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DID YOU KNOW THIS ABOUT THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE?

- The English language started about 1500 years ago on England.
- There were only a few thousand words in Old English.
- There are now over a million words in English.
- The average user knows between 30,000 and 60,000 words.
- The bulk of English words originally come from Latin.

- One in four of the world's population is able to speak English. You are one of them.
- 325,000 000 people out of 4,7 billion people living on the Earth speak English as a first language.
- About 1 billion people often use English as an extra language. You are one of them.

Jokes

What word begins with "e", ends with "e", and has one letter?

Envelope!

Which month has 28 days?

All of them!



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Joke

How many letters are there in the English alphabet?

18 letters! 3 in "the", 7 in "English", and 8 in "alphabet".



RULES OF MEMORY

We acquire 10 % of information when we read.

We acquire 20 % of information when we listen.

We acquire 30 % when we see.

We acquire 90 % when

we teach others.

MEMORY IS

• The mental faculty of retaining and recalling past experience.

• The act or an instance of remembering; recollection: *spent the afternoon lost in memory.*

• All that a person can remember: *It hasn't happened in my memory.*

• Something remembered: *pleasant childhood*



WHY?

Language is the dress of thought.

Samuel Johnson

When the English tongue we speak,

Why is “break” not rhymed with
“weak”?

Will you tell me why it’s true

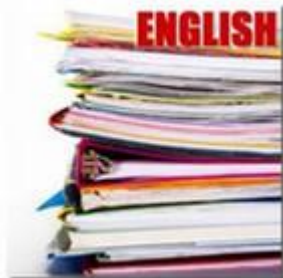
We say “sew” but also “few”?

So, why “done” but “gone” and
“stone”?

Is there any reason known?

And, in short, it seems to me,

Sounds and letter disagree.



When we want to make a verse,

We can’t rhyme a “horse” with “worse”,

“Beard” is different from “heard”,

“Lord” is not pronounced like “word”.

“Cow” is cow, but “low” is low,

“Do” is never rhymed with “go”.

We have “year” and “hear” and “pear”,

“Come” and “home” and “are” and “care”.



Me fail English? That impossible!

Ralph Wiggum

Did you know

Did you know

the word 'almost' is the longest in the English language with all the letters in alphabetical order

Did you know

the most commonly used word in English conversation is 'I'

Did you know

The first English dictionary was written in 1755

Did you know

the first letters of the months July through to November spell JASON

Did you know

the most commonly used letter in the alphabet is E

What are your strategies of learning English?

What are your strategies of learning grammar?

- Doing grammar exercises
- Learning grammar rules
- Practicing grammar phenomenon in oral speech

What are your strategies of learning vocabulary?

- Registering words in a vocabulary
- Differentiating the class of words
- Explaining the meaning or the definition of words

Which of the activities of learning English do you find

most useful?

- Practicing speaking in pairs or groups
- Doing written work on your own
- Listening to the teacher
- Listening to a cassette recorder
- Using a dictionary or a grammar book
- Reading texts/ newspapers/ literature
- Doing written grammar exercises
- Oral grammar practice