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# HOW TO SPEAK ENGLISH & SAVE VALUABLE TIME

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STARTING WITH THE "MOST  
COMMON 500 WORDS"



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## Part 2

### How Knowing the First 500 Words Helps

Welcome to the Adept English First Five Hundred Words - Part Two: Why learning a language is difficult and how the First Five Hundred Words can help you. In this piece I will talk about language learning, some of the difficulties in learning a language and about how this Five Hundred Word Course can help you.

When you first start to learn a language, there is a lot to learn. If the new language is close to your own language, this can really help you and make it a lot easier. There will be certain words which look almost the same and often they will mean the same thing too – or almost. It is of course, much easier to learn and remember new words if it's like this. But if your language doesn't have the same patterns, doesn't sit in the same family of languages, there are fewer known and certain words to help you. It can seem as though the new language is so completely different from what you know, how you speak, that you feel very much 'at sea', as we say.

It can be even more difficult if your language and the one you are trying to learn have a completely different base and there is even less in common. For example if the form of the letters is different, that is an added part to get used to. Sentences and the way that you build sentences may be the same or different from your own language. How you sound out the letters may be different so that just saying the words when you read them, may be hard. Most languages in Europe are based on letters which make up words. The letters tell you what sounds to make, so you can probably read the word and have a go at saying it, even if you don't know what it means. But other languages are based on pictures, and just don't work