



Learning English (American)

Over 300 million people speak English as a first language, and millions more speak it as a second language. English is the official language of over 50 countries. American English is spoken throughout the United States and is used globally as the common language among speakers of different languages in communications, science, business, aviation, entertainment, radio, and diplomacy.

Writing System

Roman alphabet

Language Tips

- English spelling is irregular, so a single sound can often be written multiple ways. Rosetta Stone helps you learn how to spell these variations through guided exposure and practice.
- English derives a large portion of its vocabulary from French and Latin, and Germanic dialects.
- In English, a few words are spelled the same but have different meanings and pronunciations. Don't worry—you'll learn to distinguish between these words through context.
- While they do have singular and plural forms, English nouns and adjectives don't have masculine or feminine forms, which makes using new vocabulary easy.
- In both written and spoken English, some pairs of words are combined into a shorter form, called a contraction. For example, don't is the contraction of do not.
- The meaning of English prepositions such as from, to, and for may vary depending on context. Rosetta Stone will help you learn the various uses of these prepositions, as well as many other prepositions in the English language.
- Idioms are common in English. With Rosetta Stone, you'll learn some of the many common idioms used in the English language, which will allow you to communicate more naturally with other English speakers.
- In English, the pronunciation of a letter may vary depending on its placement in a word. With Rosetta Stone's guided reading exercises, you'll be able to practice your pronunciation in many contexts.

Language Family

Germanic

Dialect

Standard American English

Accent

The accent used in the program is General American. It is considered to be the most 'neutral' American accent. It is spoken by many Americans and is understood by all English speakers in the U.S. It is also the standard pronunciation for radio and television broadcasts.