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BETTER WAYS FOR LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

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Knowledge of a foreign language often becomes one of the conditions for climbing the career ladder, moreover, it expands your horizons and knowledge circle, allows you to travel with confidence. Sometimes being fluent in a language becomes a good source of income. And this is by no means an exhaustive list of advantages and opportunities. However, for many people, knowing how to learn a foreign language and start speaking it is still difficult. It seems to be a very complicated and long process, in terms of complexity it's more like higher math, since in school, it seems that you have to learn grammar first for a long time, then develop vocabulary, memorize a large amount of new words every day, and only then try to speak. And the question of whether it is possible to learn a foreign language at home seems meaningless. As a result, most school graduates can only read and translate texts in dictionaries, proficiency in the language is often undisputed.

Although anyone can learn a foreign language, regardless of age, social status and education level. The main thing is to find your own way of learning, which will make the learning process as comfortable and easy as possible for you. There is no particular gene that will make mastering a language easier, but if you use at least one consistent way to learn a foreign language quickly, you will definitely achieve your goal. In the meantime, I would like to point out the main mistakes we make when learning a foreign language

Major mistakes in language learning

- Focus on reading and grammar
- lack of listening
- Learn useless words

All our lives we have heard - to learn a language – “you have to come and live in a country that speaks that language, there is no other way”, “you have to be in a language environment for a long time”, it is impossible to study perfectly in Kazakhstan”

The linguistic environment is when we are surrounded by language studied in all aspects of life. Every day we hear it, see it, use it, we really have nowhere to go from it. As a result, our brain is trained to process, assimilate and understand it

much faster. But being in one language environment doesn't necessarily mean being in another [1].

1. FOCUS ON READING AND GRAMMAR

Our education system has taught us to focus 90% on reading and grammar. For this reason, we hardly open our mouths when learning a language, or for some reason we do so once we have reached “a higher or lower level”, in the opinion of us. This is a huge mistake. Each of us learns to read and write perfectly, but when we have to say the simplest sentences, we get lost, forget all the words and the grammar is confused in our heads.

2. LACK OF LISTENING

Why is listening so important to:

- UNDERSTAND NATIVE SPEAKERS

If you regularly practice listening to the language you are learning, you will no longer have trouble grasping the tempo and pronunciation of any given speech. Everyone knows the situation when we fully understand the teacher or other students, then we are told a simple sentence, but quickly and with a native accent, and nothing is obvious.

- LACK OF EMPHASIS

If you listen a lot and ideally repeat yourself to a native speaker, then you will learn the pronunciation of that language. This allows you to correctly pronounce the simplest phrases and words right from the start. Then, the more deeply you learn the language, the more this skill will be strengthened and you will eventually speak without stress.

- MEMORIZE WORDS MUCH FASTER

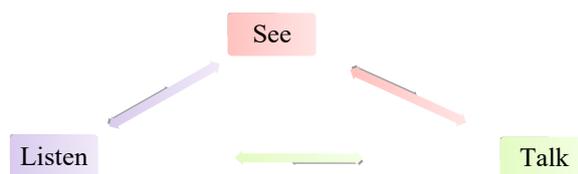
If you hear the same word over and over again, you will subconsciously memorize it before you look it up in the dictionary. And since most people often repeat the most used words in life, they are the most necessary words. Listening allows words to become ingrained in memory, and when you come across it later in the translation process, your brain picks up on it very quickly and may even remember in what context you heard it [2].

- LEARN USELESS WORDS

This is one of the most painful topics! In every textbook, in a rectangle of vocabulary words, we began to notice completely useless, overly complicated words. Think about it, very often we are forced to learn a bunch of words (for some kind of dialogue there) that neither you nor I would use in everyday speech. Yes, you will probably need a few words to expand your vocabulary or to talk about more limited topics in the future. However, to confidently master the language from its own foundation, these words become obstacles that clog the memory with useless things that remain unused and create chaos in the head.

And now, let's move on to a new effective way to learn a foreign language when you finally start speaking and understanding.

3 keys to success (or how to create an artificial language environment)



We repeat once again that we are not saying that grammar, reading and writing are unnecessary. No way! They are essential, but you cannot limit yourself to these (and limit yourself only to speaking and listening), because the language understands much more than that.

- 1. LISTEN

Active listening also means paying attention to pronunciation and speed of speech. As mentioned, listening is great for training not only native speakers' understanding and rhythm of speech, but also for acquiring pronunciation to improve your own speech. When you pay attention to the sound, intonation (because in different languages, the intonation is different throughout the sentence), softness and hardness, you will easily get rid of the stress and speak correctly in your conversation.

Remember that the process of watching videos should always be comfortable and fun, it just requires a certain level of awareness.

- 2. SEE

There's a reason I've drawn my own "wait" criteria. Of course, listening out of video is great, a bit like podcasts, once you've got a really good level of the language, but if you haven't reached that level yet, the visuals are very powerful. many things. In addition, besides the power of association, video also provides a lot of context in which you hear the word being spoken. By looking at what the hero/person is doing, the way they are gesturing, what emotions they are having, it is much easier to remember certain words because they exist in context and have a backup. intuitive. In addition, videos help to understand in what context and with what emotion certain words are used. This gives the idea that the same word can be used in different ways.

- 3. TALK

The conversation part is considered the most difficult because it requires talking to someone. But there is a way out! This method of training includes the fact that a person can practice speaking alone without anyone [3].

Yes, it may not look very nice, but it works. You can talk to each other in many ways:

1. Express your actions or thoughts out loud, for example:

"I'm going to eat now", "I want to rest", "I need to call a friend", etc. It makes you think, memorize words, grammar, and speak out loud.

2. Describe objects around you. Whether it's the table, the chair, the dog, etc. It also allows you to train your memory, your speaking, and more often, enter your phone dictionary and find a translation if you don't know or can't remember a word.

3. Recreate and invent some situations. You can create some dialogue yourself where it looks like you're talking to someone and start playing them out loud.

The best part is that you can incorporate it into your life, just integrate it into any of your actions. We go to heat up the food, you say, “Now I’m going to have pizza,” and so on [4].

We hope the article has helped you clear all your doubts and decide on ways to master the language that make learning not only more effective, but also extremely enjoyable. Thanks for your attention!

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