

Different ways of learning English- relative clause practice

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Ask your partner questions to put as much info below as you can (in note form).

Name of the person answering the question:		
Job (in detail)		
Present	Past	Future
Free time/ Hobbies/ Interests		
Present	Past	Future
Using English at work		
Present	Past	Future
Using English outside work (movies, friends, etc)		
Present	Past	Future
Studying English (including self-study)		
Present	Past	Future

Useful vocabulary for discussing improving your English

Use things below to extend your discussion above, particularly of (past, present or future) study of English.

- App(lication)
- CD ROM/ DVD ROM
- Coffee shop
- Community centre
- Conversation exchange
- Conversation school
- Cram school
- Eikaiwa café
- Electronic dictionary
- English conversation club
- English diary
- English subtitles
- English time
- English-English (Intermediate) learner's dictionary
- Fluency practice
- Free con(versation)
- Graded reader
- Idiom
- IELTS
- International party
- Karaoke bar
- Katakana
- Memory techniques
- Minimal pair
- Olympic volunteer
- Phonemic script

- Phrasebook
- Podcast
- Presentation
- Proofreader
- Shadow reading
- Skype teacher
- Social English
- Speech
- TED.com
- Teleconference/ Videoconference
- TOEIC
- Vocabulary notebook
- Workbook (with key)
- Workbook CD

Ask about anything above which you don't understand or want to hear people's experiences of and views on.

Studying English vocabulary and relative clauses presentation

Match the descriptions below to the topics above.

It's a book which has a list of useful things to say while you are visiting a country, especially useful when you are on holiday.

It's a book which is especially written for language learners with a specific level, e.g. an Elementary version of "Oliver Twist" or a Pre-Intermediate version of "The Hobbit".

It's a dictionary especially for language learners that has easy English definitions and only the most common and important words (making it much more useful than an advanced learner's dictionary)

It's a list of words that you want to learn which you should look at two or three times a day.

It's a local centre where cheap English classes are usually offered (along with ikebana classes and sign language classes) and volunteers often offer Japanese classes.

It's a person who checks your written work, especially for little things like grammar mistakes and spelling mistakes.

It's a person who teaches English conversation online, often from the Philippines.

It's a place where some English teachers teach one-to-one classes, usually free or working on improving something like a piece of writing or presentation together.

It's a place where students do extra study after school, for example to prepare for university entrance exams.

It's a place where you can chat informally with a native speaker, usually without any syllabus or materials.

It's a place where you can sing songs, including English ones (although you mustn't look at the katakana pronunciation guide)

It's a place where you can study conversational English, often in small classes with a native-speaker teacher.

It's a radio programme that you can download and listen to on your mp3 player or mobile.

It's a script that is used in Japanese to write foreign words (but mustn't be used for learning English)

It's a site where you can see short, interesting presentations on many different topics, with or without subtitles.

It's a special alphabet which shows the pronunciation of English words (because English spelling doesn't always clearly show the pronunciation) and can be found in English dictionaries and textbooks

It's a test which doesn't test speaking and writing and so doesn't actually help improve your English level.

It's a time when people teach each other their own languages, for example swapping Spanish and Japanese lessons.

It's a time, for example one hour a day or one evening a week, when your friends or family agree to only speak English.

It's an informal account of every day which is written in English by language learners to provide useful fluency practice for people who rarely speak in English.

It's material that is designed to improve how quickly you speak and to cut how long you pause (silently).

It's software which is designed for a smartphone and/ or tablet.

They are English words at the bottom of the screen which tell you what is being said.

Suggested answers

App(lication) – It's software which is designed for a smartphone and/ or tablet.

CD ROM

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Eikaiwa café – It's a place where you can chat informally with a native speaker, usually without any syllabus or materials.

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Idiom

IELTS

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Memory techniques

Minimal pair

Olympic volunteer

Phonemic script – It's a special alphabet which shows the pronunciation of English words (because English spelling doesn't always clearly show the pronunciation) and can be found in English dictionaries and textbooks

Phrasebook – It's a book which has a list of useful things to say while you are visiting a country, especially useful when you are on holiday.

Podcast – It's a radio programme that you can download and listen to on your mp3 player or mobile.

Presentation

Proofreader – It's a person who checks your written work, especially for little things like grammar mistakes and spelling mistakes.

Shadow reading

Skype teacher – It's a person who teaches English conversation online, often from the Philippines.

Speech

TED.com – It's a site where you can see short, interesting presentations on many different topics, with or without subtitles.

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Workbook (with key)

Workbook CD

Relative clauses presentation

Put one word into each gap below (even when more than one word is possible).

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Check your answers above, then brainstorm more words for those gaps.

What are the differences between the different words which can go in the gaps above?

Fill the gaps below with as many different words as possible.

Cram school – It's a place _____ students do extra study after school, for example to prepare for university entrance exams.

English subtitles – They are English words at the bottom of the screen _____ tell you what is being said.

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Write similar definitions of things in the list above which don't have definitions.

Relative clauses freer practice/Homework

Think of five specialist terms related to your work that your teacher probably doesn't know/ understand. Write definitions of each one. You will get one point for each that your teacher doesn't already know, and one point for each definition that they understand.