Advice Column

problems about learning English

Read the problems below and discuss possible solutions.

Dear Anita,

English is a global language, so it’s especially important to me because I want to study business when I finish high school next year. It’s the official language of England, the United States, Canada, Australia, and many other countries, and most of the information on the Internet is in English. My question is this: how can I become really bilingual? My classmates and I have studied English in school for many years, but I still feel my English isn’t very good. How can I become really fluent in English?

Eduard

Dear Anita,

I’m a college student and have an important vocabulary quiz next week that I have to study for. I will have to know the definitions of thirty-five new words. This makes me feel a little nervous because I sometimes don’t do very well in English. Last week, for example, I only got a ‘D’ grade. However, my classmates did quite well. They all got ‘B’ and ‘A’ grades and they were quite happy. Could you please give me a few suggestions about how to learn new vocabulary? Thank you!

Ahmed

Dear Anita,

American English or British English? There are many differences between the two, both in writing and in speaking – in spelling, pronunciation and vocabulary. Which one is better … or do you suggest that I study both?

Min-Hua

Compare your solutions with your classmates. Do you agree or disagree with their ideas?
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After you read the advice column, write a possible solution for each person.

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