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## Chapter two:

Which is the "Ideal" Methodology for English learners?

English is one of the most spoken languages in the world. Learning this language means a lot of new opportunities for your studies, for your future work, for making new friends, for finding information, for travelling. A whole new world!

Students have been learning English for years, which means many different methods have been used in past times, some with more success than others.

So... can any method be considered better than other? The answer is no. Each method has its supporters and its critics, it depends on countless factors: students, background, level of English, facility to learn, capability etc.

So, which is the best learning method? How can we learn a foreign language effectively? Is it really possible to talk about "Ideal Methodology"?


Let's talk about "Ideal" in the highest amount possible!!
Teachers in LED Project also assume that knowledge does not come without studying.

It is necessary a minimum of grammar, vocabulary and strategies at least "To have something to tell" and "To know how to tell it".

This is our proposal:

Number of hours per week: 4 hours, 55 minutes each period

Number of students per group: less than fifteen

Number of oral activities done per lesson: minimum two activities

## Keys to Succeed

Study a little every day

Don't believe in the wrong extended idea that you don't have to study a Foreign Language

All the skills are needed so don't neglect any of them. That means a little Grammar, a little Listening, a little Reading and a little Writing, together with as much Speaking as you can afford.

Don't focus only in one Learning Method; focus the learning process from different points of view. For example, if you are learning new vocabulary, create a word map, describe a picture, make a list and study that, type out the words five times. All of these methods together help to reinforce your learning.

Choose Topics that Interest you. The more you get interested in something, the better you learn it.

## Some methods at everybody's reach:

Vincent Van Gogh said 'Great things are done by a series of small things brought together'. So, you can take these into account:

Rely on Technology; surfing on the net can be helpful.

Music: listening songs will allow you to focus on your pronunciation and understanding of the language.

Cinema: watching American/English movies can improve your English understanding, diction and accent.

Books: reading English books will enrich your vocabulary and grammar.

Games: there are lots of useful games to have fun whilst practicing vocabulary, pronunciation and grammar.
Memorizing: when you learn anything by heart you are learning correct sentences or structures which can be handy in other situations.

## Some ideas for personal work:

*Try to speak a little English every day. The best way to learn a language is just to speak it. Speaking English with another person is the fastest and most effective method of improving.
*Work on your pronunciation. Correct and clear pronunciation is essential to improve your level of English. Pay attention to these sounds which do not exist in your mother tongue.
*Expand your vocabulary and try to use these new words in sentences to memorize them.
*Create as note-book with idiomatic phrases used by English speakers.
*Check the dictionary when you have any doubts

Don't be afraid of making mistakes and don't be shy. According to an old saying: Practice makes perfect!!


