

# This Year *Smarter English Goals!*



If you want to succeed this year, learn one thing: the difference between a dream & a goal.

A dream is simply a wish - it has a low chance of success. A goal is a strategic plan that will lead you to victory.

Here are the elements necessary to convert your dreams into goals. We will follow the traditional S.M.A.R.T. system with two language-learning additions.

**S:** Your goal must be **specific**. Look in my catalogue and choose 4, 8, or 12 specific lessons: 10 business phrasal verbs? Vocabulary for presentations? The pronunciation of TH?

**M:** In addition, your goal must be **measurable**. This can be accomplished through quizzes (oral or written).

**A:** Being **attainable** is critical. We can talk about what is realistic for you. Most of my lessons can be adjusted to various levels to help.

**R:** **Relevance** is also key. If you are doing a presentation next week, let's work on that!



**T:** Time is very motivating. A goal that is **time-bound** has a *boundary* or limit. We can set a date to test your skills.

**E:** **Engage!** I know your English sounds great inside your own head, but when you start discussing, describing, and debating with me, you might find that it is "not so perfect". This is great - it is where real learning takes place.

**R:** **Reviewing** is easy with my system. I take notes that allow you to quickly review the previous class. This year, I am expanding the vocab app to cover more and more lessons.

1. What is one of your greatest English weaknesses?
2. What is one of your biggest English fears?
3. What structures do you avoid?

4. What words do you use too much?
5. Which situations do you dread?
6. What specific English-language tasks do you see yourself doing in the next 6 months?