



# Let's talk about **LEARNING ENGLISH**



## Conversation cards

How long have you been learning English? How long will you keep learning?	Why are you learning English? Explain.	How often do you use English outside of the classroom? Do you think this is enough? How could you practice more?
What do you find difficult when learning English? Discuss.	According to you, which is the most important: grammar or vocabulary? Explain why and share ideas.	What (or who) motivates you to learn English? Compare with others.
What kind of classroom activities do you like most? Make a list.	How do you memorize new vocabulary or grammar rules? Discuss in group and report to the class.	What could a teacher do to make lessons more interesting? Give suggestions.
Is it more important to speak <b>fluently</b> (= without pauses or thinking) or <b>accurately</b> (= without making mistakes)? Why?	Do you think homework is useful or just a waste of time? What kind of homework do you prefer?	Are dictionaries allowed during exams? If not, should they be allowed? Explain why.
What can you do to improve your English? Work in group and make a list of ideas.	How long does it take to become <b>proficient</b> in English? (= really good at) Compare your idea with others.	Do you prefer teachers who speak English only or teachers who sometimes use your language? What is best?
What do you think about your course book? Say what you like and don't like about it.	Have you ever been to an English speaking country or talked to a foreigner in English? Describe your experience.	'Learning English is a complete waste of time. I'll never use it later anyway.' Do you agree?

### What are the qualities of a good teacher?

computer-literate	handsome/pretty	
creative	patient	
friendly	resourceful	
funny	sensitive	
good listener	slow speaker	
good with technology	strict	
helpful	sympathetic	
modern	well-educated	
motivating		
objective		
open-minded		
organized		

- Add your own ideas.
- Tick maximum three boxes.
- Make a whole-class top-5.

### Quotes to discuss

- Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere.  
~ Chinese Proverb
- Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty.  
~ Henry Ford
- I hear, and I forget. I see, and I remember. I do, and I understand.  
~ Chinese Proverb
- Teachers open the door, but you must enter by yourself.  
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