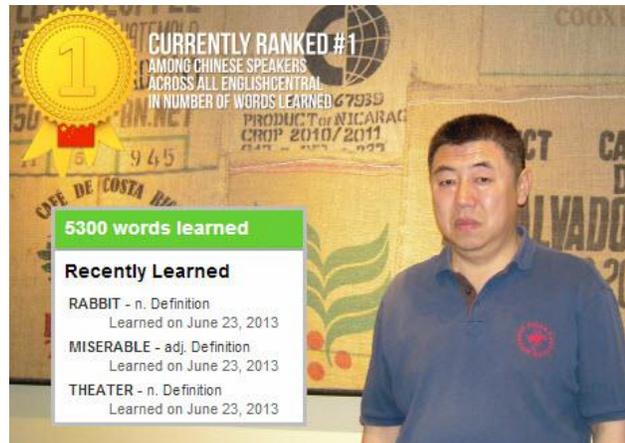


## EC's #1 Word Learner In China

My name is Tom. I am nearly 50 and I live in Shenyang, the biggest city in northeast China. I am a diesel engine and heavy equipment engineer. My profession gives me the opportunity to communicate in English.

I have been studying English as far as I can remember. From primary school to college, working after school, and have always been very interested in studying English but I didn't see much improvement. I felt fatigue and sadness.



However, I didn't give up and always searched for resources to study English, including lots of textbooks and videos in bookstores and online. I've spent a lot of time practicing my reading and listening. I also went to an English school for a short time. I did get high marks and improved my testing skills. But I have to admit that despite getting perfect scores, this is not what I really want. I want the actual ability to speak English.

It finally happened to me, one summer day in 2012 when I was looking for some articles on Voice of America, (VOA) like I do usually. This is where I saw the link for EnglishCentral. I signed up.

EnglishCentral made an impression on me because of its teaching model. I mean, with voice teaching, the student could practice their speaking and listening over and over while EnglishCentral directs. I realized at once that this is what I wanted because I know it is vital in practice speaking even though I didn't know how to study and what material I should use. I just went on finding what's fitting and see the results along the way. There were so many videos, I didn't know where to begin. It was really very difficult for me at first so I started with videos marked "easy" and I did not even dare to click on the mid or difficult videos even though they seemed interesting to me. I planned to start from the easy videos.

I have some spare time and thought this is good because I can study English at home everyday. In fact, I was so interested in the videos in the first two months that I just found out later that I have made a lot of progress and this made me feel very excited! I began to develop confidence to continue this process until the end of 2012 and that's when I decided to upgrade to a premium account. I thought it must be better to have a system in training. It was a wonderful feeling to get control of working on my pronunciation skill.

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It is difficult to say which kind of video is better because they are all different. I have finished more than one thousand videos. I want to say that Social English is my favorite topic. I am fond of the course - [Debate It](#). I am also fond of the Food topic because I lack knowledge in words about food. I also feel that the videos in Media English are very fine. One of the videos here is about a star from the show "[Lost](#)".

One time, my friend told me, "It is amazing! Your English has improved a lot!" I am definitely sure that I can listen and understand Easy videos for the first or second time without looking at the caption. Of course, I still find some videos difficult.

I think my reading ability has improved as well. It mainly shows when I browse some newspaper articles. I go over them smoothly and faster than before! It is important that I have confidence and know how to improve my English level through training. I've also never written like these many words to express my idea about studying English. I know I am still not good enough today, but I am sure I will be in the future.

