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Fun ways to improve your English

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WANT to improve your English without hitting the books? Check out these tips.

Read the newspaper every day

The advantage of reading a paper is that the language is economical and to the point, which is useful for essay writing. Also, they tend to use common expressions which help you sound like a native. If you read the sections that deal with your studies (finance if you do economics, health if you're studying medicine, living if you're into architecture or art), you'll catch up on what's new too.

Pick up a book that's a bit too advanced for you

Books deal with subjects in more detail than newspapers and are usually aimed at a specific market rather than a national one, so authors often use a larger vocabulary and more complex sentence structure.

By looking up unfamiliar words, you'll expand your vocabulary. By becoming used to reading longer, more complex sentences, you will advance your grasp of the language.

Watch an English sitcom

Situation comedies tend to use colloquial English and a lot of the humour comes from word-play. Both will help boost your understanding of contemporary English. Also, it will help you pick up various accents.