THE SPECIFICITY AND COMPLEXITY OF THE PROCESS OF LEARNING ENGLISH

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Abstract: This article discusses the specificity and complexity of the process of learning English. Methodological assistance and recommendations were provided to English language learners.

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In the process of studying a foreign language or other field of knowledge, we find that certain material is given to us easily, but problems arise with understanding another. Therefore, we try, whenever possible, to study what the soul lies with or what is closer to us. This is why we sometimes divide people into "technicians" and "humanities". The former costs nothing to master technical disciplines, while the latter lend themselves only to the humanities. However, whichever group you belong to, you may still need English. This means that you will have to cope with the difficulties of the English language too. What do we mean?

While learning English, we may encounter certain situations that are obstacles in the learning process. These are the difficulties of the English language that we must overcome in any way if we want to master the language reasonably well. The first is pronunciation. Achieving perfect pronunciation, similar to that of a native speaker, can only be achieved through years of conversational practice. This is if you can get rid of the accent. It is very good to practice pronunciation in any English-speaking country.

Another difficulty with English is listening to English. The fact is that in a conversation, native speakers do not always use full forms of words, the necessary grammatical structures or features. Their speech is by no means slow and fluid, but fast and abrupt. Add an accent to this list and you get an explosive mixture, hearing which many succumb to panic. Do not get lost, practicing listening, speaking with native speakers, noting the peculiarities of pronunciation, you can achieve good effects in the understanding of English spoken language.

Grammar, in the opinion of many people, is generally one continuous difficulty in the English language. Although, in fact, everything is not so bad there. Of course, it is quite difficult for a Russian person to understand the system of English tenses, which are represented by 16 forms, but if you understand it well, it will lose its status of “difficulty of the English language”. Of the grammatical concepts, I would also like to single out articles (of which we do not have at all), modal and phrasal verbs. Everything else, even complex grammatical constructions, is within the limits of our understanding with great desire.

We also write down our inability, inability or unwillingness to think in English in the difficulty of the English language, so that later we can speak this language. Of course, thinking in your native language is better, and it is also easier to search for correspondences and translations from Russian, only as a result it will not sound in English at all. Try to think in the language you are learning and over time all your difficulties will disappear.

And finally, I would like to give some advice. If you are faced with a difficulty that seems insurmountable, do not give up. You can always contact a tutor or take a few lessons of English via Skype, which will help you to step over the barrier that has arisen and move on.

Independent work is an important aspect in learning English. Even if you are studying with a teacher, you still
need to delve into every topic and all the subtleties of the language yourself. It is impossible to understand and learn everything in the lesson, after it you need to do your homework in English, look at the topic yourself to consolidate it. The importance of self-study in the process of mastering a language can hardly be overestimated.

But, unfortunately, not everyone can afford to take paid language courses or with an individual teacher. Then independent study of the English language comes to the rescue.

Among the main advantages, we highlight the following:

- It is cheap. You can buy or download a book, podcast for free and avoid additional costs.
- Freedom of learning without restrictions.
- Ability to study at the desired time and at your own pace.
- Developing a sense of responsibility.
- No criticism.

But as always, there is always a fly in the ointment in everything good:

- Laziness. Sometimes it is very difficult to force yourself to sit down and start learning the language.
- Boredom. If you love communication, it will be difficult for you to learn English on your own.
- Managing your time. Not everyone has time management skills, so there is a danger of losing the pace of learning.
- Lack of feedback. When you study on your own, no one can help you with grammar and pronunciation. You are responsible for the quality of the training yourself.

When you learn a language on your own, it is very easy to get lost in the sea of resources available today. Of course, you can listen to and watch programs in English (for example, on the BBC or CNN) or work from a textbook. But where can you find English if you don’t live in a country in which it is the state language? You just need to look around carefully. English is everywhere around us.

Films or short videos in English are now available to everyone. If you are watching movies with subtitles, try to look away from them or just close your eyes from time to time. Do you understand what you are hearing? Of course, at first it will be difficult to understand speech by ear, but if you perform such exercises regularly, then the result will pleasantly surprise you.

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