

English advice

1 Here is some advice about learning English. Complete the suggestions with the gerund or infinitive form of the verb in brackets.

1 It's important (try)
..... (speak) English as
much as possible.

2 I recommend
(listen) to podcasts as this can help
you understand more.

3 Don't be afraid of
(make) mistakes.

4 Practise (speak)
English at every opportunity,
especially in class.

5 There's no point in
..... (do) lots and lots
of grammar exercises if you don't
actually try (use)
the language.

6 It's essential
(develop) good pronunciation, so
try (listen) to as
much English as possible.

7 It's definitely worth
(get) a good dictionary and a good
grammar book.

8 Try (find)
someone (speak)
English with.

9 (listen) to
English language music and
..... (watch) films are
great ways to learn the language.

10 You can improve your vocabulary
by (read) English
books and magazines.

11 It's better if you enjoy
(study) English. It's difficult
..... (learn) a language
if you don't enjoy it and much easier
..... (learn) it if you do.

12 If you are serious about
(learn) English, you should consider
..... (spend) some time in an
English-speaking country.

2 Work in pairs or small groups. Discuss how useful you think the ideas in 1 are. Which do you think are the five best suggestions? Can you think of any other suggestions or advice for learning English?