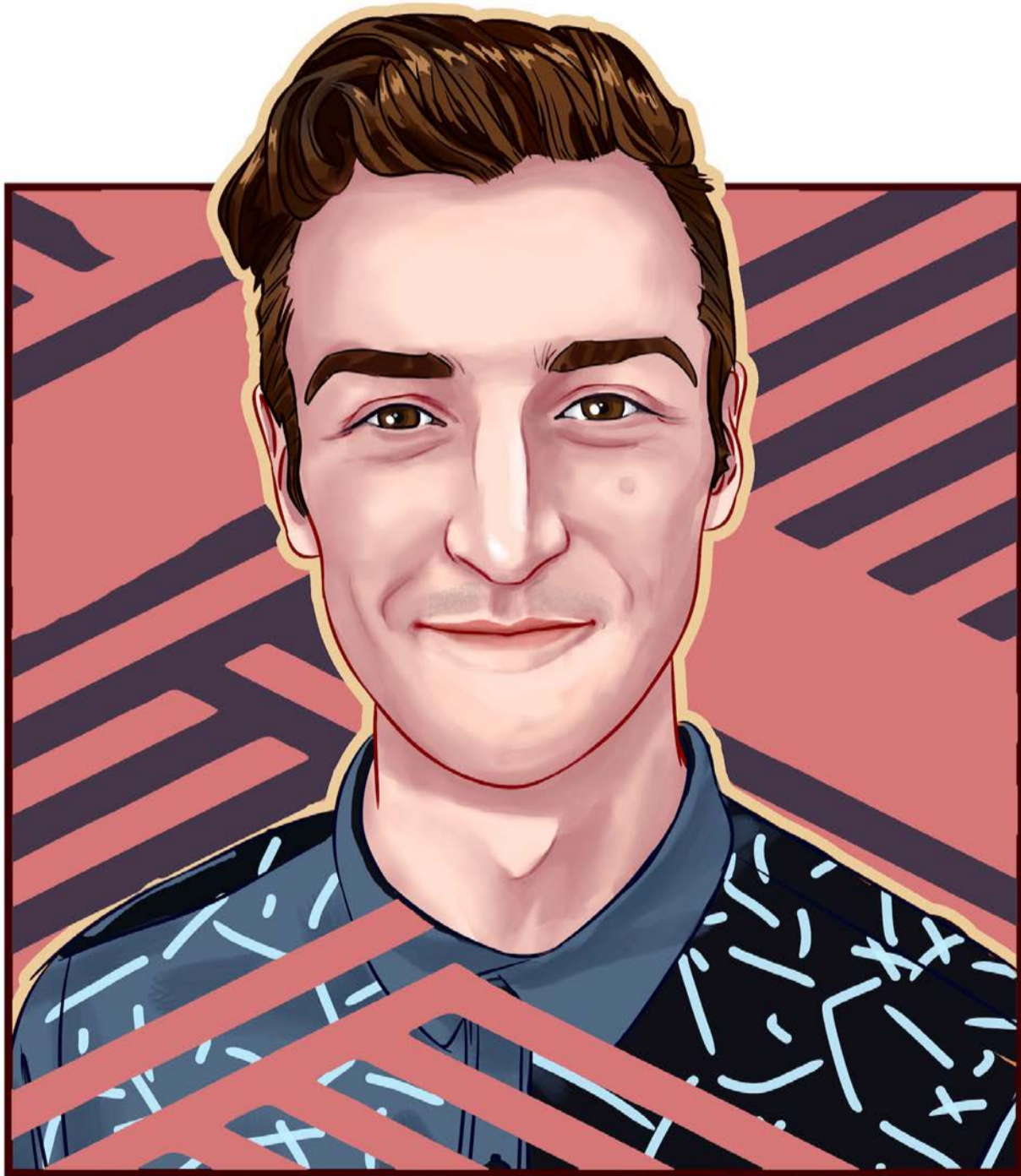


# Jeremy's English Tips

Episode #15:  
How to make English learning fun



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# Transcript

Hello everyone, this is Jeremy and you're listening to Jeremy's English tips, a series by the Culips English Podcast where I teach you interesting expressions or share language learning tips.

Welcome back to another episode of Jeremy's English Tips. Thank you all for listening today everyone. In this episode, I would like to talk about how to make learning English more fun.

Now, I'm sure you all know that English is a global language. That means that you can connect with people from all over the world using the English language. In a way, English is like a key to the world. English can help you to open doors, to get ahead in your career, and to make friends all over the world. However, learning English solely for professional reasons, can easily lead to burnout. Burnout means that you have lost the motivation to continue studying. In my experience as an English teacher, I have had students who studied English to get ahead in their career, but I noticed that they would often get frustrated and stop studying for long periods of time. However, other students of mine were learning English mainly for fun. And these students learned much more quickly and easily because they enjoyed studying. So my advice to you in this episode, is to find ways to make English more fun. So, here are three tips I have to help you make your English study more fun.

**The first tip is don't study grammar so much.** I think that studying grammar sometimes can be helpful. But too much grammar study can lead to burnout. There is a saying in English that goes all work and no play makes jack a dull boy. Dull is sort of the opposite of fun or interesting and this saying means that if someone only works and doesn't have fun, then they will become a very dull person. So in your English study as well, rather than focusing on work, grammar study, try to focus on the things that are most fun for you.

**The second tip I have is find content that really interests you.** I know from experience when I was studying Korean and Spanish, I often found myself watching videos online, or reading articles about things that I was not really interested in. I chose the materials because I thought they were good study materials. I didn't even think about whether they were interesting to me or not. So, I advise you to choose your listening, viewing, and reading content based on things that you already like. For example, if you like horses, and

horseback riding, then you should find content in English about horses and horseback riding. If you do this, I believe that your English study will become much more enjoyable very quickly.

**And the third and final tip to make your English study more fun is to make friends with**

**English speakers.** I know some of you may live in a country where there are not many English speakers around. But there is no need to worry. These days there are many websites and apps that can help you to find people around the world who are learning your native language. We have another episode of Jeremy's English Tips here on Culips, talking about language exchange. And in that episode, you can find out more about how to make language exchange friends on the internet. In my experience learning Korean, language exchange was the most important part of the whole learning process. Because I became very good friends with my language exchange partners. And because they were my friends, I wanted to improve my Korean for them, not just for me. So if you are learning English for professional reasons, I suggest making your study more about fun and making friends. If you actually enjoy your study, then, quite naturally, your English will improve. And as a result, it will benefit your career as well.

So, that's all I have for you in this episode today. Thank you again for listening. If you'd like to let us know what you think you can send an email to [contact@culips.com](mailto:contact@culips.com) and let us know. Happy studying everyone. Until next time, bye!

# Key Points

- English is a global language that can help you connect with people from all over the world
- English can help you get ahead in your career but learning English solely for professional reasons can easily lead to burnout
- Focus less on studying grammar and more on enjoying the content you listen to, read, or watch
- Find content you actually like, rather than content that seems educational
- Make friends with English speakers through language exchange

## Writing and Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever done language exchange before? Why or why not?
2. Why did you start learning English? Has your reason changed over time?
3. Do you enjoy grammar study? Why or why not?
4. What kinds of content in English do you currently consume? Do you like them?
5. What do you think the proverb “all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy” means?

## Study Challenges

1. Find content in English that is similar to something you already like to read, listen to, or watch in your native language.
2. Contact at least one person to inquire about doing a language exchange. If you don't succeed at first, keep trying until you find a good match.

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