



What's our method?

When we look at a baby and we see their desire to communicate, what do we do?

We speak to them, we play with them and we show them new and interesting things in everyday life. We enlist verbal and non-verbal communication and we name items, we sing songs and the baby knows instinctively that they should play or sing along too. Before they have the grasp of their first language they make noises and they giggle. They hear the rhythm of words and phrases and they go along with that – simply put they start to get used to the language.

As time goes on, the baby starts to speak. But how?

Where did these words come from? Grammar exercises and vocabulary lists? No. they come from you and everyone else around. From listening to what you say and how you say it. Children pick up on your accent, your mannerisms and even your opinions and present them subsequently as their own.

The BLISS method is to mimic this learning process that we all go through. Through exposure to the language and through native teacher classroom immersion, **through doing and taking and listening and repeating, through playing and friendships, through memories and fun** we make sure that the language is fixed and is associated with fun making future learning more approachable.

We put the emphasis on **communication** and on fun, so that language absorption is effortless and natural.

We set tasks and projects to ensure that our students learn in context. We also mix up all of the nationalities to ensure that students have to speak in one common language – English. By using the language naturally and fluidly, we can then pass this on to learners to ensure they use the language in the same way. Yes, we give homework and yes we write in our journals, but we do so in an authentic way.

Outside the classroom, we engage our learners in **activities, drama, sports and excursions** all of which employ English for descriptions and explanations.

How do we know this works? Apart from all the scholarly documents and research which has been done, we know it works because this is the method that every child uses to learn their first language and we learned English like this, not from exercise books.

So, how did you learn your first language?

Listen. live. repeat