

Welcome to ECT! Over the next 2 years you're going to be improving your English in order to prepare for the very demanding **entrance exams** that will open the doors to your future business schools. These exams focus on **current news topics** and **social issues** in English-speaking countries, so we'll be following the news and learning the English that allows you to discuss it.

You'll need to **master structures** (i.e. grammar), **diversify your vocabulary** and **broaden your knowledge of the English-speaking world**. A little practice every day – ½ hour for example – will be very beneficial.

This summer is a good time to begin **preparing the foundations** by trying to **fix weak points** and **consolidate your knowledge**. Watching films and series (*en VO bien sûr*), listening to podcasts and reading popular novels are good ways to familiarize yourself with contemporary expressions and improve your comprehension. For **more focused learning** here are some recommendations:

- **Use English-learning websites**

BBC LEARNING ENGLISH

Not just the UK's most honoured TV producer (see below), the BBC also provides this useful website with all kinds of **news-related** language lessons and exercises. Try "News Review," "6-minute English," and explore the site for yourself.



This site offers **paying** courses, but also a lot of **free** activities to extend your grammar and vocabulary.

Speechyard

Allows you to develop vocabulary quizzes from TV shows (including Netflix).



Diverse **news items**, each treated in 3 levels of difficulty.

- **Review Grammar Points**

- Learn the following **Irregular Verbs List** (p. 2) for a **quiz the first week of class**.
- Review structures
 - on websites like www.facile-anglais.com
 - with books like Maîtriser la grammaire anglaise, LYCEE ET UNIVERSITE (Malavieille & Rotgé, chez HATIER)

- **Frequent the English-language News Media**

- The **printed press** (in kiosks or on internet): The Guardian (UK daily), The Economist (UK weekly), etc.
- Authoritative **video channels**: BBC World News (British), CNN (American), CBS (American)
- Listen to **radio news** (for more advanced students): NPR (US, with scripts), BBC World Service (UK)

- **A useful online dictionary**

- <http://www.wordreference.com/>

Enjoy your summer, and see you in the fall !



LISTE 1 : 80 VERBES TRÈS EMPLOYÉS (+ BE & HAVE)

<u>BV</u>	<u>Pret.</u>	<u>P.P.</u>	<u>français</u>
BE	WAS WERE	BEEN	ÊTRE

<u>BV</u>	<u>Pret.</u>	<u>P.P.</u>	<u>français</u>
HAVE	HAD	HAD	AVOIR

beat	beat	beaten	<i>battre</i>	light*	lit	lit	<i>allumer</i>
begin	began	begun	<i>commencer</i>	lose	lost	lost	<i>perdre</i>
bend	bent	bent	<i>(se) courber</i>	make	made	made	<i>faire, fabriquer</i>
blow	blew	blown	<i>souffler</i>	meet	met	met	<i>(se) rencontrer</i>
break	broke	broken	<i>briser</i>	pay	paid	paid	<i>payer</i>
bring	brought	brought	<i>apporter</i>	put	put	put	<i>mettre, poser</i>
build	built	built	<i>bâtir</i>	read	read	read	<i>lire</i>
burn*	burnt	burnt	<i>brûler</i>	ride	rode	ridden	<i>aller à vélo, à cheval</i>
burst	burst	burst	<i>éclater</i>	ring	rang	rung	<i>sonner</i>
buy	bought	bought	<i>acheter</i>	run	ran	run	<i>courir</i>
catch	caught	caught	<i>attraper</i>	say	said	said	<i>dire, prononcer</i>
choose	chose	chosen	<i>choisir</i>	see	saw	seen	<i>voir</i>
come	came	come	<i>venir</i>	sell	sold	sold	<i>vendre</i>
cut	cut	cut	<i>couper</i>	send	sent	sent	<i>envoyer</i>
do	did	done	<i>faire, exécuter</i>	shake	shook	shaken	<i>secouer</i>
draw	drew	drawn	<i>dessiner</i>	shine	shone	shone	<i>briller</i>
drink	drank	drunk	<i>boire</i>	shoot	shot	shot	<i>tirer (arme)</i>
drive	drove	driven	<i>conduire</i>	show	showed	shown	<i>montrer</i>
eat	ate	eaten	<i>manger</i>	shut	shut	shut	<i>fermer</i>
fall	fell	fallen	<i>tomber</i>	sing	sang	sung	<i>chanter</i>
feel	felt	felt	<i>(se) sentir</i>	sit	sat	sat	<i>être assis</i>
fight	fought	fought	<i>combattre</i>	sleep	slept	slept	<i>dormir</i>
find	found	found	<i>trouver</i>	speak	spoke	spoken	<i>parler</i>
fly	flew	flown	<i>voler (dans l'air)</i>	spend	spent	spent	<i>dépenser</i>
forget	forgot	forgotten	<i>oublier</i>	spread	spread	spread	<i>(s') étendre, répandre</i>
get	got	got	<i>obtenir; devenir</i>	stand	stood	stood	<i>être debout</i>
give	gave	given	<i>donner</i>	steal	stole	stolen	<i>dérober, voler</i>
go	went	gone	<i>aller</i>	stick	stuck	stuck	<i>coller, se coincer</i>
grow	grew	grown	<i>grandir</i>	strike	struck	struck	<i>frapper</i>
hang	hung	hung	<i>pendre, accrocher</i>	swim	swam	swum	<i>nager</i>
hear	heard	heard	<i>entendre</i>	take	took	taken	<i>prendre</i>
hide	hid	hidden	<i>(se) cacher</i>	teach	taught	taught	<i>enseigner</i>
hold	held	held	<i>tenir</i>	tear	tore	torn	<i>déchirer</i>
keep	kept	kept	<i>garder</i>	tell	told	told	<i>raconter, informer</i>
know	knew	known	<i>savoir</i>	think	thought	thought	<i>penser</i>
lead	led	led	<i>mener</i>	throw	threw	thrown	<i>jeter</i>
learn*	learnt	learnt	<i>apprendre</i>	wake	woke	woken	<i>(se) réveiller</i>
leave	left	left	<i>partir, laisser, quitter</i>	wear	wore	worn	<i>porter (vêtement)</i>
let	let	let	<i>permettre</i>	win	won	won	<i>gagner (compétition)</i>
lie	lay	lain	<i>être allongé</i>	write	wrote	written	<i>écrire</i>