



## Learning English (American)

Over 300 million people speak English as a first language, and millions more speak it as a second language. It is one of the official languages of the United Nations. American English is spoken throughout the United States and is widely understood by English speakers in other parts of the world.

Writing System  
Roman alphabet

Language Family  
Germanic

Dialect  
Standard American English

Accent  
General American

### Language Tips

- You'll notice that English spelling is irregular, with the same sounds being written in different ways. We'll help you learn how to pronounce these variations through guided exposure and practice.
- Sometimes words may be spelled the same but have different meanings and pronunciations. Don't worry—our program teaches you to distinguish between these words through context.
- English nouns have singular and plural forms, but they don't have masculine or feminine forms.
- 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.