

Children Learning English

The English English Podcast Episode 14

Glossary (in chronological order):

pick up – to learn something naturally by doing it or experiencing it

benefits – positive, good things

environment – the things around you

acquire – to get something, not necessarily by consciously trying to get it

workshops – practical, activity-based lessons

crafts – things that people make themselves

mud – soil (earth) mixed with water (usually rain) - it is very messy

encouraging – pushing people in a positive way to do something

vinegar – a liquid made from old wine or cider used in cooking

remarkable – incredible, amazing

computer-generated – made by a computer

buddies – American English slang for friends. In UK English it would be mates.

Use the words above to fill in the gaps. Listen and check.

1. They're more aware of their
2. Workshops where you do and things like that so the kids are making things.
3. And also like children to travel.
4. Who wants on their chips?
5. Options included 'Made in Taiwan' and 'Moving
6. Psychologists say that it has other
7. We take them through treks in the
8. Young people accents and pick up languages more easily than older people.
9. The change is really
10. When you're an adult you can learn a language, but when you're a child you can a language by just living that language and experiencing the language.
11. I guess because it wasn't

Comprehension questions

What does Dave say is the difference between adults and children learning languages?

What advice does Joe give to parents about helping their children learn English?

What does Dave say about Dora the Explorer's accent?

Conversation questions

What do you do to help you learn English?

Could you do anything else to improve your listening, reading, speaking etc?