

Of course there are a lot of ways to learn, to improve or at least to maintain your English. The best would be to live in an English speaking country. If this is not possible the English film club offers the second best way.

Frank, who runs and organizes the film club is a native speaker, loves films and has a profound knowledge about them. From him the participants of the film club get an e-mail every week (eleven times a term) which consists of an excerpt from the dialogues of the film (about 25 to 30 pages), a vocabulary section (about 35 words), a list of idioms (approx: 30 to 35) and several video links about the film.

For me it is always a little bit exciting and a nice moment to open the e-mail and get to know what will be the next film. Although I'm not a film enthusiast, I like seeing films which I had heard about, but never seen.

The background information helps to understand the film and the time in which it takes place. It's up to me how thoroughly I read the dialogues, work with the vocabulary and idioms and listen to the videos. On average I spend four to six hours a week. On a Friday night I have the opportunity to speak English and of course to watch the film. The film is shown with English subtitles which I appreciate because sometimes it isn't that easy for me to follow the dialogues, especially with American films.

For me the English film club is a great possibility to stay in contact with the English language (and if I work hard to improve it), to watch sometimes terrific films (and get background information about them), to meet and speak with very nice people and to sip a glass of wine from time to time (after the film) with them.

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