

# Members Corner

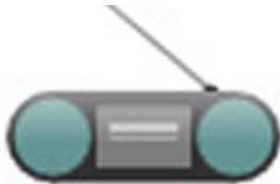


## My English Learning Method

My name is Simon and I am now studying in the British Council. In this article, I would like to share my experience of learning English with my fellow Club members. For me, learning English can mainly be separated into four areas which are : reading, listening, speaking and writing.

### 1) Learning English in a Christian way.

Since I am a Christian and very familiar with Christianity. So learning in a Christian way to improve my English is very easy for me.



There are several ways for me to learn:

1. I always like to visit the Christian audio sermons website ([www.sermonaudio.com](http://www.sermonaudio.com)) and download their mp3 sermons. All the sermons are given by native English speakers and most of them are pastors. They can present them in a fluent, professional and native way. I usually listen to English sermons every night before sleeping.
2. I like to go to church to attend English Bible study, joining services and meeting native English speakers.
3. I like to read the Holy Bible in English. In the Bible, there are many difficult words for us to learn.
4. I like to discuss with web surfers on the internet around Christian topics. In that way, I can kill two birds with one stone. I can practise writing as well as enhance my Christian knowledge.

*Bless you*



### 2) Learning English through the internet

1. I like to use online dictionary websites such as [hk.dictionary.yahoo.com](http://hk.dictionary.yahoo.com). Also, there is a famous instant translation tool called "Google Toolbar". You can download it as a plug-in of the browser. Then you can see the instant Chinese translation when you point your mouse cursor on the English word.



- YouTube ([www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)) is a website that I usually visit. There are much English videos online. You can download it in order to listen to it continuously and smoothly by using the plug-in of Firefox browser called Download Helper. Then you can use the Flash player called Flv Payer. “Practice makes perfect”. You can improve your listening and pronunciation by listening to the same audio. Also, the video can make you understand more of what the speakers say.
3. When I have time, I like to e-mail some suggestion to government in English ([tellme@1823.gov.hk](mailto:tellme@1823.gov.hk)). In that way, not only can I help improve my English writing skill but also I can help the government to know more about the views of the citizens. In fact they accept my suggestion occasionally.
4. If you use Firefox browser, you can install an English dictionary to check the spelling of what you type on the internet.



### 3) Learn the English through watching TV

1. I think the best way to learn English is by watching TV programmes with English subtitles. There are several programmes such as Pearl news, ATV news, 20/20, 60 Minutes, Newslime and RTHK English TV programmes.

2. If you have installed the broadband TV, you can learn the English programmes by watching DW-TV and Australia Network. You don't need to give further fee to watch these two channels. There are many English teaching programmes in the Australian Network.

3. By watching TV programmes, I can improve my listening skill and learn the pronunciation of different words. I always record the TV programmes by using TV Tuner card so that I can skip all the advertisements and choose to watch and review any part of the programmes. If I encounter any difficult words while listening, I will search the Yahoo dictionary. I think this is a very convenient way to strengthen vocabulary.



### 4) Learning English by talking with Friends

I like to make friends with native English speakers because in that way I can learn the Standard English. Also, I join the English Club of the British Council so that I can have more chances to practise speaking English and also make friends who have the same interest. I sometimes speak with my friends in English, too.

Finally, I hope my article can give you some new ideas of learning English. I wish your English will improve continuously!

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