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Přeji vám hodně štěstí u přijímacích zkoušek!

*I wish you good luck and pass your entrance exams successfully!*

### Reading

- **How to improve your English**
  - přečti si tipy, jak můžeš zlepšit svou angličtinu
- **Made in Britain**
  - přečti si článek o tom, jaké věci byly vynalezeny ve Velké Británii

## How to improve your English



If you want to improve your English, there are some easy steps you can take.

And I don't mean you have to study grammar books, or anything like that!



First, switch the language of your electronics to English. If you change the language of your mobile phone to English, you will be exposed to many new words and they will quickly become familiar to you. Secondly, listen to music. Really listen - listen to the lyrics. You can even write them down and learn them. You can guess at the words you don't understand, or even look them up. Thirdly, reading short stories is a great way to improve your comprehension. Google for stories in your favourite genre. There are hundreds of thousands of very short stories in English. Fourthly, speak English. If you have nobody to speak to, then try *shadowing*. Shadowing is a useful and fun way to learn! You listen to native speakers in films or on the news, and repeat exactly what they say *and* how they say it, a sentence at a time. Finally, spend some time thinking in English and then - think aloud. Do this somewhere private or people might think you are crazy!

*Following these instructions, as well as doing your very best in your English classes, will really make a big difference to your level of English.*

Answer TRUE or FALSE. Correct the false sentences.

- 1) The writer of this article wants you to study grammar books. T/F
- 2) You should change the language of all your electronic devices to German. T/F
- 3) You can learn new words by hearing them over and over again. T/F
- 4) When listening to music, you should pay attention to the words. T/F
- 5) Reading short stories in the target language is a waste of time. T/F
- 6) There are not many short stories in English. T/F
- 7) If you have nobody to speak English with, you should try a technique called 'shadowing'. T/F
- 8) You should not try to think in English as it might confuse you. T/F
- 9) You should think out loud in English, but only when you are by yourself. T/F

What do you think about these tips? Do you have any to add? What are the best ways to learn English without using a text book, in your opinion?

# Made in Britain

ENGLAND IS FAMOUS FOR ITS WRITERS AND POETS, BUT DID YOU KNOW ENGLAND IS ALSO A COUNTRY OF INVENTORS? MANY OF THE THINGS WE USE EVERY DAY WERE INVENTED IN BRITAIN.



## The Pencil

In 1564, a graphite mine was found in Cumbria. The graphite was cut into sticks, the sticks were put into wooden holders – and the pencil was born. One pencil can draw a line 56 kilometres long. It can write about 45,000 words. Today, pencils are used by people all over the world.



## The Fizzy Drink

Do you enjoy drinking fizzy drinks? You're not alone. In the UK, the average person drinks 96.5 litres of fizzy drinks a year. The fizzy drink was invented by British chemist Joseph Priestly (1733-1804). Priestly found a way to put gases in liquids. He made the first glass of man-made soda water in 1767. Priestly didn't know it, but he was changing the drinking habits of the world forever.

## The Match

Today, matches are found in every kitchen. They are used to light cookers, candles and campfires. The match was invented in 1826 by British chemist John Walker (1781-1859). Unfortunately, Walker did not patent his matches, so he didn't get much money for this important invention.



## The Christmas Card

Sir Henry Cole (1808-1882) was bored with writing letters to people at Christmas. In 1843, Cole paid an artist to draw a Christmas picture. Then he printed the picture on cards and sent them to all his friends and relatives. Cole realised he could make money from the cards. He made another 1,000 cards and sold them, and the Christmas card was born.

## The Electric Toaster

Have you ever thought about the word "toast"? It comes from the Latin word "tostum" which means "to burn." People have made toast for hundreds of years as a way of prolonging the life of bread. At first, it was made by toasting bread over an open fire. Then, in 1893, Englishman Rookes Evelyn Bell Crompton invented the first electric toaster. Unfortunately, his toaster wasn't efficient. It only toasted one side of the bread.



### 1 READ THE WEBPAGE. WHICH INVENTION IS IT?

1. Slices of bread are put in it.
2. It is used to light candles.
3. It is sent to friends and relatives.
4. It was made from graphite sticks.
5. It was invented in 1767.



### 2 ANSWER THE QUESTIONS. USE YOUR OWN WORDS.

1. What is the connection between the mine in Cumbria and the invention of the pencil?
2. How did Priestly change the drinking habits of the world?
3. Did Walker become rich because of his invention? Explain.
4. Why did Cole make Christmas cards?
5. How was bread toasted before the invention of the electric toaster?

### 3 WHICH INVENTION DO YOU THINK IS THE MOST IMPORTANT? EXPLAIN IT.

### 4 FIND THE WORDS ON THE WEBPAGE TO MATCH THE DEFINITIONS BELOW.

1. minerals are found there (lines 1-6)
2. normal, typical (lines 7-14)
3. things you often do (lines 7-14)
4. understood (lines 21-27)
5. effective, useful (lines 28-36)

