

WEEKLY ENGLISH PRACTICE

TIPS FOR LEARNING ENGLISH WITH A TV SERIES

Learning English through TV series can be a fun and effective way to improve your language skills. Here are some tips to make the most out of this approach.



1. Choose the Right Series

- Start with series that are not too complex in terms of language. Consider starting with **sitcoms** or shows with clear dialogue.
- Opt for series with English subtitles to help you understand the spoken language better.

2. Watch with Subtitles

- Initially, watch with subtitles in your native language. As you become more comfortable, switch to English subtitles, and eventually try watching without any subtitles.

3. Repeat and Pause

- Pause and rewind scenes to understand and catch specific words or phrases. Repetition is key to **reinforcing** your understanding.

- 4. Use Transcripts** - Some series have transcripts available online. Use them to **follow along** and understand the dialogue more **thoroughly**.

5. Take Notes

- **Jot down** new words or phrases you come across. Create a vocabulary list and review it regularly.

6. Imitate Pronunciation

- Mimic the pronunciation and intonation of the characters. Pay attention to the rhythm and stress in their speech.

7. Focus on Context

- Pay attention to how words and phrases are used in different contexts. This can deepen your understanding of their meanings and usage.

8. Discuss with Native Speakers

- Join online forums or discussion groups where you can talk about the series with native English speakers. This provides an opportunity to practice and receive feedback.

10. Diversify Genres

- Explore different genres to expose yourself to a variety of vocabulary and accents. This can help you adapt to different English-speaking environments.

12. Be Consistent:

- **Regularity** is crucial. Try to watch episodes **consistently**, even if it's just a short amount of time each day.

Remember, the key is to make the learning process enjoyable. Find TV series that genuinely interest you, and gradually you'll find yourself improving your English language skills.



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Word list

1. **Reinforcing** - Strengthening or supporting.
2. **Thoroughly** - In a comprehensive or detailed manner.
3. **Regularity** - Repeated action or pattern.
4. **Consistently** - Regularly and without variation.
5. **Sitcom** - A sitcom, or situational comedy, is a television genre that features a set of characters in a recurring environment dealing with humorous situations. The episodes are usually lighthearted and focus on everyday life.
6. **Follow Along**- To follow along means to go through or keep pace with something, such as understanding or following a conversation, text, or activity while it is happening.
7. **Jot Down** - To jot down means to quickly write or note something briefly. It often involves making short and informal notes or records.

Let's chat about that!

1. Do you think it's more helpful to use subtitles in your native language or in English?
2. Have you ever tried mimicking characters' speech patterns to enhance your language abilities?
3. Do you have a favourite TV series that you think would be good for language learners?
4. Do you prefer Sitcoms, Dramas, Science Fiction, Mysteries, Thrillers, Action/Adventure or Documentaries?
5. How often do you watch TV or Movies in English?

My Favourite TV series and Movies that I watched in 2023....

1. **The Detectorists** (TV 2014): A charming comedy series that revolves around the lives of two friends and amateur metal detector enthusiasts as they explore the English countryside in search of treasure.
2. **Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip** (TV 2006): A behind-the-scenes drama-comedy that follows the production team of a fictional sketch comedy show.
3. **Your Honor** (TV 2020): A gripping legal drama.
4. **The Offer** (TV 2022): drama series chronicling the making of "The Godfather" film and the challenges faced by its producer.
5. **Mare of Easttown** (TV 2021): A riveting crime drama.
6. **American Rust** (TV 2021): A thought-provoking drama series set in a struggling Rust Belt town.

1. **Saltburn** (Movie 2023) black comedy, psychological thriller about a student who becomes fixated with a popular and aristocratic student at his university, who later invites him to spend the summer at his eccentric family's estate.
2. **Killers of the Flower Moon** (Movie 2023) Based on true events, this crime drama explores the FBI's investigation into the Osage Indian murders during the 1920s, exposing a sinister conspiracy for wealth and power.
3. **The Wild Life** (Movie 1984) American coming-of-age comedy-drama film directed by Art Linson and written by Cameron Crowe. The film stars Chris Penn, Lea Thompson, Eric Stoltz, Rick Moranis, Hart Bochner, and Randy Quaid.
4. **The Wicker Man** (Movie 1974) A cult classic horror film centered around a police officer's investigation into the disappearance of a young girl on a secluded Scottish island, leading to a disturbing discovery of pagan rituals and ancient beliefs.