



## *English by the sea ... for adults and juniors*

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### **How To Study English!**

**Here are some ideas to help you use your time effectively.**

#### **Speak without Fear**

Don't be shy! Don't worry that you won't say things correctly or that you will look stupid so you don't talk at all. Don't do this. The fastest way to learn anything is to do it – again and again until you get it right. Like anything, **learning English requires practice**. Don't let a little fear stop you from getting what you want.

#### **Use all of your Resources**

Remember that you are learning all the time – not just in the classroom. Using as many different sources, methods and tools as possible, will allow you to learn faster. There are many different ways you can improve your English. There are lots of learning apps we can recommend, please speak to your teacher while you are here and they will be happy to help you.

#### **Get the right equipment**

Make sure you have some different coloured pens, a highlighter pen, a file or note pad. I recommend you take notes in class in one book (a 'rough book') and then copy your notes up in the evening. This will help you to organize your ideas and help you remember the new language.

#### **Surround Yourself with English**

The absolute best way to learn English is to surround yourself with it. Take notes in English, put English books around your room, listen to English language radio broadcasts, watch English news, movies and television. Speak English with your friends whenever you can. The more English material that you have around you, the faster you will learn and the more likely it is that you will begin "thinking in English."

#### **Write a Diary**

Writing your personal thoughts down in English not only helps you practice writing but it also provides you with a wonderful daily memory of your time in Margate! It only needs to be about 300-500 words a day. This can be an opportunity to talk about the things you did during the day and what you were feeling.

#### **Watch English Films and Television**

This is an effective and fun way to practice your listening skills. By watching English films or TV series (especially those with **English** subtitles) you can expand your vocabulary and hear the flow of speech from the actors. If you listen to the news you can also hear different accents. I recommend you watch films that you have seen in your own language, or films where you have already read the book.

#### **Record Yourself**

Nobody likes to hear their own voice, but if you record yourself speaking you will be able to hear your progress.



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### **Listen to English**

By this, we mean, speak on the phone or listen to radio, audiobooks or podcasts in English. This is different than watching the television or films because you can't see the person that is speaking to you. Many learners of English say that speaking on the phone is one of the most difficult things that they do and the only way to improve is to practice.

### **Finally**

Enjoy!