

It's English Time

Using Real Situations to Help You Improve and Strengthen your English.



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Introduction:

How this Course Works

Congratulations on buying this original and effective English course. You now possess a large amount of useful material and in order to receive the full benefits you must focus on each week of the course individually.

Read the following instructions and study guide, so you can swim through this course like a pro.

Remember:

This course works when you do it! So work smart and dive in!



Study Guide for Each Unit (week)

****First: PRINT THIS GUIDE!****

Do this now. Don't worry I will wait for you.

"It's English Time" contains 20 units, which each contain 8 activities. Each week you will be focusing on one video and working through the 8 activities that go with it. To put it simply this is a 20 week English course.

This document is a detailed study guide to help you succeed over the next 20 weeks and it will explain how to do each activity.

One Week/Video = 8 Different Steps

Step 1: Pre-Video Listening Exercise.

>**Without the Transcript:** Listen to the audio **3 times** and then try to answer the questions. (Doing this three times is vital because as soon as you look at the transcripts you are no longer testing your listening skills directly).

>Check your answers and confirm any doubts using the answer key.

Do not look at the transcript while you do this.

>Now, listen to the audio again as you read the transcript at the same time. Highlight any expressions or verbs you do not understand and look them up using a dictionary, such as **Cambridge's Online Dictionaries:** <http://dictionary.cambridge.org/>.

Step 2: Study the "Vocabulary, Expressions and Phrasal Verb Builder " (VEP Builder).

>**Without the Transcript:** Watch the video without subtitles. Do not try to fully understand it. Just watch it and enjoy. Do this several times (at least 3).

>Still **without looking at the transcripts or subtitles**, review the terms presented in the VEP builder and then try to listen for them as you watch the video.

>Another good way to learn these terms is to write sentences or create examples from your personal life for each one. When you use these terms/expressions in a context that you can relate to, you will remember them much more easily.

Step 3: What Did Jerry Say?

As you watch/listen to the video (without subtitles) fill in the blanks provided. **This activity tests your listening skills NOT your comprehension skills.** Do not worry if you can not fully understand the text. We are working on your listening skills in this exercise.

>Repeat the video as many times as you need to, in order to fill in all or as many blanks as you can.

****Important:** The more you listen and watch the video before reading the transcript the better. So when in doubt **watch the video again.**

Ready to check your answers? Ok. Watch the video one more time and then you can check your answers with the transcript.

Now that you have checked your answers, I need you to **watch the video with subtitles, at least 3 times before you move onto activity 4. You can use the transcript as well.**

Step 4: Phrasal Verbs: Matching meanings

Look at the list of phrasal verbs provided and match them with the correct definition or meaning. Check your answers with the answer key.

Step 5: Phrasal Verbs: In Context

Fill in the blanks with the correct phrasal verbs to complete the sentences. Check your answers with the answer key.

Step 6: Phrasal Verbs in Context Continued

Watch the video again and read along with the transcript provided. Pay particular attention to the phrasal verbs and how they are used in the context of the video.

Step 7: Comprehension Questions:

Watch the video to the time indicated for the first group of questions. Stop the video and answer those questions. Then watch the next portion of the video and stop to answer those questions. Check your answers with the answer key.

Step 8: Use It or Lose It

Here you will be using and applying all of the vocabulary and expressions that you have learned throughout the unit, to **describe what happens in the video**. Try to describe everything in as much detail as possible.

Once you have written your description you can then read and listen to my example to show you another way to describe the video and to also expose you to more natural English text and audio.

When you finish working through these 8 activities (during a week) you can then move onto the next video and do the same. **Need a study schedule?** Here is how I would divide up the 8 activities throughout the week;

Monday: Steps 1 & 2

Tuesday: Step 3

Wednesday: Step 4, 5 & 6

Thursday: Step 7

Friday: Step 8

Or

Saturday: Steps 1-3

Sunday: Steps 4-8

In terms of how much time you will need, if you have an intermediate level you will need approximately:

Step 1: 30 minutes (to listen to the audio repeatedly and also answer the questions).

Step 2: 45min-1hour

Step 3: 30-45 minutes

Step 4: 30 minutes

Step 5: 30 minutes.

Step 6: 30 minutes or less

Step 7:45min-1hour

Step 8: 1 hour

***Please note that these times are flexible and will depend on your level, current knowledge and your attitude. It is totally normal if you spend less or more time on any of these exercises.**

After 20 weeks, you will have enjoyed 20 interesting, funny and real English videos about Jerry and by doing so, you will be armed with a vast amount of useful vocabulary, phrasal verbs and expressions which you have learned in context. You will also notice a big difference in your listening comprehension as well, due to the repetition and exposure of real English audio.

If you make the time and dedicate yourself to working on this course for

1 hour, 5 days a week

I guarantee that you will improve and notice a difference!

I'm glad that you have taken this step to improve your English and I am sure that you will continue to take the steps necessary to keep improving.

All the best,

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