

## Learning English by Speaking English

Our classes teach English by having you speak English. Many schools teach reading and writing, but learning to speak English will help you learn it well and be able to use it well.

What will help you learn English?

1. Come to class every week. In class, you will be able to speak English many times and that will help you learn well.
2. Come to class on time. Come early if you can, and speak English with other students in the class.
3. Do your homework. It will help you remember what you learned.
4. Speak English at least once a day. Speak to your neighbor, someone at the store, or a family member. Do not be afraid to make mistakes. People understand that you are learning and are happy that you are speaking English with them.
5. Watch television at least 30 minutes each day. If you have questions, write them down and ask your teacher. Sometimes you will see very bad things on TV. Most Americans think those things are bad too. Do not think Americans are all like the people you see on TV.
6. Ask your teacher questions about English. Your teacher wants to help you and likes it when you ask questions. If you do not understand your teacher, please say so. Your teacher will want to take the time to be sure you understand.
7. Be patient with yourself. It takes time to learn a language, and English is a hard language to learn. If you come to class every week, and practice your English every day, you will learn so much in just one year. It will probably take you two to four years to be comfortable speaking English, and six to ten years to speak like an American. Every day you practice, you will be better!

We are so happy that you are coming to our classes to learn English. We welcome you and very much want to help you to learn to speak English well!