



What did you find most challenging about learning English?

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We asked seven big names, including Didier Drogba and Petr Cech, for their opinions about life in England and learning English.

Read what they said when we asked them:

"What did you find most challenging about learning English?"



Ivar Ingimarsson: Well, obviously it's always just getting the hang of new words and everything. For me, you know, the spelling and everything is far more difficult than actually speaking it but that's probably mostly to do with practice.

Petr Cech: The written language is different in the newspapers because it is the proper English and um, it's um... sometimes you can find the words that you don't understand. The worst to learn is the expressions because here, I think a lot of people use the expressions and you can't translate it any way because sometimes you try to, I tried to translate it and it was impossible to understand what does it mean.

Dirk Kuyt: The most difficult to learn is maybe the, the accent here in Liverpool and I hope I will learn it in the coming few years.

Mido: I think it's the... The pronounce of the words, you know, cause I think a lot of people can speak English but they just pronounce words the wrong way and er... it's about the accent.

Sun Jihai: Some words you cannot find out... dictionary. You know, like erm... Mancunian, Scouser... I'm sorry, I don't know that's rude or... you know, that mean... you cannot find out from the dictionary, you know, sometimes I cannot understand some words like... er... boot, the end of a car – when he says, I can put the coat in the boot... I say... boot? You know the boot... you know its set means... what means boot? He says... you know, he pointed for me – oh I remember... He helped me a lot.

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