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### **Learn English Anytime and Anywhere**

My English was very poor when I came to Hong Kong. Later on my English standard improved because I realized that I could learn English anytime and anywhere. For example, when I buy something, I usually read the English instruction and notes on the package carefully. I can learn a lot of English words even when I buy a packet of potato chips.

When I speak English, I never translate word by word what I want to say from Chinese. If you do so, you will get mixed up in some usages. You will make mistakes like 'I wait you' instead of saying 'I wait for you', and you will say wrong sentences such as 'I like eat pizza.' Therefore, to build up your sense of natural and correct English, you need to practise thinking and speaking English.

How should you memorise the meaning of so many English words? I try to think in English as much as possible. When I see a desk, for example, I have the word "D' 'E' 'S' 'K' in my mind. When I see a clock, I say to myself, "What's the time? It's eight fifteen." In this way, you will be able to remember common English words easily.

It is true that we cannot learn a language without any grammar rules. But it is not useful to simply recite them. You need to apply the rules in speaking. In a word, you will improve your English only by opening your mouth to practice English speaking.

In short, learning English is not that difficult if you are willing to do it anytime and anywhere. You have to keep practising English in your free time. Determination is the key to success.