

ENHANCING SPEAKING SKILLS FOR B2 LEVEL LEARNERS

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Annotation: This article studies the analysis of the similar versions of the idioms expressed by human body parts in the English language, which are actively used in conversation today, and the considerations aimed at their classification, and their replacement with the Uzbek alternative. In the article, the idioms given in both languages are used in sentences and their meaning is analyzed.

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Nowadays idioms are very widely used in written and mostly spoken English. An idiom is a phrase that meaning can not be understood from the literal meanings of the words that make it up. Idioms are often used in everyday speech and writing to add colour or emphasis. They can also be used to communicate a complex idea with just a few words. There are several resources and studies on English idioms. You can find “English idioms in the USA” by Michael McCarthy and Felicity O'Dell, “More American English idioms” by Jackie Bolen, and many other resources. Below we will analyse the idioms which are used with parts of human body, their appropriate meanings in Uzbek language and suitable situations for using them.

It is common that to come across idioms in spoken or written conversation. Idioms help improve your speaking skills because it shows native speakers that you understand the cultural meaning and context of the idiom you're using. This will help you feel more comfortable and confident with your conversational skills the more you practice in English courses.

You've successfully passed the basic levels of English and have reached the intermediate level. This is an achievement that you have to record and celebrate! It means that the English language has gone from being a complete stranger to being a welcome guest in your personal, academic, and/or professional life.

Now you can hold conversations with English speakers and you can understand a high percentage of what they say. You can also write and even read texts without having to consult the dictionary all the time. This is really satisfying and, of course, you deserve a big round of applause for your effort and dedication.

But your learning process isn't over yet – and you know it. That's why it's time to keep moving ahead until you reach and surpass the B2 or upper intermediate level of English.

The best way to achieve this is by choosing a learning method like Smart Learning®, which was developed by the ABA English digital English academy based on the guidelines from Cambridge and the CEFR. More than a way to study, it's a way

to experience English. Best of all, you can go at your own pace and learn with what you like.

When we talk about English levels, upper intermediate is one of the most sought after. Why? Because most students dream of moving to an English-speaking country, studying at a prestigious university, or working in a recognized multinational company.

What is B2 level English? It's the fourth level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). Students are expected to be able to understand what others are saying to them and to be able to communicate effortlessly. They're also expected to be able to understand and produce complex texts dealing with concrete and/or abstract topics. Reaching the upper intermediate level implies commitment and dedication, but it doesn't mean you have to spend long hours studying surrounded by old books, taking boring classes, and doing endless exercises. Now you can improve your English level by learning at your own pace and in a very entertaining way.

So in the exam you'll have to show an intermediate / upper-intermediate knowledge of English, both written and spoken. The exam is divided into four parts described above (the timing, score and division of the exercises indicated here refer to the First Certificate of English, however they don't differ much from other certificates). Here are the specifics: Reading: this lasts 75 minutes and consists of seven exercises based on texts and multiple-choice questions

Writing: this lasts 80 minutes and requires you to write two texts which could be an essay or a letter

Listening: this consists of four exercises completed in 40 minutes

Speaking: this includes four exercises – two done with a partner and two with the examiner, for a duration of 14 minutes

To pass the exam you'll have to get a score of 160 out of 190, so each point is crucial in making the difference. You therefore need useful exercise books to arrive at the exam as well-prepared as possible, but also ready to face each element of the test (the type of questions, the maximum length, duration and structure, etc.)

Speaking: of all the four skills tested in the exam, the speaking part is perhaps the hardest to practice, but it's not impossible! You just need some strategies. The first and most simple is to find a friend or relative who you can talk with. Don't forget that you can do that with someone who lives far away, using Skype or Facetime. Another excellent way to practice is to read out loud the material you're using to prepare for B2. In order to prepare correctly, it's important that you know what the appropriate exercises are to reach a B2 level and practice also with the support of didactic multimedia material, like CDs and DVDs, that is useful for practicing both listening and speaking. The faster you're able to learn the notions you need, the more prepared you'll be to take the test. As well as the exercises and books previously recommended, reading some other books, even for just 15 minutes a day, will really help you. In this way you can reinforce your comprehension skills, learn to read more quickly, and generally improve in all the areas of the exam. Here are some suggestions:

You can also take advantage of a variety of free online resources made available specifically to practice B2 English, all of which are valid and reliable. Here below are some links to speed up your research.

To improve your reading, the most useful resources you can find online are newspapers and magazines, obviously in English. Your choice should include technical topics and not exclusively linked to daily topics.

As well as offering a considerable amount of general news, The Herald newspaper contains sections on Politics and Business (each of which offer subcategories) sufficiently appropriate to B2, as does the Wall Street Journal.

Cosmos is a magazine dedicated to science, which can help widen your knowledge of vocabulary.

Start studying immediately, don't wait, and reach a B2 level of English as soon as possible!

Are you looking to raise your English level from B1 to B2? Do you want to do it quickly and without the struggles? Asking the question, how to get to B2 level in English?

Look no further! In this blog post, we'll look at 5 quick and easy ways to raise your English level from B1 to B2. We'll also look at the skills that you need to acquire to increase your level as outlined in the CEFR guidelines. With these simple tips, you'll be able to quickly and easily raise your English level from B1 to B2.

If after reading this article you still wonder how to get B2 to level English, contact our teachers on the website chat below!

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