

## How Do You Learn English?

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John doesn't like learning English. One day, his Grandpa told him a story.

A boy went up into the mountains. He came to a tiger's cave. He looked inside. The tiger was big and very hungry. It roared loudly, so the boy ran away. That afternoon the boy came back with some food for the tiger. He put it outside the cave and walked away. The tiger roared and came out to eat the food.

The next day the tiger was hungry and thirsty, so the boy gave it food to eat and water to drink. This time the boy did not walk away. The boy went to feed the tiger every day. The tiger ate the food and drank the water. It did not roar at the boy. It was not angry.

One day, the boy went to feed the tiger. The tiger was not happy because it was hurt. The boy saw a thorn in its foot. He helped the tiger and pulled the thorn out.

The next day, the boy went to feed the tiger again. This time the tiger ate from the boy's hand. As the tiger was eating, the boy pulled three hairs from its back.

The tiger was not angry. The boy said, "Thank you," and he ran home. He showed the three hairs to the old man. "What do I have to do with them now?" asked the boy.

"How did you get those tiger hairs?" asked the old man. "I made friends with the tiger, little by little, step by step," said the boy.

"That is how you must learn English. little by little, step by step." Grandpa said.

"Who was that little boy, Grandpa?"

"Did you know him, Grandpa?"

"Was he your friend, Grandpa?" asked John.

"I am that little boy. After that I was good at English, and I was a happy student." Grandpa said.

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## Love and Time

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Once upon a time, there was an island where all the feelings lived: Happiness, Sadness, Knowledge, and all of the others, including Love. One day it was announced to the feelings that the island would sink, so everyone left. Except for Love. Love was the only one who stayed. Love wanted to hold out until the last possible moment.

When the island had almost sunk, Love decided to ask for help. Richness was passing by Love in a grand boat.

Love said, "Richness, can you take me with you?"

Richness answered, "No, I can't. There is a lot of gold and silver in my boat. There is no place here for you."

Love decided to ask Vanity who was also passing by in a beautiful vessel.

"Vanity, please help me!"

"I can't help you, Love. You are all wet and might damage my boat," Vanity answered.

Sadness was close by so Love asked, "Sadness, let me go with you." "Oh . . . Love, I am so sad that I need to be by myself!"

Happiness passed by Love, too, but she was so happy that she did not even hear when Love called her. Suddenly, there was a voice,

"Come, Love, I will take you."

It was an elder. So blessed and overjoyed, Love even forgot to ask the elder where they were going. When they arrived at dry land, the elder went his own way. Realizing how much was owed the elder, Love asked Knowledge, another elder,

"Who helped me?"

"It was Time," Knowledge answered.

"Time?" asked Love. "But why did Time help me?"

Knowledge smiled with deep wisdom and answered, "Because only Time is capable of understanding how valuable Love is."