



More Than English Podcast

Episode 2: Building Your Vocabulary with Minimal Effort

VOCABULARY and EXPRESSIONS

(The words and terms are in order of when you will hear them)

Vice-versa – The other way around

“We’re applying how we learn English to also learning other things in life – *or vice-versa*, how we apply learning other things in life to our language learning.”

To see something from both sides of the spectrum –

“I kind of see language learning *from both sides of the spectrum*.” (As a language teacher and a learner.)

Let’s face it... - Using this will help you sound more fluent to say something honestly.

“*Let’s face it*, teachers put in a lot of time... but as a learner, a lot of these activities don’t apply to the real world.”

The internet **goes down** – The internet stopped working temporarily

“What do you say when you have to call customer service because *the internet went down*?”

Exponentially (adv.) – To increase something A LOT

“It’s helping me *exponentially* as a teacher.”

Practice what you preach – To actually do what you tell other people to do

“I tell my students to do it, and *I should practice what I preach*.”

That’s beside the point – An expression to say what you’ve said isn’t in the topic of what you’re talking about.

That’s neither here nor there – To express that something is irrelevant to what you’re talking about.

“My bag isn’t like a traditional fanny pack; it’s a fashionable leather one, but that’s *beside the point. That’s neither here nor there*.”

A habit to get into – Use “get into” for a habit when you’re starting it.

“Repeating what you hear in English will be *a useful habit to get into*.”

To say something under your breath – To whisper something to yourself

“Sometimes, I will repeat an expression I hear *under my breath*.”

On a side note – Talk mention issue that is not directly related to the rest of your message

“*On a side note*, it’s good motivation for other people to help you.”

In one ear, out the other – Something you hear, but you don’t pay attention to. (Hear, but don’t listen)

“You’ll start picking up on some expressions that normally *would go in one ear and out the other*.”