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5 TV SHOWS THAT WILL HELP YOU LEARN ENGLISH

There are a lot of methods to study English. Memorizing words from a piece of paper is not the most effective way to advance your knowledge of the English language. Even a diligent person needs good motivation. One of the ways to study English for me is to watch TV shows in its native language.

Learning a foreign language through TV shows is useful for several reasons:

- **It is interesting**

You are learning and having fun at the same time.

- **Increases vocabulary**

It's easier to remember phrases and expressions this way.

- **Improves pronunciation**

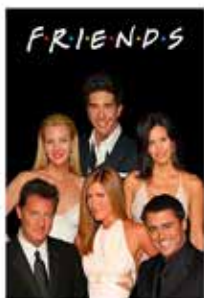
Movies and shows teach us to pronounce words and phrases correctly

- **Understanding other cultures and their humor**

We can learn a foreign style of life/habits.



Here are my favorite TV shows that I use to learn English:



FRIENDS

One of the most popular English-language comedy shows of the 90s. The plot of “Friends” is not dedicated to any specific topic. It has appealed to thousands of people of different ages and nationalities. It is the story of six friends (Rachel, Monica, Phoebe, Ross, Chandler and Joe) who are kind, relatable, and have life problems that are relevant even today. If you are already familiar with this series, it's time to review it in English and get a better understanding of American humor.



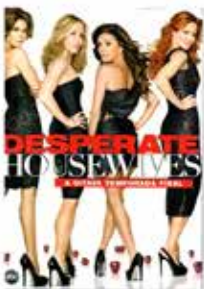
HOW I MET YOUR MOTHER

This show is good because you will find a lot of colloquial constructions and slang expressions. For those who want to practice American English, it will be perfect. The series takes place in New York and the characters themselves are a group of friends who are “slightly over thirty”. They get into funny situations and discuss their personal relationships. Good humor and an original script made this series truly successful.



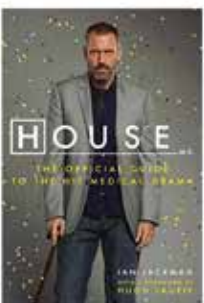
SEX AND THE CITY

One of the most popular shows about relationships, work, and the hard life of a modern woman in general. The first season aired in 1998, but the story of Carrie Bradshaw is timeless. “Sex and the City” is an excellent series for replenishing the knowledge of spoken English on the topic of relations between the sexes.



DESPERATE HOUSEWIVES

In the center of events are four modern housewives who live in a quiet suburb. The show is about their everyday life- about relationships between friends, relatives and lovers. In the show, they use simple, everyday language. In addition to spoken English, you will also be in a good mood.



HOUSE M.D.

An original medical show about a brilliant sociopathic doctor with an interesting sense of humor and useful vocabulary for those who are going to enter the medical field or who have an interest in it. I recommend this for more advanced students.

I hope that among this list you have chosen something suitable for yourself. You will have an exciting time learning English through TV shows!

By Diana

TO READ OR NOT TO READ (IN ENGLISH)... THAT'S THE QUESTION

One of the ways everyone in my country learned our mother language was through the short stories our parents read to us at night. In school, teachers used fables like "The Rabbit and the Turtle". This set us up for our second language - English. Reading is an important tool that helps us experiment and learn a lot of new words and how to apply grammatical rules that will make the experience gratifying. So, it is necessary to begin with children's stories.

BOOKS TO READ TO LOSE THE FEAR OF ENGLISH:

CHARLOTTE'S WEB
E.B. White, 1952



This book is about a small child in a barn and her adventures in trying to save the life of her friend Wilbert with the help of Charlotte, the spider. This story talks about the importance of friendship and hope with a simple narrative. This book helps us learn new words and expand our vocabulary.

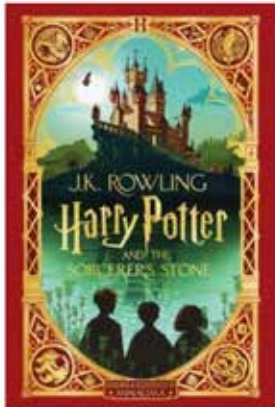
WINNIE THE POOH
E.H. Shepard, 1882



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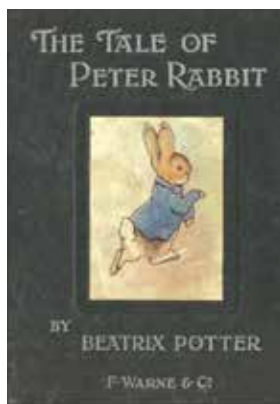
HARRY POTTER
J.K. Rowling, 1997



This story made a generation in love with the internet return to reading- a generation that anxiously awaited each new book at bookstores around the world. These are the adventures of Harry Potter, Hermione and Ron in that wonderful world of magic and fantasy at the famous school called Hogwarts.

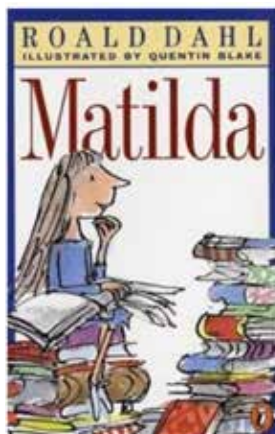
Harry Potter, an orphan mistreated by his aunt, uncle, and cousin, discovers an incredible world where he is loved and respected for the magical heritage of his parents who protected him from the evil Lord Voldemort when he was just a child. In this story, told over seven books, Harry and his friends grow up with their readers in this amazing adventure.

In the first book, you will discover and enjoy a magical world and how the day of his 11th birthday changes Harry's life. I invite you to enjoy this series because due to the success of the books there are eight popular movies that will make you love this magical story even more.



THE TALE OF PETER RABBIT
Beatrix Potter, 1902

This small book of 56 pages, narrates the adventures of Peter in the garden of Mr. McGregor. If you want to acquire more experience and knowledge about grammar rules, this is the best option. You must download this book and enjoy the amazing adventures of Peter Rabbit. You should read this book at an airport lounge or on your way home because it is a short story.



MATILDA
Roald Dahl, 1988

This book tells us about the life of a young prodigy, Matilda. She discovers that she has special powers. When she goes to school, she finds new adventures with her teacher, Miss Honey and the terrible Agatha Trunchbull. It's so interesting how this book invites us across the adventures of Mathilda who enjoys reading.

This endearing book about a strange girl in the eyes of her family, a child who enjoys reading and visiting bookstores must be read on a summer afternoon.

The best part of this experience is that your vocabulary will grow. You will see a lot of grammatical structures that maybe were confusing in class. These books will help you understand and apply them!

One last recommendation: find your favorite topics or favorite writers and try to challenge yourself by reading them in English. You will be pleasantly satisfied with the results.

Have a great adventure in the world of English reading!

By Ludwig Albert



FAMOUS TAIWANESE STREET FOOD

Taiwan is a country that never stops eating, and a big part of this eating takes place on the streets. So today, I'm going to introduce some famous Taiwanese street food!

STINKY TOFU (CHOU DOUFU)



Stinky Tofu is one of the most famous Taiwanese street foods made with fried fermented tofu, Taiwanese pickle and some sweet soy sauce. Most foreigners think it smells super stinky, but it's actually delicious!

SALTY CONGEE



Congee is slow-cooked rice with a lot of soup stock. We often add seafood, greens, fried shallots in salty congee. It's also a popular traditional breakfast for the elderly in Taiwan.

OYSTER OMELET (O-A-CHIAN)



This dish consists of eggs, greens and oysters, and fried with batter that is made by sweet potato starch, eggs and water. Spicy and sweet sauce mixed with lemon juice is the most common sauce for oyster omelets.

TAIWANESE SAUSAGE WITH STICKY RICE (DACHANG BAO XIAOCHANG)



Taiwanese sausage with sticky rice is one of the most typical street foods of our childhood. It's pork sausage wrapped with sticky rice that is grilled on charcoal and served with sweet soy sauce, garlic, and pickled veggies.

BUBBLE TEA (BOBA NAICHA)



Of global fame, bubble tea was actually invented in Taiwan! The classic version is tapioca balls in iced milk tea, but now we have created many more flavors. You can get bubble tea in Taiwan very easily because they are EVERYWHERE! We almost have at least 3 or 4 tea shops on every street!

We have dozens of night markets in the cities that are open everyday. The largest one even has more than 500 food stalls, so it's impossible to introduce all the amazing and delicious food. Therefore, I invite you guys to come to Taiwan and try all the wonderful food in person!

By Evelyn

UNRECOGNIZED COUNTRIES



So first of all don't judge me because of my opinion and it is my first article. So let's get started. All over the world there are countries but some of them are not recognized. Let's focus on Eastern Europe: 1) countries that should be independent and 2) countries that are not supposed to exist.

1 - Kosovo is a country where Albanians live- it was part of Yugoslavia and Serbia but Kosovo has a different culture to Serbia. They should exist.

2 - Transnistria (which is part of Moldova), DNR and LNR (which are part of Ukraine), Abkhazia and Ossetia (which are part of Georgia), and Arcax and Karabakh (which are part of Armenia) - all of these countries were created by Russia because they needed an excuse to steal land and declare wars. In all these countries, the governments are just puppets of Russia. For example:

In 2008, Russia declared war in Georgia to "protect Abkhazia" and many civilians were killed including children.

In 2022, Russia entered Ukrainian land with the words, "We are protecting you from Kyiv Nazis." Then said the same to DNR and LNR. As you can see, Russia massacred the people of Bucha and Irpin, and destroyed the entire city of Mariupol.

So therefore, I think all these countries that I mentioned except Kosovo were falsely created and as a result there are so many troubles.

By Alex



MY FAVORITE UBEREATS!

FAVORITE CAFÉ

928 North San Fernando Blvd, Suite D Burbank, CA 91502

This boba shop has many flavors and there is a lot of Chinese food on the menu. So, I highly recommend it!

SRI SIAM CAFÉ

12843 Vanowen St, North Hollywood, CA 91605

This is a Thai restaurant. It is the most delicious Thai restaurant in Los Angeles! This restaurant has a very wide variety of meat dishes and desserts. I recommend the catering menu when ordering with a large number of people.

BOSSA NOVA BRAZILIAN CUISINE

7181 Sunset Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90046

This is a Brazilian restaurant. There are many choices on the menu, such as pasta, meat dishes, salads, sandwiches, pizzas and desserts. There is also a lot of alcohol on the menu. The cocktails are also very delicious. The servers are very kind. This restaurant is open from 11:00 am in the morning to midnight! It takes less than 10 minutes to walk there from the Hollywood MLI campus!!!

BY Tomoka

By Yuna

MY FAVORITE PLACES IN FUKUOKA JAPAN

Have you ever been to Fukuoka?? There are many good places to visit there!
And I'm gonna tell you three of them!!



The First place is Dasaifu.

It's a historic city and there is a famous temple!!
Every year a lot of people go there from all over the prefecture.
Why ??
The reason is that there is a god of study!!
So students go there to pray for a good score on their test.
And if you visit Dasaifu, you can go back in time because there are many historical buildings, shops, restaurants, etc.



The Second place is Tenjin.

It's a big shopping center!
Of course there are many shops!!
And you can go underground and do your shopping too!!
It is like the world of Harry Potter!! You should visit Tenjin to experience it!!



The last place is Itoshima.

It's one of the most popular places in Fukuoka .
It's not a big city but it's full of nature and very picturesque!!
It's the best thing about the city!!
There are beautiful beaches and forests.
And do you know Totoro? The Japanese anime Ziburi?
There you can find the forest show, 'Totoro'!



**There are so many good places for sightseeing!!
So I recommend you visit these places!!!**

WHAT DOES THE GRADING SYSTEM OF CHILDREN IN SCHOOLS LEAD TO?

Nowadays, people around the world are accustomed to a certain format for teaching children at schools and universities. Assessments are one of the main components of education. Of course, this approach has its advantages, but these advantages most often concern not the students, but teachers and future employers, for whom students are trained. It is a very impersonal system, where you don't have to look at each student individually.

On the one hand, standardized assessments simplify the education system. But on the other hand, future generations lose more from this simplification of the system. Consequently, we get people who, from their childhood, are used to fitting into certain limited frameworks, trends, and requirements. This leads to an inability to express one's individuality and an inability to show one's hidden talents.

In most cases, the highest score is given not for the most creative approach to completing an assignment at school, but for the fact that you clearly followed a certain format and perfectly completed it. However, it has nothing to do with an open mind - about finding new possible ways to accomplish a task, which could open up the child and

inspire further interest in new knowledge. Each person has their own strengths and weaknesses; everyone has abilities and talents. Focusing on enhancing our strengths should be the focus rather than trying to improve our weaknesses. Indeed, if you work on your weaknesses, you will max out at an average level. However, when you work on improving your strengths, you can achieve unexpected, and absolutely extraordinary results. If the education system had chosen this path, we would have many more Einsteins, Michelangelos, and Elon Musks.

Another gap in the grading education system is a loss of interest in the process of learning something. It is expected that when you do not meet the set parameters of the school, you might lose an interest to keep up with those who are 100 steps ahead of you in something boring and incompatible with your personality.

In conclusion, I would like to say that such an approach to teaching children leads to the fact that a very small number of people in adulthood achieve success and are unable to show their strengths and talents.

By Gauri





HOW TECHNOLOGY HELPED US DURING COVID-19

COVID-19 has had a huge impact on humankind. The 2020 pandemic deeply changed our lives—both personal and professional.

Modern society had to face unprecedented challenges. Nevertheless, technology helped us to manage the crisis more effectively by introducing new methods that transformed the previous ones. With the use of digital technology, we ensured that our activities were ongoing as well as being done more effectively.

Here are some examples of how technology helped us during COVID-19 pandemic:

1. DISTANCE LEARNING. Education was one of the first sectors greatly affected by the lockdowns. According to UNESCO, more than 1.5 billion students (91.3% of global enrollments) were directly affected by school closures at the height of the COVID-19 outbreak in April 2020. As a consequence, educational institutions started offering courses and classes online to ensure education was not interrupted. Video conferencing tools like Zoom, Google Meets, and other online learning platforms became part of the teacher's day-to-day work.

2. ONLINE SHOPPING AND DELIVERY SERVICES. Electronic commerce or E-commerce already existed long before COVID-19 but it boomed during the pandemic due to social distancing rules. Buying online and using delivery services allowed us to get everything we needed without going out. Electronics, clothing, food and groceries were some of the most popular categories among customers. Customers turned to e-commerce in massive numbers. According to the most recent 2020 Annual Retail Trade



Survey (ARTS) release, e-commerce sales increased by \$244.2 billion or 43% in the first year of the pandemic- rising from \$571.2 billion in 2019 to \$815.4 billion in 2020.

3. REMOTE WORK. Although a few companies had practiced remote work prior to 2020, this model was adopted massively and quickly for a great deal of businesses. Benefits of this practice went beyond preventing the spread of the virus by avoiding commute times and offering flexibility to employees.

4. ROBOTICS. COVID-19 crisis accelerated the use of robots in many public health and medical activities. Robots were used in disinfection, delivering medications and food, measuring vital signs, diagnosis, telemedicine and assisting border controls. The potential roles of robotics are becoming increasingly clear in combating diseases.

5. ENTERTAINMENT. One area where the pandemic had a dramatic effect was the media and entertainment industry. The pandemic transformed how media content was generated, distributed, and streamed. Online streaming of concerts and live shows gained traction across the world. Several film production companies had to release their movies (e.g. Mulan, Onward, Frozen 2 and Birds of Prey) via Over The Top (OTT) platforms such as Netflix, Disney+, Hulu, Amazon Prime Video, Hulu, Peacock, Pluto TV, etc. The lockdown helped people realize the ease of viewing content on platforms and changed how we consume content on a day-to-day basis.

Through the years, technology has proven its value to humanity- especially in challenging times. Now with the imminent advent of new technologies like artificial intelligence (AI), it might be a good time for us to think about how we can take maximum advantage of these tools for future societies.



By Miguel

FRANCE! A SMALL COUNTRY WITH A DOUBLE FACE



France - a country in Western Europe - borders Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, and Spain. It has medieval towns, alpine villages and beautiful beaches. You should consider visiting France. It is a small country worth visiting because there are many activities to do. On the other hand, it also has negative points. Let's talk about the different sides of France.

Paris, the capital of France, is a place for workers. However, there are also many activities to do. Why do tourists like to visit Paris? Paris is well-known for its fashion houses, classical art museums including the Louvre, and its monuments such as the Eiffel Tower and Arc de Triomphe. Indeed, you can browse all the Champs Élysée by quad and you can get to the top of the Eiffel Tower by elevator. Paris is first a city full of love; it is more for couples. Also, you can go shopping and eat in fancy restaurants.

Even though there are activities to do, Paris is obviously a worker's city and it has a dark side. In fact, Paris is surrounded by suburbs called "Parisian suburbs". These parts are poor areas. There are a lot of dirty buildings where many immigrants try to survive. This is where children make a living from illegal activities.



By Olivia Constantine Alex

ENTHUSIASM FOR K-POP

K-POP fascinates the world. A series of world tours are being held by K-POP idols who have enthusiastic fans around the world. I am one of those who are fascinated by K-POP.

K-POP idols have an otherworldly appearance that attracts people. They have well-trained bodies, neat faces, and dreamy styles. It makes people want to know more about them just by looking at them with a single glance. In addition to that, on stage they wear amazing costumes that match the theme of the song. The many different outfits, hairstyles, and makeup make people want to see their performance again and again, even if it is the same song on stage.

K-POP supergroups such as BTS and BLACK PINK are talented. Many idols debut after a rigorous period as trainees. Therefore, they perform sophisticated dances and beautiful singing with catchy songs. Also, the newly created stage configuration for each new song highlights their performance.

We can talk to our favorite K-POP idols. They seem to be in a fantasy world, but some events allow us to talk to them. Only at this moment, you and your favorite idol can have a conversation. You can convey your thoughts and feelings to them. In addition, w

Thus, the polished appearance, superior talent, and the way they are produced are the charms of KPOP. Many K-POP idols come to Los Angeles for concerts or events, so if you have a chance to attend, please do so!

By Rino Sunami

