Английский не забывается!

Hello everyone! Sometimes when I talk to people about learning English, very often they say «English is so easy to forget». When I just started my learning I thought the same. But now when I improved my English, let me tell you something on this point.

English is never forgotten!

That's my exact opinion, my friends. And I'm going to explain why I'm thinking so.

The point is, in the very beginning I studied English much more hard than now. I had a tutor, she taught me two times a week. More over, I spent much time learning on my own. I did exercises, learnt grammar and tried to improve my English always when had free time. Of course my tutor helped me to the most extent, but anyway I tried to study not only on her lessons.

And as I told you, in about half a year I improved my English very well and could already speak with people pretty confidently. After that time I began to study not so often. Not because I didn't want to learn English, but because I didn't have much time for it. And I think that everyone might have this problem in his life. I had to spend much time in my university. Except that I had a part-time job. So I didn't have so much free time anymore. And I couldn't learn English the same way I did it before. I began to study with my tutor one day a week only. I stopped doing exercises every day, I stopped writing essays in English, I didn't have so much speaking practise anymore, etc. Of course I didn't quit learning. I just started to do it not so often.

And do you think my English got worse? No at all! Although I didn't speak English so often anymore, I kept improving my speaking skill. Despite I almost stopped learning grammar, I kept improving it. And my listening skill didn't get worse as well. Yes I didn't make progress so quickly, but I made it.

Ok, when some more time passed by, I started to learn English more rarely again! Because of some circumstances my tutor couldn't teach me anymore and I had to learn English without her help. By the way, in that time I came up with the idea to make a blog about learning English. So I did it. And since that time for more than six months already I've been learning English on my own.

And do you think my English got worse? No, it didn't get worse at all! On the contrary, I keep improving it more and more. And I still can speak with people not worse than I could do it before, but even better.

You might say «Anyway you kept your English all that time, that's why you didn't forget it». And you're right and not right in the same time. On one side, of course I'm always trying to keep my English up. But to tell you the truth my friends, my only helper in the last six months is my blog. I stopped talking to people in English very often. I stopped doing many exercises. But if I need to speak English, at my work, with my friends or somewhere else, I don't have problems with it at all. I'm sure in myself and I know that if I have to speak I'll speak English and even better than I could do it six months ago.

And I really believe that if you have the language base and if you learnt to speak English on a good level, you'll never lose your skills guys. And everytime you need to speak English you'll speak. You'll do it unconsciously as if you've never stopped your learning. It's my point of view.

So if you worry that you can forget English if you don't use it, please put your worries aside. Keep learning English. Improve it to a good level (Upper Intermediate, Advanced) and be sure that your knowlege will stay with you for ever. And only you'll have to do is to keep your English from time to time: talk to friends, listen to the English speech, read books you like, just chat with friends etc. There are many simple ways to keep English. And you don't have to have much time to do it.

The beginning of learning has always been the most difficult period my friends. But if you make it and improve your English to a high level, you'll never forget it and you'll never lose your ability to speak!

Keep learning English and take care!