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To achieve the best results in English learning, students should concentrate first on English conversation. Therefore, students must first learn to speak English well before they focus on writing skills.

Unfortunately, many learners try to do the opposite. They use classroom lectures, textbooks and grammar books to learn English. They use their eyes instead of their ears.

The key to fluency, to speak like a native speaker and to develop a clear accent is listening to easy and understandable English conversation. In order to master the spoken English students must spend more than 80% of their study time on listening activities.

In order to learn effectively students must listen to specific materials. They should concentrate on "easy" English and use materials that they mostly understand. To get most from their learning students should understand about 95% of the material they are learning from.

Understanding is not enough. Students must also have a lot of repetitions. If they hear a new word only once, they will soon forget it. If they hear it 5 times, they will still probably forget it! They must hear new words and new grammar many times before they will understand them instantly and absorb the language into his or her subconscious. In most cases two hours a day of listening is sufficient to achieve English fluency in short time.

Finally, students must learn English with real English materials, English that is used everyday in conversations, books, movies, TV shows, comic books, audio books, articles, newspapers, magazines, and podcasts. If they want to understand native speakers, they must stop learning English from textbook, tapes and CDs. Native speakers use idioms, slang, and many casual phrases. Therefore, these components are vital for understanding and effective communication with them.

To sum up, English students must concentrate on natural English conversation to develop complete mastery of the English language.

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