Self-Study Materials: Working on Your Own to Improve Your English
Create Your Own Mix of Learning Activities - About two hours a week in segments!

Grammar: Take an Overview Test*
- Essential Grammar in Use, Raymond Murphy, 1992, (AM C) with key (red cover)
- English Grammar in Use, Raymond Murphy, 1993, (AM B) with key (blue cover)

Vocabulary Building & Reading Comprehension
- Words in Context, Knop/Naumann (AM) - DM 29.50/bzw. 69.00 + cassette - Oberstufe
- Key Words in Context, Hellyer-Jones/Hewitt (AMA) – Klett Verl. DM 22.80 - Mittelstufe
- Spotlight (+ CD: 26.6.67.T im Lesesaal) – oder DM 9.50 at your local kiosk
- Reklam Bücher (~DM 3 per 60 pages of world literature at your local bookstore)
- German-English False Friends Books 1-3, Parkes/Cornell - with key*
- Practice with Prepositions: for German-speaking Learners of English - with key*
- Schluß mit den typischen englischen Fehler, Langenscheidt - DM 19.80 (also + cassette)

Listening Comprehension
- Public TV & Radio Broadcasts: CNN, MTV, Super-NBC, Sky; & BBC, VOA, AFN

Speaking Practice Opportunities
- VHS courses
- Foreign students or any good speakers of English (they needn't be native speakers)

Monolingual Dictionary for Foreign Learners
- Longman’s Dictionary of Contemporary English, DM 45.90: effective for foreign learners!

CD ROMs available in the TFH Library
- Vocabulary Builders
  - 6000 Vokablen (perhaps in combination with Key Words in Context by Klett Verlag)
- Movie Talk: two episodes each from 4 different TV series in the original (~hundreds of still pictures with/out) balloons [Sprechblasen], for interactive learning. Good also for building your listening comprehension and pronunciation.
  - Murder She Wrote (Mord ist Ihr Hobby) (26.6.69/70)  - Star Trek (26.6.72/73)
  - Beverly Hills 90210 (Everybody’s favorite!) (26.6.68/75)  - Colombo (26.6.71/74)
- Business English 1 & 2 (26.1.20)  - Englische Geschäftsbriefe (26.7.1.23)
Internet Sites (ref. Spotlight, 3/2001, pp. 20-24)

Learning Sites (vocabulary and grammar) most are free

- www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/index.shtml (multimedia exercises, online grammar service)
- www.learnenglish.org.uk (British Council – songs)
- www.bellenglish.com (exercises, helpline)
- www.englishpage.com (grammar, vocabulary, dictionaries)
- www.englishpractice.com (exercises, grammar, dictionary)
- www.eslcafe.com (cultural sensitivity, idioms, phrasal verbs)
- http://titania.cobuild.collins.co.uk (vocabulary, idioms)
- www.worldwidewords.org (vocabulary discussions for advanced learners)
- www.plumbdesign.com/thesaurus/ (visual synonym dictionary network)
- www.smic.be/smic5022/ (English exercises)
- www.go-ed.com/nec/content.html (English course)
- www.europa-pages.co.uk/uk/exams_english.html (English language exams)
- www.helt.co.uk/ (Heinemann ELT)
- www.siu.edu/~cesl/students/improve/improve.htm
- www.rong-chang.com
- www.sussex.ac.uk/lange/CALL.html
- www.better-english.com/exerciselist.html

Spotlight Online (www.spotlight-online.de) (word of the day, weekly news, humor)

/ current/ (shortened articles from the magazine, links, editorials)
/language/ (grammar explanations, vocabulary tips, exercises, tests)
/atwork/ (info, exercises, quizzes on telephoning, socializing, negotiating)
/links/ (dictionaries, resources, news)

News in English

- www.washingtonpost.com
- www.nytimes.com or www.nytimesfax.com
- www.bbc.co.uk
- www.smh.com.au (Sydney Morning Herald)
- http://detroitnews.com (Detroit)
- www.herald.com (Miami Herald)
- www.usatoday.com
- http://sfgate.com /San Francisco Chronicle)
- www.washingtonpost.com
- www.cnn.com
- www.boston.com (Boston Globe)
- www.chicago.tribune.com

Reference Works/Encyclopedias

- www.britannica.com
- www.refdesk.com
- www.encarta.msn.com
- www.howstuffworks.com (simple explanations about technological phenomena/devices with pictures/links – printable downloads)
- www.imdb.com (Internet Movie Database: guide to films TV shows)

Dictionaries

- www.babylon.com (G-E, E-G: very convenient - operates in the background)
- http://dictionary.cambridge.org (Cambridge International Dict. for foreign learners: clear/simple definitions, example sentences and usage info!)
- www.m-w.com (Merriam-Webster: monolingual)

Fun Sites

- www.dilbert.com (business-world comics)
or www.unitedmedia.com/comics/dilbert/archive
- www.unitedmedia.com/comics/peanuts/archive (Peanuts)
- www.snpp.com (Simpsons)
- www.uselessknowledge.com (amusing facts, quizzes, crosswords)

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