

Learning Languages

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Can you add more?

Bad Learners Characteristics

- Passive and Resistant
- Lack of Motivation and Interest
- Fearful of Failure and Mistakes
- Unorganized and Disorganized
- Lacking Curiosity and Initiative
- Difficult to Motivate



Good Learners Characteristics

- Curiosity and Open-Mindedness
- Growth Mindset
- Proactive and Self-Directed
- Persistence and Resilience
- Focus and Concentration
- Effective Study Habits
- Self-Reflection
- Motivation and Engagement
- Embrace Challenges





Are you a good learner?

Which skill do you want to learn? Why?

Graphic
design

Rock
climbing

Fashion
design

Flower
arrange-
ment

Hair
dressing

Knitting
and
crocheting

Public
speaking

Jewelry
making

Chef
training

Coding

Martial
art

DIY
skills

Gardening

WILL

Instant Decision

- I'm thirsty. I think I **will** buy a drink.

Offer

- That looks heavy. I **will** help you with it.

Promise

- Don't worry, I **won't** tell anyone.

Threat

- If you don't stop, I **will** tell your mother.

Refusal

won't = will not

- She **won't** listen to anything I say.

GOING TO

Prior Plan

= The decision was made before the moment of speaking.

- They're **going to** get married next year.

Evidence / Signs

= When there are signs that something is likely to happen.

- I don't feel well. I think I am

going to throw up.

- It's 70-0. They're **going to** win.

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You can use both **Will** and **Going to** for making predictions.

- I think it **will** rain tomorrow. = - I think it is **going to** rain tomorrow.

COMPARE: Are you busy this evening?

- I haven't made any plans.

I think I **will** probably watch TV.

I'm probably **going to** watch TV.

OR

- Yes, I'm **going to** visit my parents.

Only **Going to** is possible because this is a prior plan.

Will and **going to** are both possible here. We are "predicting" what will happen because nothing is planned.

In spoken English **Going to** is often pronounced as "**gonna**"

Phrasal Verbs

Hobbies

● to take up

to start doing something regularly as a habit, job, or interest

I was really enjoying taking photos and decided to take up photography as a hobby.

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● to sign up

to enrol or register for sth

Only ten students signed for the debating society last year.

● to get into something

to become interested in something

Many people decide to take the step to get into running each year.

● to keep up

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to continue the action that we've started

I find it difficult to keep up going to the gym.

● to back out

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to lose your interest, to move backwards

Running wasn't for me so I decided to back out.



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Asking for an Opinion or Explanation

- Could you explain to me...?
- Are you saying that...?
- Could you tell me...?
- May I ask you...?
- What's your opinion about...?
- What do you think about it?
- How do you feel about...?
- Do you agree with me?
- Do you know/see what I mean?
- Don't you think that...?
- Is it in fact the case that...?



- I beg your pardon?
- Just tell me the reason why?
- Could someone please tell me ...?
- Do you have an idea...?
- Is it right what I've done?
- I just don't see why...?
- Do you think...?
- Are you aware of...?
- Would you support the view that...?
- What's your take on...?

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Good Language
STUDENTS

VS.

Good Language
LEARNERS



Study a lot

Little speaking practice

Learn from books

**Spend most time with each
other**

Worry about exams

**Speak the language
at school**

Make studying a commitment

Focus on the rules

Study in their comfort zone

Stop studying after exams

Learn a lot

A lot of speaking practice

Learn from people

**Spend time with native
speakers**

Don't care about exams

**Speak the language in the
real world**

Learn naturally

Focus on communication

Leave their comfort zone

Never stop learning

A Reflective Journal

- A reflective journal is a personal record of experiences and thoughts, used for self-reflection and learning.
- It involves documenting events, feelings, and insights, and then analyzing them to understand their impact and meaning.
- This process helps in personal growth, problem-solving, and aligning future actions with values.
- To write a reflective journal, start by describing the experience or situation you want to reflect on. Then, analyze what happened, how you felt, and the significance of the event. Finally, consider what you learned and how it will influence your future actions or thinking.



Learning at Leisure



- Read a passage on “Xenoglossophobia”.
- Read the reflective article of a person on his language learning journey.
- Listen to someone talking about learning languages.
- Write a reflective journal on “**your English language learning journey**” (100 – 150 words).
 - Personal experience – challenges as well as achievements
 - Your goal and your efforts to reach there
 - Use the language learnt from the reading and listening on learning language.





*"To have another language
is to possess a second soul."*

- Charlemagne

