

# Members Corner

## My Tips for Learning English - Simon Chan

Dear members, we can't expect to improve our English a lot after attending an English course or coming to BCEC meeting several times. Instead, it is a long-term effort that we need to learn and practice everyday in our lives. To facilitate members to learn English effectively, I've setup a forum in Facebook which is called "English Learning". You are encouraged to become a member of the forum and make use of the materials to furnish your studying. The tips below are extracts from the forum.

1. A good way for Christian to learn English is by listening to English sermons:  
<http://www.sermonaudio.com/main.asp>
2. Voice Of America - English audio news with transcription (It also has "Special English" in which the speed of audios are slower):  
<http://www.voanews.com/english/index.cfm>
3. TVB Pearl News with subtitles:  
<http://mytv.tvb.com/news/newsat730/103199#page-1>
4. iTunes (for training listening):  
<http://www.apple.com/itunes/>
5. Tools for finding the vocabulary that you have searched:
  - a. Yahoo Dictionary  
<http://hk.dictionary.yahoo.com/>
  - b. Firefox browser  
<http://zh-tw.www.mozilla.com/zh-TW/>
  - c. Form History Control (Extension for Firefox browser)  
<https://addons.mozilla.org/zh-TW/firefox/addon/12021>

With all these 3 tools, you can find out all vocabularies you have entered in Yahoo Dictionary.

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6. CNN Podcast and CNN transcripts:  
<http://edition.cnn.com/services/podcasting/>  
<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/>
7. Good English audio or video podcast(BBC, CBS, CBC):  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/>  
<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2005/07/06/utility/main706903.shtml>  
<http://www.cbc.ca/podcasting/>
8. The pronunciation of English words is different to its spelling and therefore sometimes Hong Kong people tend to pronounce the English words wrongly. Solution to this problem is the active listening and check the meaning, spelling and pronunciation when you encounter any words that you don't know.
9. You can test your power of English vocabulary and do charity by trying the game in the following website:  
<http://www.freerice.com/index.php>
10. Take heed of the pronunciation of words end with "ed". There are different kinds of pronunciation and so we should check the pronunciation symbol.

