

When did you learn English?

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We asked seven big names, including Didier Drogba and Petr Cech, for their opinions about life in England and learning English.

Read what they said when we asked them:

“When did you learn English?”



Didier Drogba: I learned English at school but the way you learn English is completely different as when you come here and you have to speak so it's very different.

Dirk Kuyt: When I was at school and high school... when I was 12 or 13, we already get lessons, English lessons... so everybody in Holland speak English not very well but at least they can speak a few words.

Mido: I was speaking good English. I learned it in school and then when I went, when I travelled to Belgium I started to speak better. Cause I think language is not only about learning, it's about.. it's about, you know, talking to people, it's about living over here. You always get better and better.

Gilberto Silva: Now when I first came I didn't know anything about the English you know... just a few words, you know. But I had... I had to work hard here.

Petr Cech: When I came to England I spoke little bit English but it was the basic English I learnt at school. I had a... English course every week, for two hours every Thursday because Thursday was the best day for me and I've been doing this for about a year. So that's why I think it's very important and I feel much more comfortable now with English, I can do interviews, I can express myself, really I can say what I want and not to do any big mistakes, hopefully.

Ivar Ingimarsson: Learning English – quite well. We have to learn it in school starting from 8 or 12 or something where I come from and then obviously you go for the cinema and you see the films but er.. I like to hope, I like to think it has improved a little bit in the 7 years I have been here.