

English with Greg

Greetings English learners!

English with Greg is a chance for you to learn more about the English language. Each month I will give you a chance to practice your grammar, learn how to use the correct verb tense, as well as introduce a few popular phrasal verbs and idioms we use in everyday life. You can also find English with Greg on the M.M renren.

People always ask me what is the best way to learn English. The best way to practice is to talk in English for at least one hour a day with your roommates or friends. Don't be nervous we all make errors but with practice we can begin to limit these mistakes.



Phrasal Verbs and Idioms

Phrasal Verbs consist of a verb and another element. Verb + Adverb or Verb + Preposition or a combination of both.

Check someone/something out - to evaluate someone or something

Have you seen the movie 'Inception'? No, but I'll check it out!

Verbs– Past Progressive (Past Continuous)

The past progressive indicates continuing action, something that was happening or going on at some point in the past.

This tense is formed with the helping "to be" verb, in the past tense, plus the present participle of the verb (with an -ing ending)

- The past progressive indicates a limited duration of time and is thus a convenient way to indicate that something took place (in the simple past) while something else was happening:
 - I was walking to the store when I saw a car accident.
- The past progressive is also used to make fun of or criticize an action that is sporadic but habitual in nature:
 - Shannon was always handing in her homework late.

Idioms are a group of words that have a meaning different from those of the individual words.

The Ball Is In Your Court:

It is your decision this time.

Now it's time for you to practice on your own. Grab a friend and talk in English!

I hope this has been an informative lesson and I look forward to seeing you again soon. While you wait for the next edition of the magazine, make sure you check out our renren for more English with Greg!