

THE CHALLENGE OF LEARNING ENGLISH

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English is a widely spoken language. In fact is sometime considered as the language of the world. It is so common that it is taught in most schools in countries all over the world but it presents many challenges for learners. Its irregularities and complexities make it difficult to master, especially for beginners. Here are some key reasons why English can be tough to learn:

Inconsistent Spelling and Pronunciation

Unlike languages like Spanish, English doesn't follow predictable spelling rules. Many words are spelled similarly but pronounced differently while some words are pronounced similarly but spelled differently, making it hard for learners to figure out pronunciation.

Irregular Verbs

English has a large number of irregular verbs that don't follow the typical "ed" rule for past tense, requiring learners to memorize different forms. It is difficult to memorize especially if a student is not well read and not familiar with it. Practice is the best way to be familiar with the transformations of irregular verbs.

Phrasal Verbs and Idioms

English is full of phrasal verbs (e.g., "pick up," "turn on") and idiomatic expressions (e.g., "kick the bucket"), which often don't make sense when translated literally. This is

another reason why exposure to and practice of the language is important in familiarization of English.

Order of Words and Syntax

English word order is relatively simple, but it can be tricky for learners, especially when forming questions or using adjectives, adverbs, and prepositions in the right places.

Influence of Other Languages

English borrows words from many languages, making its vocabulary diverse and harder to learn, as learners must understand subtle differences between words from various sources.

Complicated Tenses

English uses multiple tenses to express different times and actions, which can be difficult for learners to master, particularly when distinguishing between simple past, present perfect, and past perfect.

No Gendered Nouns

Unlike other languages, English doesn't use gendered nouns, but this can still confuse learners who must rely on word order and context for clarity.

Despite these challenges, with practice and patience, learners can overcome these obstacles and become fluent in English.

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