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LearnEnglish

Reading: A2

Study skills tips

Read the study skills tips to practise and improve your reading skills. You'll learn some great study tips at the same time!

Before reading

Do the preparation task first. Then read the text and do the exercises.

Preparation task

Write the words in the correct box.

progress	extra practice		group activities
mistakes	your homework	notes	a list

Make	Do

Reading text: Study skills tips

Many studies about language learning ask the question: What makes a good language learner? There are some things that good language learners do and some things they don't do. Here are some of the most useful suggestions from studies.

- Don't be afraid of making mistakes. People often get things wrong. Good language learners notice their mistakes and learn from them.
- Do group activities. People use language to communicate with other people. A good language learner always looks for opportunities to talk with other students.
- Make notes during every class. Notes help you to remember new language. Look at your notes when you do your homework.
- Use a dictionary. Good language learners often use dictionaries to check the meaning of words they don't know. They also make their own vocabulary lists.

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- Think in the language you're learning outside the classroom. When you're shopping or walking down the street, remember useful words and phrases. Sometimes, when you're at home, say new words to practise your pronunciation.
- Do extra practice. Test and improve your language, reading and listening skills with self-study material. You can find a lot of this online.
- Imagine yourself speaking in the language. Many good language learners can see and hear themselves speaking in the language. This helps their motivation.
- Enjoy the process. Good language learners have fun with the language. Watch a TV series or film, listen to songs, play video games or read a book. It's never too late to become a good language learner.

Tasks

Task 1

According to the text, are the sentences true or false?

		Answer	
1.	Good language learners don't make mistakes.	True	False
2.	It's a good idea to talk with other students.	True	False
3.	Take notes only before an exam.	True	False
4.	Good language learners write down the words and expressions they learn.	True	False
5.	Think of language you know when you are outside the classroom.	True	False
6.	Don't take tests outside of class – it's very stressful.	True	False

Task 2

Write the noun forms of the verbs. For example, 'imagination' is the noun form of the verb 'imagine'.

1. learn .....
2. suggest .....
3. communicate .....
4. mean .....
5. pronounce .....
6. motivate .....

Discussion

What other tips do you have for learning a new language?

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