

# English, please!

You see things and say "Why?", but I dream things and say "Why not?"

George Bernard Shaw

According to the study EF EPI 2016, Russia ranks 34th (out of 72 countries) place on the level of English proficiency. This position is not honorary, though higher than last year's result by 5 points. The same test showed that St. Petersburg is not only cultural, but also linguistic capital, as residents of this city showed the highest results in the country. The winner of the rating called the Netherlands, rounded out the list of Iraq.

For reference:

*EFSET test is a standardized test that allows completely free to determine their level of English proficiency. Developed and opened to users in September 2014, the international educational center EF Education First.*

A little alarmed at the results of a global study, our English teachers decided to organise a brainstorming session and to invite the wider public rules of effective language learning. We do not claim to originality, and even flexibility, but talk about how they themselves have achieved success on the path from Elementary to Advanced.

## Proper motivation

Frame from movie "the Godfather"

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That was not for power it is insulting and itself not to fail, the first thing you need to understand why you need to learn the language. English for the sake of it, because mom once said, or inertia — since the first grade and all the way about "London is the capital"? Unfortunately (or fortunately), the desire to learn a language is to study abroad or move up the career ladder, too, may be insufficient motivation for a linguistic breakthrough.

"After College, teaching in English I have nothing to fear"

In language it is necessary to find an intangible value, a cause that will touch a nerve, something personal, perhaps even intimate. Without this special relationship, the temptation to forget, to score or to find a more important lesson sooner or later will prevail over the need to regularly learn. People who speak the language at a high level, such arguments may seem strange, but they are perfectly understandable to those who "learn" a language over the years, but the above Intermediate and failed to rise. Of course, willpower can work wonders, but will multiplied by the interest or even love, will not only achieve results, but also to get pleasure from your training.

One of the students TutorOnline memorable of our entire team amazing results over a sufficiently short period of training. His secret romantic feeling, the desire faster to leave to his beloved, who lived on another continent. This desire has motivated much stronger than new career opportunities on the mainland. Will fall, and foreign language will not be a problem for you. Fall in love in the country (its culture, architecture, nature, a pleasant climate, in the end), and in [math homework solve](#) some author whose works I want to read the original in the artist, composer and Director, whose works it is impossible to fully understand without knowing the language... besides, while in search of the object of affection, you will also expand your horizons, which is also very good.

## How important it is not to be serious. And a little about magic...

Leave the gun, bring cakes!

This quote from "the Godfather" (by the way, the movie is also much more interesting to watch in English) calls to change the warlike spirit, to relax and to indulge in reasonable hedonism. Learning a foreign language can bring incredible pleasure. Each new examined and passed through the phrase, a new idiomatic expression, new read and understood the text is able to give pleasure not less than the raspberry cupcakes (or any sweets you like?).

### It might be interesting:

Why are you leaving to teach English

Allow yourself to relax, not take yourself too seriously. Any educational process is stressful. Study exhausts. Without its share of humor and irony you miss the main thing: in language learning process much more interesting, richer and more valuable than the result. We all live in language, we think in language, realize his "I" through language, we are nothing without language (understood in a broader sense than a verbal torrent). However,

all these okoloilosofsky speculation, we have little concern, when we are busy with daily Affairs, because we take native language as a given.

When we learn a new language that is not our home, we can sink into its formal and semantic constructs is much deeper. Every word, phrase, idiom we have to pass through itself, trying to make friends with their semantics, assign them to make their own, learning to speak, giving some special emotions and connotations. It really is real magic, which today is becoming more automated and impersonal.

The next English class, try to find the wizard. Tenderly and gently contact with the word, and believe me, you will be rewarded. You will learn not only to understand the foreign language but also better understand themselves, open to those features, the existence of which may not even aware.

## **Say!**

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The most simple advice, which, perhaps, should have started. Say! Wherever it is appropriate and maybe even where you will be a weirdo. Without speech practice it is impossible to learn a foreign language. Our inner Captain Obvious knows.

Rules of the brain that facilitate learning

Today, there are an incredible number of opportunities to communicate in a foreign from the comfort of home. The Internet gives each of us a choice: thematic forums, social networks, specialized sites, where people "exchange" languages, interactive language online games, Skype, in the end.

We know the story, when one girl, desperately needing someone to talk to, posted (in two versions — Russian and English) on Facebook with an appeal: "I have two hours of Russian in two hours English". Many friends spread quickly across the network this ad, and finally the resourceful girl got much more time for language practice than two hours. It turned out that the students of the prestigious British educational institutions in recent years have shown increased interest in the Russian language, actively learning and too often feel lack of communication. By the way, a great way not only to communicate in English, but also to find new friends.

## **Let a foreign language in their private space**

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One should not treat language learning like a job that ends after 18:00. Language should become your closest friend, you should let him into your house, sit on the sofa, do not hesitate to walk with him in the pajamas.

After the compulsory program (2 hours of lessons with private or group lessons, the homework, the reading of 10 pages of text, 30 minutes of listening to BBC London etc), do something really nice, what is included in the range of your interests and will not require any additional intellectual effort.

The heart with the eye, a secret Treaty, or learn the language in rhyme

View your favorite movie in English not for training listening skills, but simply because it's a good movie, perhaps you know by heart (the easier it is to relax, focus on the story and not accusatory unfamiliar foreign words), write a letter to a friend who is studying/working abroad and speaks perfect English, hang out on the forum American breeders of beagles (shepherds, Pekingese, Persian cats or any pet you've always wanted?), read the blogs of foreigners who inspire you, learn to make animals out of paper by following the instructions written in English (the method is perfect for tying a tie), order in the online store sweater with a deer (if you're conservative, it can be no deer), after finding out in the online Advisor all the details of booking..

Options of how to spend time together with a foreign language, there is a limitless number, it is necessary only to move away from stereotypes, to give vent to imagination and to do what you're interested.

Learn, go for it and have fun!