help us speak to other people in English. How can we be **GOOD** learners of English? Here are five top tips!

I read in English. I **read comics** in English. Comics are good because they are short and they've got pictures. I think reading helps me learn new words and phrases.



I **watch TV** in English. When I watch TV in English, I can also put on English subtitles so I can read what they say, too. This helps me understand more.



I've got an English pen pal, a friend I write to. Every month I **write letters** to him in English and he writes letters to me. He's a friend of my family. He lives in England.



I **listen to music** in English. There is lots of pop music in English and I like pop music. I listen to music when I walk to school. I listen and learn the words. Sometimes, I read the words and listen, too. Sometimes I sing in English, but only in the shower!



At home, I **do my English homework** in my bedroom. My brothers and sisters speak and watch TV in the living room, so I can't work in the living room. When I do homework, I stop and take a break every 15 minutes.



4 Read the messages again. Read the sentences below and tick (✓) or cross (X).

To be a good English learner, you can ...

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| 1 ... read in English. | ☐ |
| 2 ... listen to your own language. | ☐ |
| 3 ... write to an English friend. | ☐ |
| 4 ... dance to English pop music. | ☐ |
| 5 ... learn the words to English pop music. | ☐ |
| 6 ... watch TV when you do your homework. | ☐ |

5 Make phrases. Match the verbs 1-5 to the words a-e. Look at the messages again to check.

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| 1 read | a homework |
| 2 watch | b letters |
| 3 write | c TV |
| 4 listen to | d comics |
| 5 do | e music |

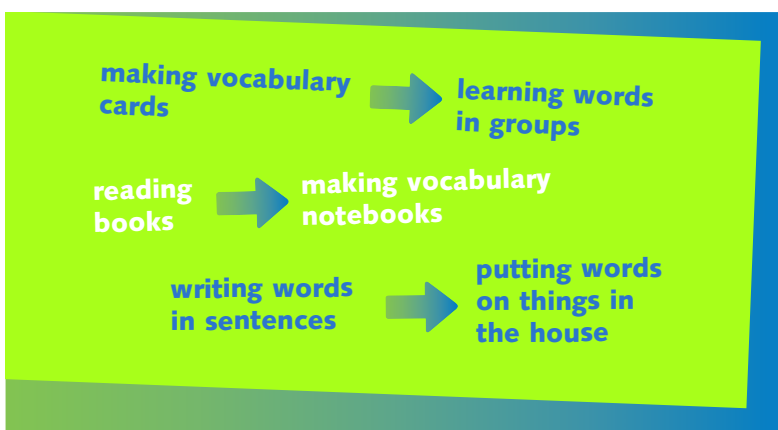
6 Label the picture. Use the phrases from Exercise 5.



7 Listen to people talking about learning English. Answer a, b or c.

- What does Pablo want help with?
- reading in English
 - learning vocabulary in English
 - doing English homework

8 Listen again. Underline the four suggestions you hear.



TALKING POINTS

How do you remember new vocabulary in English?

What's your favourite idea from the listening?



9 Complete the sentences in the Useful Language box. Use the phrases below. Listen again and check.

- put words on things
- learning words in groups is
- making vocabulary cards



USEFUL LANGUAGE

Suggestions

- What about _____?
- You can _____.
- _____ a good idea.

10 Put the words in order. Use the Useful Language box above.

- vocabulary / having / notebook / What / a / about / ?
- dictionary / good / a / is / Using / idea / a
- word / You / a / sentence / in / write / the / can

PROJECT

A plan for learning English

Help a friend learn more English. Make a plan. Write four top tips!

Give an idea for:

- reading in English
- listening in English
- writing in English
- learning vocabulary in English

Speak to your friend. Take turns and say your ideas.

Have you got a favourite idea? What is it? Tell the class.