

# Important Tips for Students Learning English in the Preparatory Year Program

1. Studying English in the preparatory year program is the major and first step towards student's success in the specialized academic study that comes next after successfully completing the prep year program. Mastering English is the key that opens up the windows of understanding, comprehension, harmony and excellence in student's academic study that will come next. Therefore, students should spare no effort and dedicate all their time and power for learning and mastering English, understanding its meanings and the way they are used in reading, writing, speaking and listening. Moreover, mastering English is an invaluable opportunity that will be of great help for students in real life after graduation.
2. Studying English is administered by rules and regulations issued by the deanship of preparatory year in order to ensure enabling students to achieve the maximum benefit of the English language program. Students should acquaint themselves with the rules and regulations by reading the **Student Guide** and the **Program Leaflet**, or they may ask the Academic Counselor.
3. There are some golden rules in order to master English that you need to follow:
  - You should speak just in English all the time in university and even with your classmates and colleagues whose mother tongue is Arabic. You shouldn't feel embarrassed or shy doing so, and don't be afraid of making mistakes as they are inevitable at the beginning –learners are not expected to have a perfect command of a given language. Furthermore, you need to encourage your classmates and teachers to correct your mistakes, so that you can learn from them and remarkably improve your language over time.

- Make sure that you sit in classroom next to someone who you agree with on speaking English all school day. This will help a lot in practicing and exchanging the language with people.
- Make sure you use English extensively as much as you can. For example, listen to English radio stations, watch English speaking channels on TV, read English newspapers, and follow the news in English on the internet. Doing so will help you gain more vocabulary and language structures, it will also add more experience and knowledge in language use.
- Always keep a small notebook in your pocket where you can write down new words, or you may use your mobile notes for this purpose as it will help you remember new vocabulary and the context they were used in.
- During your free time at home, you can use flash cards where you can write a difficult word, its meaning, and a sentence example so that you can keep memorizing and learning every day.
- Attending all your English classes in the prep year, participating in classroom, and engaging with teachers and classmates will absolutely accelerate the process of learning English, build self-confidence, and improve your abilities to express your ideas well. Furthermore, doing assignments and homework will have a huge impact on increasing your English practice.
- No matter how good an English teacher is, he/she can't deliver the language ready in a package. Teachers can only give instructions and stimulate your inner abilities to learn the language. Therefore, language teachers may be able to give you only 20%, and 80% is all up to you as an English learner. Thus, my dear students, you have to depend on and believe in your own abilities as well as improve your self-learning skills in order to master English.