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■ In negative sentences that express comparison with *by* + gerund and *but*, *not* comes before *by*: A good way to improve your accent is **not by watching** TV **but by talking** to native speakers. In negative sentences with *by* that give advice without a comparison, *not* comes after *by*: A good way to improve your accent is **by not imitating** non-native speakers.

Combine the two ideas into one sentence using *by* + gerund.

1. You can build your vocabulary. Write down new words and expressions.

One way to build your vocabulary is by writing down new words and expressions.

2. There is a good way to improve your accent. You can mimic native speakers.

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3. Students can improve their listening skills. They can listen to English-language podcasts.

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4. Hardworking students improve their grammar. They don't repeat common mistakes.

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5. You can become fluent. Don't translate everything. Try to think in English.

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6. You can become a good conversationalist. Don't just talk with others.

Talk to yourself when you're alone, too.
