

## Language Learning

1. How worried are you about making a mistake when you're speaking to a native speaker of English?
2. How worried are you about making a mistake when you're speaking in English to someone else who's Japanese?
3. How worried are you about making a mistake when you're speaking to someone whose native language isn't English or Japanese?

*What advice do you think polyglots would give about feeling self-conscious and looking foolish about making mistakes?*

4. When you read English, do you feel that you have to understand every word?
5. When you listen to English, do you feel that you have to understand every word?

*What advice do you think polyglots would give about reading and speaking comprehension?*

6. Imagine you've arrived in a new country and you don't know the language. What questions would you need to know how to ask to learn the basics of the language?
7. Is listening to music and learning to sing a good way to learn a language?
8. Why do you want to learn English? How do you want to use English? How will it improve your life?
9. How do you enjoy learning about English? How do you enjoy actually using English? Is there anything about learning English you don't enjoy?
10. Do you practice English inside your head? Who do you imagine you talking to?
11. What are your favorite ways to learn English? (reading, audio, video) Do you prefer one method over the others, or do you use all of them?
12. How important is "fun" when learning a language?
13. Do you like to stick to one way of learning English or do you mix it up?
14. In what ways is learning a language like learning a physical activity such as playing a musical instrument or a sport?
15. What are some ways you can measure your progress?
16. What ways do you use the internet to study English?
17. What ways have you wasted money studying English?
18. Do you prefer to study English by yourself or with other people?
19. "You get 80% of the results from 20% of the work" applies to many things. (It's called the Pareto principle) How does it apply to learning English?
20. Is translation good, bad, or somewhere in-between?