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Polyglof

a person who knows and is able to use several languages.



Hyperpolyslof

The hyperpolyglot is someone who is both a gifted and massive language accumulator. They possess a particular neurology that's well-suited for learning languages very quickly and being able to use them

The Language Learning Process

The 6 Stages of Language Learning

- Introduction
- Recognition
- Familiarization
- Proficiency
- Deeper Proficiency
- Mastery



How children learn a language

If you're not exposed to a language, you never learn to speak it



The keys to language acquisition

- Observing (statistical learning)
- Repetition
- Social interaction (use it or lose it)
 - https://www.washington.edu/news/2003/07/14/social-interaction-plays-key-role-in-how-infants-learn-language-studies-show/



The sponge vs. the cup

• Babies are like sponges but adults are like cups





Learn your second language LIKE a baby

- You already speak one language fluently
- Don't be afraid to make mistakes
- Recognize and accept brain plasticity
- Dedicate time to your language learning

• Stay Motivated: learning a language is like any other skill.



• Make it a habit: Allocate some time to English every day.



 Observe native speakers, identify patterns in the language (statistical learning) and then test those patterns through interaction.



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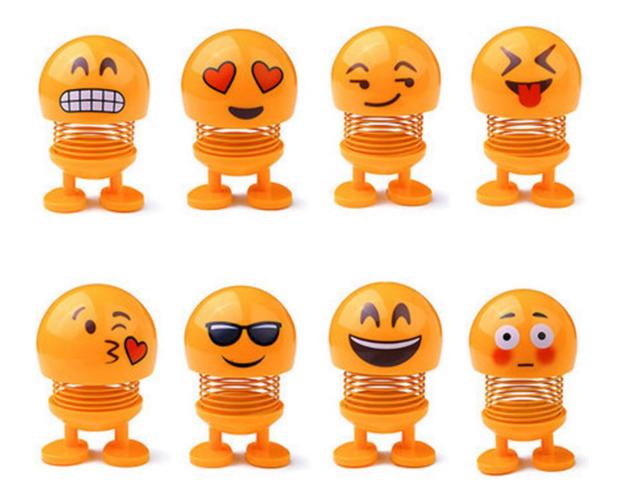
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https://emojipedia.org





spring head emoji dolls

- ✓I don't enjoy eating spicy food.
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Keep a journal



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Proficiency and Fluency



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- Do I think in the target language or do I translate?
- How fast can I understand the target language?
- How much do I have to think before I can respond?
- How fast can I speak?

Common Mistakes



Common mistakes

- Subject verb agreement
- Gender
- Verb tenses
- Conditional sentences
- Improper usage
- Prepositions

Subject verb agreement

- A singular subject (she, Bill, car) takes a singular verb (is, goes, shines), whereas a plural subject takes a plural verb.
 - The President is giving a speech
 - Horses <u>neigh</u> when they run.
- When the subject of the sentence is composed of two or more nouns or pronouns connected by and, use a plural verb.
 - The President and the Vice President are travelling overseas.
- When two or more singular nouns or pronouns are connected by or or nor, use a singular verb.
 - The chairperson or the CEO <u>approves</u> the proposal before proceeding.
 - Neither the husband nor the wife <u>loves</u> the new house.

Subject verb agreement

- The words each, each one, either, neither, everyone, everybody, anyone, anybody, nobody, somebody, someone, and no one are singular and require a singular verb.
 - No one knows what to do if a nuclear war begin.
- Sometimes the subject is separated from the verb by such words as along with, as well as, besides, not, etc. These words and phrases are not part of the subject. Ignore them and use a singular verb when the subject is singular.
 - The politician, along with the newsmen, is expected to arrive shortly.
 - The student, as well as the committee members, is excited.

https://grammar.yourdictionary.com/sentences/20-rules-of-subject-verbagreement.html

Gender

- he/him/his/his
- she/her/hers

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- he/him/his/his
- she/her/hers
- they/them/their/theirs
 - ✓ One of your employees lied to me. They should be fired.
 - √The whistleblower's identity must remain unknown for fear of their safety.

English Verb Tenses	PAST	PRESENT	FUTURE
SIMPLE	I did my homework.	I do my homework.	I will do my homework
CONTINUOUS	nwas doing my homework.	ı am doing my homework.	my homework.
PERFECT SIMPLE	ı had done my homework.	n have done my homework.	ı will have done my homework.
PERFECT CONTINUOUS	had been doing my homework.	have been doing my homework.	will have been doing my homework.

https://7esl.com/verb-tenses/

Conditional sentences

- Zero conditional
 - If you eat a lot, you gain weight.
- First conditional
 - If you exercise, you will lose weight.
- Second conditional
 - If you saved money, you would be rich.
- Third conditional
 - If you had saved money, you would have been rich.

https://www.grammarly.com/blog/conditional-sentences/

Improper usage

- advice vs. advise
 - I advised him to take a loan and he took my advice.
- effect vs. affect
 - Many people are affected by poverty.
 - Economic recession has many bad effects.
- reward vs. award
 - He received a Grammy Award for his exceptional singing.
 - His reward for his excellent sale performance was 10% more commission.
- everyday vs. every day
 - Every day, many people go to work before the sun rises.
 - You shouldn't wear an everyday outfit to the wedding.

https://www.inc.com/jeff-haden/75-incorrectly-used-words-that-can-make-you-look-dumb.html

Prepositions

- agree with vs. agree to
- made of vs. made from
- belong to vs. belong in



Where do I start?

- Take a placement test
 - https://www.mrmotarjem.ir/blogs/test-your-language-skills
- Have a course book as your guide
 - https://www.mrmotarjem.ir/blogs/english-self-study-book
 - https://www.mrmotarjem.ir/blogs/best-books-to-learn-english
- Have an app on your phone
 - https://www.mrmotarjem.ir/blogs/seven-apps-to-improve-english
- Keep a journal
 - https://www.mrmotarjem.ir/blogs/language-learning-diary-part1
 - https://www.mrmotarjem.ir/blogs/language-learning-diary-part2

If you're a beginner...

- Start with your listening
 - https://www.mrmotarjem.ir/blogs/how-to-understand-what-you-hear
- Read
- Write a few sentence every day
 - Try not to translate

If you're an intermediate learner...

- Go online and talk to people
- Socialize
 - https://www.mrmotarjem.ir/blogs/language-learning-social-network
- Listen to music
 - https://www.mrmotarjem.ir/blogs/improve-english-with-music
- Listen to podcasts
 - https://www.mrmotarjem.ir/blogs/language-podcasts
- Watch
 - https://www.mrmotarjem.ir/blogs/series-to-improve-english
- Read more
 - https://www.mrmotarjem.ir/blogs/nine-novels-to-improve-english

If you're an advanced learner ...

- Learn the colloquial language
- Learn the formal language esp. news broadcasts
- Work on your writing
 - https://www.mrmotarjem.ir/blogs/improve-english-writing
- Read even more

A special gift for you...



https://kutt.it/speaking-session