

ENGLISH CORNER MENU

Learning English Through Discussion

Perseverance

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Persevere: *Verb*: to continue to try to do something even though it is difficult. Despite the difficulties with studying English, I decided to **persevere** and keep going.

1. Ask and answer the following questions.

a) On a piece of paper draw a graph of your English study since you came to Australia. On the x-axis record your feelings/motivation and on the y-axis the length of time studying in Australia - in weeks or months. Discuss your graph with a partner

b) It is very normal to sometimes feel down about your study. When you first arrived in Australia, everything was new and exciting. You couldn't wait to begin studying English. After 2-3 months, Australia is no longer exciting. Life becomes routine. You can lose your motivation to study English and to meet new people. Some of you may be feeling: low or frustrated or depressed about your study.

c) What can someone do when they lose their motivation to study? Give some suggestions:

You could.....

Why don't you.....

Have you tried.....

d) Sometimes finding different ways to study can help you keep motivated. Share with your group some ideas for practicing your

- Speaking
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- Writing
- Reading

e) Difficult times can help grow us as people. Read the following passage from the Bible (*Romans 5:3-5*).

"We know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts.

1. Name some different ways people can suffer.
2. How does suffering produce perseverance?
3. How are you developing perseverance in Australia?

Vocabulary

suffering: *noun*: when someone experiences pain or unpleasant emotions.
character: *noun*. Strength of personality
hope: *noun*. A positive feeling about the future.
disappoint: *noun*. To make someone feel unhappy because someone or something was not as good as they had expected.

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