

From Sunbathing to Speaking – Staying Sharp in the Summer

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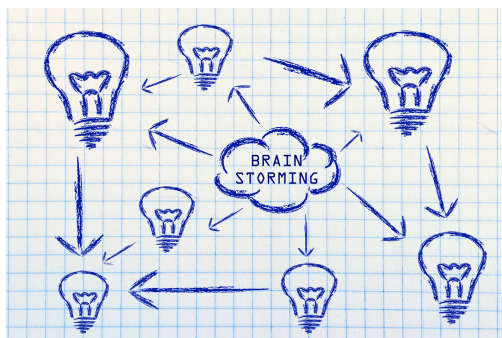
Writing Practice



Warm-Up Discussion (Pairs or Small Groups)

- Do you usually study English during the summer?
- What are some enjoyable ways to keep using English outside class?
- What motivates you to keep learning when school is over?

BRAINSTORM: How Can We Keep Studying English Over the Summer?



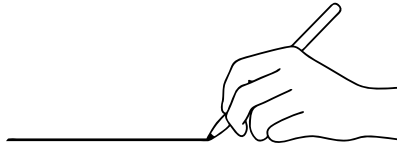
Write at least **three ideas** under each category:

Category	Ideas
Online activities	
Social / in-person activities	
Solo study ideas	
Projects or challenges	

Language Focus – Useful Expressions for Proposals

Fill in the missing words in these expressions using the words in the box

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Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The _____ of this proposal is to...• This proposal outlines suggestions for...
Suggestions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I _____ suggest (that)...• It might be a good idea to...• One _____ could be...• Another suggestion would be to...
Advantages / Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This would _____ us to...• This would be beneficial because...• _____ would this help us to..., but it would also...
Conclusion / Final Recommendation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To _____ up, I recommend...• I am confident that these ideas would...• These measures would _____ that...

 Try to use at least one expression from each section in your proposal!

Writing Part 2 – Proposal

You must answer this question. Write your answer in 220–260 words.

You are a student in an English class that will finish for the summer holidays next month. Your teacher has asked you to write a proposal suggesting ways for students to continue studying English over the summer.

In your proposal, you should:

- explain why it is important to continue practising English during the holidays
- suggest activities or methods students could use to maintain or improve their level
- say how these ideas would help students stay motivated and engaged over the summer

Write your proposal.

Planning Your Proposal

Use this table to plan your proposal. Think of **at least two concrete suggestions** and **justify** why they would be effective or enjoyable.

Section	Notes / Ideas	
Title	Choose something clear or catchy (e.g., English Doesn't Take a Summer Break!)	
Purpose (Introduction)	Why are you writing this proposal? What is the aim?	
Suggestion 1 + Heading	What's the activity? How would it work? Why would it help?	
Suggestion 2 + Heading	Another practical and engaging idea—describe and justify it.	
Conclusion / Recommendation	What do you recommend overall? Why will your plan succeed?	





Share your ideas with the class! Which ideas are the best? Which ones would you like to try this summer? Write down two ideas.

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Peer Correction Task

Exchange your proposal with a partner and use this checklist:

	Checklist Item
<input type="checkbox"/>	Is there a clear title and purpose stated in the introduction?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Are there at least 2–3 suggestions with good support/examples?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Are headings used to organize the content clearly?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Are formal expressions and linking words used appropriately?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Are there any grammar or spelling errors to correct?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Does the conclusion summarise the ideas and include a recommendation?

 *Provide one positive comment and one suggestion for improvement.*

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Answer Key

Brainstorming Activity – Summer English Ideas (POSSIBLE ANSWERS)

Category	Ideas
Online activities	e.g., watch YouTube channels, take part in online exchanges
Social / in-person activities	e.g., start a book club, organize English movie nights
Solo study ideas	e.g., keep a summer diary in English, try a vocabulary challenge
Projects or challenges	e.g., 30-day speaking challenge, write a short story in English

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Suggestions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I would suggest (that)...• It might be a good idea to...• One possibility could be...• Another suggestion would be to...
Advantages / Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This would allow us to...• This would be beneficial because...• Not only would this help us to..., but it would also...
Conclusion / Final Recommendation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To sum up, I recommend...• I am confident that these ideas would...• These measures would ensure that...

Sample Proposal – Model Answer

Proposal: Keeping Our English Alive This Summer

Introduction

The aim of this proposal is to suggest ways our class can continue practising English over the summer break in a fun and engaging way.

Weekly Conversation Club

One possibility could be to organize a weekly online conversation club. Students could take turns choosing topics, and we could meet on Zoom or Skype for informal chats.

Summer Reading Challenge

It might be a good idea to launch a reading challenge. Each student could pick a book or short story in English and then post a short review or voice message to a group chat.

Creative Writing Blog

Another suggestion would be to start a class blog where everyone contributes a short post or story each week. This would allow us to keep writing and give each other feedback.

Conclusion

To sum up, I believe these activities would help us maintain and even improve our level of English over the summer. I am confident that with a little motivation, we can keep the momentum going until next term