

# Report about learning foreign languages through the eyes of a young person

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How do you learn foreign languages? A few methods which you find are good. How would you like to learn foreign languages? A few tips! - Wie lernst du Fremdsprachen? Einige Methoden, die du gut findest! Wie möchtest du Fremdsprachen lernen? Einige Tipps! \*

Why do you learn English?

I study English because it is the most important international language. It is widely used for business communication, aviation, politics, medicine and a lot of other purposes. Modern music culture is almost exclusively in English and there are a lot of English-speaking films as well, so I can use my knowledge in various different ways from reading a blog on the net to talking to a foreigner who is asking for directions in the street.

Are you a good language learner?

I guess I am. I study English and German. They come easily to me and I have a constant feeling of success and achievement. I especially enjoy it when I am watching a film in the original and I can understand most of what is said without subtitles.

How will your knowledge of English be useful to you in the future?

I suppose the knowledge of English will always come in handy later in life, not just for communication but with the Internet there are certain articles that are only available in English. Furthermore, being able to write e-mails in English is absolutely necessary if you are working in commerce.

What do you do in English lessons?

I like English lessons because our teacher devotes a lot of attention to variety and interest. The lessons are rarely boring or routine-like, we always do some chatting at the beginning of the lesson to get tuned in and then we either read texts or listen to recordings, and do different comprehension check tasks. Of course, we do grammar exercises as well, but we also find them interesting because she always manages to present the material in a way that we ourselves figure out the rules of certain structures.

What sort of materials/teaching aids do you believe are helpful in the English lessons?

Modern technology offers a vast array of opportunities for language teachers to make their lessons more interesting and memorable for their students. Using the video or DVD is one extra support to the book material, also, computer-aided language learning is getting more and more popular. Interactive boards open new perspectives for both teachers and students in visualizing study material. Visualising in general helps language learners to acquire longer-lasting knowledge, therefore everything from the good old OHP to realia (real objects) is welcome in the language classroom.

Is the teaching of English efficient in Hungarian secondary schools?

I don't consider language teaching in Hungarian schools efficient enough. The biggest problem seems to be the high number of students in a group and the low number of lessons per week. Also, many schools have to cope with financial difficulties as they are given less and less money from the Ministry of Education. Therefore it is no wonder that they cannot afford to buy modern teaching aids when there is hardly enough money for chalk.

The future

In the future I would like to try some new methods, such as CLIL or the task based approach, where the focus is on the content and English is the language of communication and the task as well. I would like to focus on texts about biology or chemistry and history as I am interested in these subjects and I will need the specific vocabulary for my work.

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