2 Progress and aims

A Making progress



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When I started learning English, I was very **keen** and **motivated**, but I **found it difficult to** pronounce English words, and sometimes people couldn't understand me. **After a while** my pronunciation **got better,** and I was able to **express** basic ideas quite **effectively**. It was **obvious** that I was **improving,** and that was very **encouraging**. But at intermediate level, my progress **slowed down.** There were so many new words and phrases I didn't know. I think I **was** also more **aware of** my mistakes, which was good – but also **frustrating.**

GLOSSARY

keen	interested in sth and wanting to do it: *She's **keen** to learn.*
motivated	If you are **motivated (to do sth)**, you really want to do sth. **motivation** *n*
find it difficult to (do sth)	be difficult for sb (to do sth)
after a while	after a period of time
get better	become better SYN **improve** *v*, **improvement** *n*
express	say or show what you think or feel
effectively	in a way that gives you the result you want **effective** *adj*
obvious	easy to see and understand SYN **clear**; **obviously, clearly** *adv*
encouraging	If sth/sb is **encouraging,** they give you hope and make you want to continue. **encourage** *v*
slow down	start to go more slowly
be aware of sth	If you **are aware of sth**, you know about it.
frustrating	making you angry because you cannot be successful at sth you want to do **frustration** *n*

1 Is the pronunciation of the underlined sounds the same or different? Write *S* or *D*. Use the APP to help you. Practise saying the words.

▶ find / while S

1	effective / difficult	3	encourage / frustrating	5	better / obvious .....
2	slow down / improve	4	slow down / motivate	6	aware / after .....

2 Complete the sentences using the correct form of the word in capitals.

▶	It's frustrating when you can't understand.	FRUSTRATION
1	My dad was very	ENCOURAGE
2	I think my English is	IMPROVEMENT
3	He is ..... keen to do well.	OBVIOUS
4	She did the work very	EFFECTIVE
5	He doesn't have much	MOTIVATED
6	She is ..... very intelligent.	CLEAR

3 Complete the sentences with a word or phrase from the box.

aware	encouraging	slowing down	express	effective
keen	getting better	obviously ✓	difficult	while

ABOUT YOU

▶ Repeating words obviously helps me to remember them. .....

1 I worried about my mistakes, but after a ..... I stopped. .....

2 At first I made good progress, but now I'm ....

3 I'm not ..... of making mistakes when I speak, but I'm sure I make lots. .....

4 I think I can ..... things better now than I could a year ago. .....

5 I listen to songs in English. I think that's an ..... way to learn. .....

6 I find it very ..... to concentrate when I'm learning English. .....

7 I'm very ..... to read books in English; it will be good for me. .....

8 It's very ..... when people tell me my English is ....

4 ABOUT YOU Are the sentences in Exercise 3 true for you? Write your answers, or talk to another student.

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LIVEWORKSHEETS

B Future goals

What are your learning **goals**?

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VOCABULARY *I can understand most **native speakers** of English, but my vocabulary needs to **expand** so that I can understand a **wide range** of subjects, and express more **complex** ideas.*

SPEAKING *I'd like to be more **fluent** when I'm speaking, and be able to talk about things in more **detail**. And I need to get better at using language that is **suitable** for the situation.*

READING *I can understand general things, but to **achieve** my **aims** I need to be able to read texts that **are to do with** my work, and some of these **contain** quite difficult language.*

GLOSSARY

goal	sth you want to be able to do in the future SYN **aim**
native speaker	sb who speaks a language as their first language and has not learnt it as a foreign language. A **native** is a person who was born in a particular place: ***a native of** New York*
expand	become bigger or make sth bigger
a (wide) range (of sth)	a (large) number of different things
complex	having a lot of details that make sth difficult to understand
fluent	able to speak easily and well **fluently** *adv*
in detail	fully and including a lot of information
suitable	right for sth or sb OPP **unsuitable**
achieve	do or finish sth well after trying hard **achievement** *n*
be to do with sth/sb	be connected with sth/sb

SPOTLIGHT *contain and include*

Contain and **include** can have the same meaning.

- *The dictionary **contains/includes** lots of important information.*

Sometimes we can only use one of the verbs.

- *The box **contains** books.* (= There are books inside the box.)
- *The price of the book **includes** the app.* (= The app is one part of the price.)

5 **Replace the underlined word(s) with a word or words with a similar meaning. Be careful with tenses.**

▶ It was a success and he did well. — an achievement

1 I speak Russian very well. — .....
2 The text contains lots of new words. — .....
3 It isn't connected to my work. — .....
4 The story is difficult to understand. — .....
5 He described it with lots of information. — .....
6 That word isn't really right here. — .....
7 My goal is to get to university. — .....
8 The business got bigger. — .....
9 He studies a lot of different subjects. — .....

6 **Complete the dialogues with a suitable word.**

▶ Did you explain it fully? ~ Yes, I described it in detail.

1 Are you planning to study English at university? ~ Yes, that's my .....
2 It wasn't the right thing to say. ~ No, I agree, it was .....
3 Is your English teacher from Spain? ~ No, she's British. She's a ..... speaker of English.
4 Was that English book useful? ~ Yes, it ..... lots of new words.
5 Is her vocabulary getting bigger? ~ Yes, it's definitely .....
6 Is the English course expensive? ~ Yes, but the price ..... all the books you need.
7 Can you do English at an evening college? ~ Yes, there's a wide ..... of courses.
8 Has she done well? ~ Yes, she has ..... everything she wanted to do.
9 Is English important for Joe? ~ Yes, it's to ..... with his job. He needs to speak English.
10 Does Marta speak English well now? ~ Yes, she's a very ..... speaker.

7 ABOUT YOU **Write down your learning goals, or talk to another student.**

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