

DIFFICULTIES STUDENTS FACE WHEN LEARNING ENGLISH

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Annotation: This article analyzes the main problems students encounter while learning English. Actually, it highlights issues such as limited vocabulary, complexities in grasping grammatical rules, and a lack of confidence in developing listening and speaking skills. Furthermore, the lack of comprehensive practical experience and psychological factors - most notably the fear of making mistakes - are examined as significant barriers. The article also proposes effective methods to overcome these obstacles. Ultimately, it emphasizes that through consistent practice and the right approach, successful English language acquisition is achievable.

Kalit soʻzlar: grasping grammar rules, speaking, listening, vocabulary skills

Аннотация: В этой статье анализируются основные проблемы, с которыми сталкиваются студенты при изучении английского языка. В частности, рассматриваются такие вопросы, как ограниченный словарный запас, сложности с усвоением грамматических правил и недостаток уверенности в развитии навыков аудирования и говорения. Кроме того, изучается отсутствие полноценной практической деятельности и психологические факторы — прежде всего страх совершить ошибку — как значительные препятствия. В статье также предлагаются эффективные методы преодоления этих трудностей. В конечном счёте

подчеркивается, что при систематической практике и правильном подходе успешное овладение английским языком достижимо.

Ключевые слова: усвоение грамматических правил, говорение, аудирование, словарные навыки

English has experienced unprecedented expansion across the world. Today, more than 1.5 billion people speak it, making it the most widely studied second language worldwide. Many students study it to improve their education, career opportunities, and communication skills. However, despite its importance, learners often face various challenges during the learning process. Learning grammar is one of the most challenging aspects of mastering English. Many students struggle because grammar involves numerous rules, exceptions, and patterns that are not always easy to understand or apply. For instance, English has many tenses (present, past, perfect, continuous), and learners may not clearly understand when to use each one. Also use of articles and prepositions words like a, an, the and prepositions such as in, on, at are small but very tricky because their usage depends on context. So something that students can see in spoken grammar, they cannot see in written grammar. Why, you might ask? Well, just because spoken language is more about deducing something from the context, whereas in written English they can't see something behind what is written.

Students who do not regularly engage with English content-such as movies, podcasts, songs or books containing new vocabulary who do not memorize vocabulary or use them on a daily basis tend to have a small vocabulary. As a result, they often face different challenges in learning English. This is because in English, most words have several synonyms, and their meanings can change depending on the context in which they are used. Many students experience a lack of self-confidence when speaking English. A lack of confidence often hinders students' oral communication skills and limits their participation in practical exercises. Research indicates that, despite knowing grammar and vocabulary, students avoid participating in speaking activities due to fear.

The main causes of a lack of self-confidence are as follows: firstly, fear of making mistakes. Students may think, “If I make a mistake, I will look foolish or everyone will laugh at me,” which prevents them from expressing their ideas freely. Secondly, shyness and anxiety also interfere with the speaking process, as students fear being evaluated in front of the teacher. Thirdly, insufficient practice lowers self-confidence; a student who has not practiced speaking often becomes hesitant or pauses frequently.

To learn English efficiently and reduce common difficulties, students should focus on consistent practice and the right tools. For mastering grammar, breaking rules into small sections and practicing them regularly is key. Apps like Grammarly, Khan Academy, and Perfect English Grammar provide explanations, exercises, and corrections to make learning easier. Expanding vocabulary can be achieved by learning new words daily and using them in context, with the help of interactive tools such as Duolingo, Memrise, and Quizlet. To build confidence in speaking, students should engage in regular conversations through platforms like Cambly, HelloTalk, and Speaky, where they can practice with native speakers or other learners. By combining these methods, learners can improve grammar, vocabulary, and speaking skills simultaneously, making English learning more effective and enjoyable.

Learning English can be challenging due to difficulty in complex grammar, small vocabulary and lack of confidence. However, with regular practice, patience, and consistent effort, students can overcome these challenges. By focusing on gradual improvement and actively using the language in reading, writing, listening, and speaking, learners can achieve success and enjoy the process of mastering English.

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