

Vocabulary

as a general rule

Meaning: Usually; in most situations.

Examples:

1. **As a general rule**, I try to exercise three times a week.
2. **As a general rule**, students should complete their homework on time.

surrounded by

Meaning: To have things or people all around you.

Examples:

1. She loves being **surrounded by** nature when she goes hiking.
2. At the party, I was **surrounded by** friends and family.

in our case

Meaning: In our specific situation.

Examples:

1. **In our case**, learning English is very important for work.
2. Some people prefer big cities, but **in our case**, we enjoy small towns.

in the process of

Meaning: While doing something; during an activity.

Examples:

1. She is **in the process of** moving to a new apartment.
2. We are **in the process of** improving our English skills.

acquire

Meaning: To get or learn something over time.

Examples:

1. It takes time to **acquire** a new language.
2. He **acquired** many skills while working abroad.

productive skill

Meaning: A skill that requires creating something, like speaking or writing.

Examples:

1. Speaking and writing are **productive skills** in language learning.
2. To improve a **productive skill**, students should practice every day.

anyway

Meaning: A word used to change the topic or return to the main point.

Examples:

1. I was busy all day. **Anyway**, how was your weekend?
2. It was raining, but we went to the beach **anyway**.

apart from that

Meaning: Besides that; in addition.

Examples:

1. I have a lot of homework. **Apart from that**, I need to clean my room.
2. She studies English every day. **Apart from that**, she also practices Spanish.

Ozlem / Turkiye 

Who do you speak English with?

Hi. I'm Ozlem and I'm from Turkey. Here is my question: Who do you speak English with?

I work as an ESL teacher in a private school here in Turkey. At school, **as a general rule**, we do not speak our native language because we believe our students should be **surrounded by** the second language they learn, which is English **in our case**. So, we try to speak English everywhere anytime we are with them. **In the process of** language learning, there are four skills students should **acquire**: Reading, writing, listening, and speaking, and speaking is the **productive skill**. This means if students, if they need to improve this skill, they need to produce.

Anyway, apart from that, I have many other colleagues and native friends, so we always speak English together. But if you do not have people around you speaking English, you can also find friends online or you can have an English tutor to practice online. That's it. Thank you and see you. Bye.

Quiz

Answer the following questions about the interview.

1) Where does she work?

- a) Public school
- b) Private school**

2) What does she describe?

- a) English skills**
- b) English materials

3) Who does she speak English with?

- a) Coworkers**
- b) Her children

What is the correct word? Listen to the audio to hear the answer!

Hi. I'm Ozlem and I'm from Turkey. Here is **my/on** question: Who do you speak English **at/with**?

I work **as/is** an ESL teacher in a private school here **at/in** Turkey. At school, as a **generally/general** rule, we do not speak our native language because we believe our **student/students** should be surrounded by the second language **they/them** learn, which is English in our **case/cause**. So, we try to speak English everywhere anytime we are with **they/them**. In the process of language learning, there are

four **skills/skill** students should acquire: Reading, writing, listening, and speaking, and speaking is the **production/productive** skill. This **means/meaning** if students, if they need to improve **this/these** skill, they need to **produce/productive**.

Anyway, a **part/apart** from that, I have many other colleagues and **native/nation** friends, so we always **speak/speaking** English together. But if you do not have people **within/around** you speaking English, you can also **found/find** friends online or you can have an English tutor to **practical/practice** online. That's it. Thank you and see you. **By/Bye**.

Vocabulary Quiz

Complete the sentences with the vocabulary above.

**general • surrounded • case
process • acquire • apart from**

1. The desert does not get much rain, ___ a rare light shower.
2. My town is ___ mountains.
3. It is not easy to ___ a second language.
4. I am in the ___ of selling my house.
5. As a ___ rule, I do not give money to beggars.
6. Normally, workers cannot leave early, but in your ___, you can.

Corporate Terminology

To Mentor

Nothing says leadership like the ability to mentor and train a team member. Every workplace relies on someone who is great at their job to guide and help a new employee.

“I mentored a new colleague and guided him throughout his training period.”

To Spearhead

To Spearhead is an empowering verb for speaking about your achievements with confidence. Spearheading is the epitome of leadership and means you can lead a team or workplace in an endeavor. It also means that you took the lead.

“I spearheaded various projects for expanding and improving the core services.”

Take the Reins

This idiom can be used to encourage individuals to take control of their lives and their careers.

For example, a mentor might say “It’s time for you to take the reins and start making your own decisions”.

Rise to the Occasion

This idiom can be used to encourage individuals to step up and take on challenges.

For example, a friend might say “I know you’re nervous about giving that presentation, but I have faith in you. You’ll rise to the occasion and do great”.