

To Start With 由此开始 — 2013 年 3 月 26 日

Listener friends, it's so great to meet with you in English World once again. We are your friends and hosts, I am your friend Mark, along with Wen-Jie.

Hello listener friend.

To learn a new language is not easy, but we do hope you have progress as you keep up your work on it.

学习新语言真不是件容易的事，但是希望你坚持学习，也看到自己有进步。

This reminds me. Mark, I have seen young people use this funny phrase. What is it?

我读到一些年轻人这么表达英语，好好学习。Good Good Study, Good Good Study?

And 天天进步 Day Day Up.

Well, That doesn't sound like English at all.

I know. It's Chinglish. 这是中式英语来的。

I think I know what they want to express. But the correct way to say it should be: **Study well, and you will improve day by day.**

Study well. 好好学习 And you will improve day by day. 天天进步 Thanks you for teaching us, Mark.

You're welcome.

The Way We Talk 日常口语

Today's key word is: start.

今天关键词是: start 开始

We say: We hope you **Get Off To A Good Start.**

Get Off to a good start. 在这, off 拼音是 o-f-f, and “start” 是个名词.

“Get off to a good start” means to start well.

这意思就是有个好的开始。

Another phrase: **To start off with or, to start with**

另一个词是: to start off with, 或 to start with

To start with can mean: to begin with, at the beginning, or in the first place.

这意思是开始, 最初, 第一重要的。

We often say: **To start off with something or someone.** This means to begin a process with something or someone.

Start off with something or someone, 意思乃从某人或某事开始一个过程。Mark, can you give examples?

Sure. Like, This club had only 5 members to start with. Now, they have over 50 members.

举例说, 这个社团是从 5 个成员开始的, 现今他们有 50 个成员了。

Another one, We will let him know by email to begin with.

我们会先用电邮联系他，让他知道这件事。

I will start off with this and talk about that later.

我将以这个做开始白，然后再谈另外那个。

Let's review the above. **Start, Get Off To A Good Start, To start with, To start off with something or someone.**

The one new phrase we've talked about just now is: to start with.

刚刚我们谈到新的用词，to start with

What would you say is the first step of learning English?

马可问，学习英语的首步骤是什么？I would say it's listening.

That's exactly right. The first step of learning English is listening.

首重在，训练听力。

Well, there are many other kinds of learning in life.

生命里，还有许多其他层面的学习，

Coming up next, is our feature "Words To Live By".

接下来，是圣经良言。

Our passage is Proverbs 1:7.

经文是箴言 1 章 7 节。

Listen carefully and pay attention to the phrase "start with..."

留意内容中提到的 Start with 这个词句

"Start with God – the first step in learning is bowing down to God;
only fools thumb their noses at such wisdom and learning."

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Next, our friend Eric will explain the meaning of this passage, Proverbs 1:7.

我们的 Eric 老师要分享箴言 1 章 7 节。

Words to Live By 圣经良言

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学校教导我们许多头脑知识上的东西，但是我们也需要学习生活。

It is learning how to live well: how to have a good life, how to get along with other people, how to have a meaningful life.

怎么好好过生活，怎么与人相处，怎样能有意义的人生。

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有人却不认为如此，他们自以为万事都懂。

The Bible calls them “fools,” which means stupid people. They “thumb their noses” at such learning.

圣经称他们是愚昧，愚笨的人。他们 thumb their noses 用大拇指翘起鼻子。

This idiom means that they show contempt for such learning by flipping their nose with their thumb, a very rude thing to do.

Thumb their noses, 这是很粗鲁的行为，意表这些人瞧不起，藐视有关生活的学习。

But the person who is not a fool knows that he or she needs this kind of learning.

然而，凡是知道自己应当学习怎么生活的，不是愚昧的人。

But how do you learn how to live well? The first step is in bowing down to God. 要如何呢？第一步就是，敬畏神。

This does not mean lowering our head the way we would in front of an idol. 不是向拜偶像一样的去弯腰低头。

It means telling God: “I believe that You made me. You know everything. Teach me how to live and how to please You.”

而是心里向神说：我晓得你创造了我，你知道万事，请教导我如何生活，如何讨你的喜悦。

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今天的圣经良言，出自箴言 1：7

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Listener, did you notice that beside Start with God, there's another idiom in this section: “thumb their noses”.

除了 Start with God 从神开始，我们学到另外一个词句 thumb their noses 轻视藐视看不起的意思。

OK, Now that you understand the meaning of this verse. Let's listen to Eric once again. This time without any translation.

了解以上内容之后，让我们再次请 Eric 说一回，这次不停顿。

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Our time is just about gone. The special phrase we focus today was: to start with, to begin with.

时光飞逝，今天特别词句是：to start with, to begin with

We hope you enjoyed learning English with us. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate, write to us and we will get back to you.

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Until next time, I am your friend Mark,

And I am your friend Wen-Jie.

So Long and God Bless You.