

1. 阅读理解

Four Free Mobile Apps to Help You Learn English Faster

Have you realized that you can put your smartphone to really good use for learning English? Here are 4 free mobile apps that will help you do just that.

Hello English

It covers all the aspects of language learning, including vocabulary, translation, grammar, spellings, spoken and reading skills. It uses interactive games to teach different English lessons and offers new audiobooks, latest news, and books. However, you should already understand basic English structures and alphabets, for the app can't help you learn English from scratch(从零开始).

Duolingo

If you want to learn English from scratch, then this is the app you are looking for. Duolingo uses interactive games to help you learn English. For beginners, the app focuses on helping you learn verbs, phrases and sentences.

Lingbe

If you are ready to practice your spoken skills in the real-world, you'll need Lingbe. It's a community-based app where people help each other and share their native languages. It connects you with real people on call who are native English speakers.

HelloTalk

HelloTalk is similar to Lingbe as it connects you with native speakers to help improve your language skills. However, it adds a few extra functions that might interest you. You can view the information about users to find a match that interests you. Additionally, you can also send text and audio messages, and even do video calls with other people.

If you are a beginner, start from Duolingo and then use Hello English to take full command over the language. For fluent spoken English learners, you can try out Lingbe or HelloTalk.

【1】What should you already understand to use Hello English?

- A. Good reading and writing skills.
- B. Basic listening and speaking tips.
- C. Different English lessons and books.
- D. English letters and basic structures.

【2】Which app is the best choice for an English beginner at first?

- A. Hello English.
- B. Duolingo.
- C. Lingbe.
- D. HelloTalk.

【3】What can you do on Lingbe?

- A. Read the latest news.
- B. Enjoy the interactive games.
- C. Practice your spoken English.
- D. Talk with native speakers in the flesh.

2. 阅读理解

Some English words are made up of the same part and have different beginnings and different endings, such as import, export, report and transport. All these words, you can see, have the same "port", which come from the Latin word, meaning "to carry" or "to move" from one place to another. And according to the bit at the beginning, which we call the prefix the meaning changes. "Import" means "to carry in" or "to bring into a country", "export", "ex" means "out of", so this word means "to carry out of the country", "re" means "back", so the "report" means "to tell somebody, to bring back information to somebody", "transport", "trans" means "across" and it means "to carry across one place to another".

Let's look at the following words: supporter, reporter, importer and exporter. You can see that in this case these words are nouns which are made up of the verbs plus a suffix, thus meaning a person who completes the verb. So supporter means somebody who supports. A reporter is somebody who reports. Importer is somebody who imports and exporter is somebody who exports, and so on.

【1】In the first sentence the word "part" means _____.

- A. different beginnings and different endings
- B. the same part that has several meanings
- C. the root of the word
- D. the same root that has different meanings

【2】By adding a prefix or a suffix to a root, we can get a word which has _____.

- A. the meaning of a Latin word B. a different meaning
- C. the meaning of "in" or "out of" D. a lot of meanings

【3】We can get a noun _____.

- A. just by adding "er" to verbs B. by changing a prefix
- C. only by adding "er" to a root D. by adding a suffix to a verb

【4】According to the passage, if we talk about a man of refinement, you may guess that he must be _____.

- A. a man having good manners and education
- B. a person who should be educated
- C. somebody having bad manners
- D. a person punished by somebody else

3. 阅读理解

You know you have to read "between the lines" to get the most out of anything. I want to persuade you to do something equally important in the course of your reading. I want to persuade you to "write between the lines". Unless you do, you are not likely to do the most efficient kind of reading.

I insist, quite bluntly, that marking up a book is not an act of damage but of love. There are two ways in which one can own a book. The first is the property right you establish by paying for it, just as you pay for clothes and furniture. But this act of buying is only the first step to possession. Full ownership comes only when you have made it a part of yourself, and the best way to make yourself a part of it is by writing in it. A comparison may make the point clear. You buy a piece of beef and transfer it from the butcher's icebox to your own. But you do not own the beef in the most important sense until you eat it and get it into your blood. I am arguing that books, too,