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Top tips

To get good marks in an English dictation test, you need to have a good understanding of the language. Here are some useful tips:



1. Listening

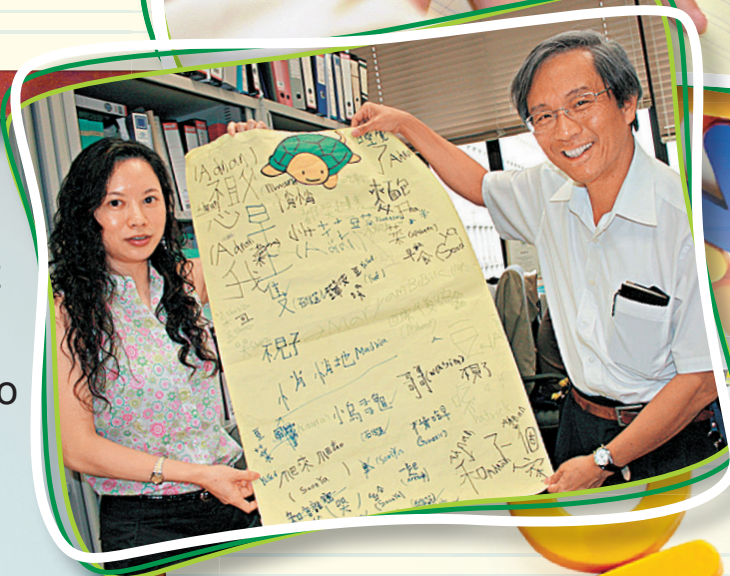
Remember to look for the **naughty** 's' sound at the end of a word. Also, see if a word is used correctly, eg, is it '**deprive**' or '**derive**'? If you do not know a word, try guessing it.

2. Grammar

You don't need to be a grammar master but you need to have some **awareness** of grammar during a dictation. For instance, "Amy has five dollars in her pocket." Amy is a 'she' so the 's' at the end of 'dollar' is necessary. Don't **overlook** these minor errors – it can be costly.

3. Spelling

If you forget a word, don't leave it blank. Try to spell the word using a **phonics** technique and try to remember the common 'combos' of words. For instance, the ending 'ation' is very common: information, mediation, civilisation, globalisation and cultivation.



◀ English academics with their new way of learning how to spell.

See, that's a lot to learn! I hate English dictation!



I love learning. I love English dictation.

