

How to learn English more effectively

**A way to accumulate vocabulary
that works very well.**



A key process in
learning a language is:

HOW YOU ACQUIRE VOCABULARY

The more words you understand in English, the better
you'll read, listen, write and speak in English.

“Your brain loves context.”

Different strategies for learning new vocabulary:

Making LISTS

You have the words in English in one column and the meaning in your language in the other column.

THIS SIMPLY DOESN'T WORK!

- ✘ Lists are usually too long and the words are weakly related to each other.
- ✘ A list of words does not provide any context for your brain.

Learn phrases instead of just words.

“A man studies English at the park.”

Here we immediately get some context.

It's easy to imagine a situation when we see the phrase because something is happening. The more vivid the image is, the better you will learn.

Your brain loves context.

With this approach, there are multiple advantages:

✓ **You can learn faster.**

You are learning several words per sentence, not only one.

✓ **You can learn the correct word order from the beginning.**

By studying phrases you always see the natural position of each word.

✓ **You can subconsciously learn grammar.**

The verbs are always in the correct form, according to the rest of the sentence.

A better approach for learning vocabulary:

Learn through stories.

- ✓ **Stories provide a much richer context, because many things are going on in the story.**
- ✓ **This way your brain can learn English in a more subconscious, natural and deeper way, making it easier to write and speak in English.**

You remember what I said before, right?

“Your brain loves context.”



An example from
my **Fluency** Course:



Unit 14 – Trip to New York II

Transcript

INITIAL TEXT

(Introduction)

Hi! Welcome to the initial text of the unit The Trip to New York II. Here Mark's story continues.

Let's start.

Hi! I am Mark, the writer. The writer of romantic novels. Some of my books are "Love yes, money as well", "Leave me alone" or the best-seller "The love machine."

Last year I visited New York. I spent a few days in that wonderful city. My hotel was very close to the Central Park, the largest and most important public park in Manhattan.

The day after I arrived, I started walking down the streets of New York. I was eager to see the Empire State Building which is probably New York's best-known building.

Later that same day I found myself in the heart of the Times Square, New York's liveliest square and known for its numerous movie theaters, and big Broadway billboards.

It's a short story.

Easy sentences, rich context.

RULE #1.

ALWAYS LEARN

VOCABULARY IN CONTEXT!

It's **very effective** to study **texts**, like **stories**.

They provide the richest context possible.

**That is very important for automating your
English and finally being able to speak
without translating in your mind.**



Today we've seen
how to accumulate vocabulary.

Tomorrow I'll talk about a **very useful technique**
for mastering English grammar, which is one of
the most difficult problems for an English student.