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Why should you go to the English Film Club

Having come back to Germany after a long stint abroad, I was looking for opportunities to maintain my level of English. While language courses can, of course, be helpful, I was interested in using English in a more authentic way.

The English film club has offered me just that. The weekly homework is tailor-made to aid comprehension of the dialogue used in the film. The film guide, which includes dialogue of approximately 8,500 words, vocabulary exercises of about 30-40 new words, and match-up tasks of 30-40 idioms, is an invaluable resource. It provides me with an immersive way to learn the language. I can prepare thoroughly for the viewing and therefore get a much better understanding of what is said. The authentic dialogues and interviews are far more engaging than typical textbook exercises.

In my opinion, this approach could be highly beneficial to other students - as it makes learning far more accessible, relevant and enjoyable. Furthermore, watching the movie with subtitles, takes the pressure off, while discussing the film afterwards in a sociable setting allows for friendships to develop. It therefore makes for an all-round enjoyable and very meaningful experience.

The film club has helped me to broaden my vocabulary while the homework tasks have given me an opportunity to re-visit idioms I had long forgotten. I particularly enjoy being exposed to different genres and styles of dialogue and have come across several movies I would otherwise not have watched or talked about.

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