

How to develop your English writing skills if you are a non-native English speaker

Immerse yourself in English

If you want to develop your English writing skills, it is important that you immerse yourself in the language as much as possible.

- Read anything that interests you (try and include a range of styles such as newspaper articles, fiction, non-fiction and blogs).
- Watch films and TV shows.
- Listen to podcasts.

Make sure it is fun so that you don't feel like it is becoming a chore.

Learn new words and phrases every day

It's a good idea to learn a few new words and phrases every day. You will soon have a wide range of vocabulary at your disposal.

Write daily in English

The key is to try and write something down in English every day. You don't need to write an essay but if you can write in English for around 15 minutes per day, you will begin to see improvements.

Don't translate everything from your mother tongue to English

It's not easy to begin with but if you can learn to express your thoughts directly into English, this will improve your language skills over time.

Talk to native English speakers

The more you talk to native English speakers, the more your knowledge of the language will improve. It will also give you confidence in your written work too.

Ask for feedback

There is no shame in making a few mistakes when you are learning to write in a new language. Don't be afraid to ask native English speakers for advice. It's also a good idea to pay attention to any recurring mistakes you make so that you can be aware of them in the future.

Keep practising and keep writing!