

# Ways of learning

Tutor Resources for the AMEP

Learning English  
Intermediate

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Theme:

Learning English

Topic:

Ways of learning

Task	Language focus	Learning activities	Resources
<p>1. Can understand that there are different ways of learning</p> <p>Can recognise their own learning styles</p>	<p><b>Vocabulary</b> manual, instruction, diagram, strategies, pronunciation, phrases, practise (v), practice (n), embarrassed, difficulties</p>	<p>Identify different ways of learning</p> <p>Identify their preferred learning style</p> <p>Identify strategies used for learning English</p> <p>Identify their preferred strategies for learning English</p> <p>Identify problems with English</p> <p>Identify their problems with English</p>	<p>Worksheet 1: Different ways of learning</p> <p>Worksheet 2: What kind of a learner are you?</p> <p>Worksheet 3: Ways of learning English</p> <p>Worksheet 4: Problems with English</p>

**Theme:** Learning English

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**Task 1:** Can understand that there are different ways of learning  
Can recognise their own learning styles

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### Activity instructions

#### *Identify different ways of learning*

📄 Worksheet 1: Different ways of learning

- A. Explain to learner that they will hear six people talk about how they learn.  
Read each script (including the number) twice.

#### Script

1. One of the best things I ever learned was how to sew. When I was 13 I was sick for about six weeks and my grandmother taught me sewing. I love it and I enjoy making things for all my family.
2. I studied French when I was at school, but I could never speak or write very well. Then I had the chance to go and live in China for three years. I never studied Chinese in a class, but I learned it just from living there, talking and listening to people.
3. I was 38 before I learned how to drive. I refused to learn from my friends. I went to a driving school and I got my licence in three months.
4. I used to be really disorganised and I was always late for everything. I did a course and learned how to organise my work and free time much better.
5. I learned to play the guitar when I was in my twenties. I used to practise in my room for hours every night. Now I think I play pretty well.
6. I always wanted to be able to repair my own car. I didn't want to do a course, so I read lots of books and tried to work things out on my own. I made mistakes but I learned. Now I do all my repairs and save myself a lot of money.

Learner writes the learning strategies for each person.

#### Answers

- 1 – Her grandmother showed and taught her.
- 2 – Learned a language (Chinese) by living in the country (China) and talking and listening to people.
- 3 – Went to a driving school.
- 4 – Did a course.
- 5 – Taught himself and practised every night.
- 6 – Read books, tried to work out things on his own and learned from making mistakes.

- B. Discuss with learner some things they have learned.  
Ask questions: When? How? Who?  
Instruct learner to write about two things they have learned.

*Identify their preferred learning style*

☐ Worksheet 2: What kind of learner are you?

Discuss with learner the ways they prefer to learn. (They can talk about things they have learned in their own country and in their own language.)

- A. Learner reads the statements and answers 'yes' or 'no'. (Ensure learner understands this is about their preferred ways of learning.)  
Discuss the yes statements and ask learner to give an example of what they were learning to do.

Instruct learner to review the yes statements and to categorise them into listening, reading, doing and talking.

- B. Tell learner to look at their categorisation in part A and to tick the ways they learn. (This shows them that they learn in different ways.)

*Identify strategies used for learning English*

☐ Worksheet 3: Ways of learning English

- A. Explain to learner that they will hear four people talk about how they learn English.  
Read each script (including the number) twice.

**Script**

1. I learn words and phrases by grouping them under topics, for example, I have topics called greetings, telephone, at the restaurant. And in each section I write a word or a phrase in English on one page and in my language on the other.
2. I study with a neighbour who lives near me. We meet about once a week. I prefer to study with someone else because it gives me a chance to practise speaking English with someone.
3. I try not to translate into my language. And I always ask people to correct me if I make a mistake. Everyone makes mistakes... that's how we learn.
4. I learn best by studying grammar. I like to know how a language works. Then I work with an Australian friend who helps me on my pronunciation.

Learner ticks the strategies they hear.

**Answers**

- 1 – grouping vocabulary
- 2 – study partner, speaking practice
- 3 – making mistakes
- 4 – grammar, study partner, pronunciation

*Identify their preferred strategies for learning English*

☐ Worksheet 3: Ways of learning English

- B. Discuss with learner the strategies they use to learn English.  
Learner writes their strategies.

### *Identify their problems with English*

📄 Worksheet 4: Problems with English

A. Read the script.

#### **Script**

I arrived in Australia one and a half years ago. When I was in my country I thought it would be easy to learn English, but now I'm here I find that speaking English is difficult because I am nervous, you know. I worry that I will make mistakes. Also, there are many different accents in Australia, so I find listening difficult too. And the Australian people talk so quickly, that sometimes I don't understand one word! My writing is quite good, but I'm not very good at writing letters, like to my children's teachers. I never learned how to do that.

Learner writes Shan's difficulties with English and the reasons for them.

#### **Answers**

Listening – different accents

Understanding others – Australians talk too quickly

Writing letters – never learned

B. Discuss with learner their problems with English and the reasons for them.

Learner writes their difficulties and the reasons.

Discuss ways to overcome the problems.

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## Worksheet 1: Different ways of learning

A. Listen to these people talk about learning. How did they learn?

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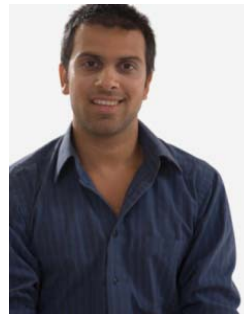


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*B. Write about some things you have learned to do.  
When did you learn it?  
How did you learn it?  
Who did you learn it from?*

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## Worksheet 2: What kind of a learner are you?

People learn by listening, reading, doing and talking.

**A. Think about how you learn most of the time and how you learn best. Answer **Yes** or **No** to each of the ways to learn.**



	Yes/ No	Listening/reading/ doing/talking
1. I learn a lot from listening to other people.		
2. I try to learn from the mistakes I make.		
3. I learn best from reading.		
4. I like to use a map to find my way.		
5. I ask people to explain directions to me, not write them down.		
6. I prefer to do things without reading the manual or instructions.		
7. I learn from talking to other people.		
8. I like someone to show me first and then I try doing it myself.		
9. I prefer to learn how something works by taking it apart and then putting it back together.		
10. I always read the instructions.		
11. I like physical activity. I learn things by doing them.		
12. I understand new ideas best by looking at diagrams and drawings.		

**B. How do you learn? Look at your answers above and tick the ways you learn.**

By listening

By reading

By doing

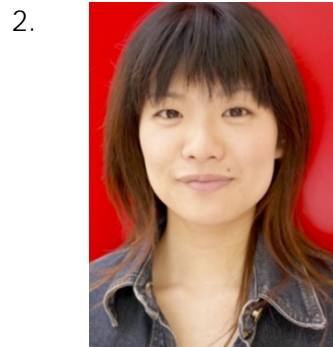
By talking

## Worksheet 3: Ways of learning English

A. Listen to these people talk about the ways they learn English.  
What strategies do they talk about? Tick the ones you hear.



- study partner
- grammar
- self-testing
- grouping vocabulary



- translating
- study partner
- speaking practice
- pronunciation



- grammar
- making mistakes
- listening
- translating



- study partner
- listening for meaning
- grammar
- pronunciation

B. How do you learn English? What strategies do you use?

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## Worksheet 4: Problems with English

A. Listen to Shan talk about her problems with English.  
Write the difficulties she has and the reasons for them.



What difficulties does Shan have with English?

**Difficulties**

**Reasons**

Speaking with others

Nervous


B. Write the difficulties you have with English and the reasons for them.

What difficulties do you have with English?

**Difficulties**

**Reasons**
