



Skills for ESL Learning:

Checklist & Self-Assessment

Do you use these ways to learn & study English?

Listening

- listen for the general idea
- listen for important details
- listen for grammatical forms
- listen to tapes or radio programs about your personal interests
- check your progress with comprehension questions
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Reading

- read quickly for the general idea (skimming)
- read silently without moving your mouth
- read carefully for important details
- notice word order and grammatical patterns while reading
- find the most important words and highlight only these words
- read about your personal interests in English
- check your progress with comprehension questions
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Vocabulary

- repeat new words in speaking and writing
- gesture while repeating a new action verb
- list new words by topic
- read dictionary entries thoughtfully
- check dictionaries for all the meanings of a word
- check other similar-sounding or similarly-spelled words
- write hard-to-remember words on cards
- sort vocabulary cards into topics
- sort vocabulary cards alphabetically
- sort vocabulary cards by how well you know the words
- think about ways you can use a new word in your life
- make an example sentence with a new word
- speak or write your new words in real communication
- chart words by meanings – with similar and opposite meanings
- cut apart long compound words and identify prefixes, roots and suffixes
- study variant forms of prefixes, roots and suffixes
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