Unit I: GOAL SETTING

This unit will help you decide your language goals.

In this unit you will:

- □ Think about what you already do in English
- □ Choose an appropriate, specific and realistic goal
- Connect your Wants, Interests and Needs to your goal

I. What do you do <u>Now</u> in English?

Let's start by thinking about what you already do and how it helps you. Look at the examples below I. Write "YES" if you do it 2. Write how often.

Example:

Read	Books	Magazines	Newspapers	Comics	Something else
YES					Facebook Everyday
Write	Homework	Emails	Letters	Diary	Something else
YES	Everyday				

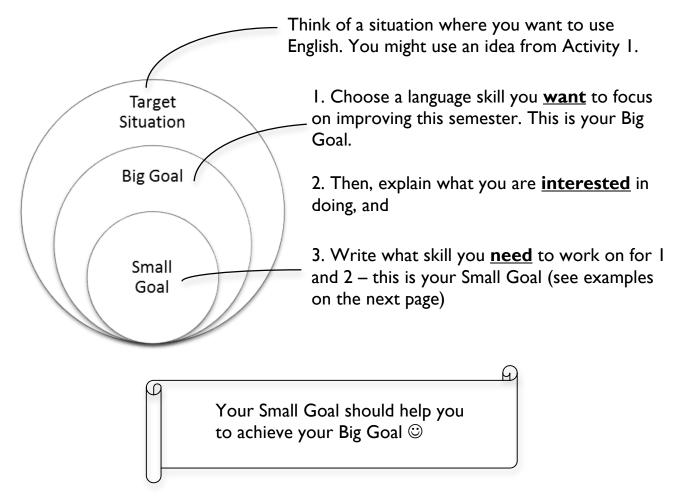
Your turn:

Books	Magazines	Newspapers	Comics	Something else
Homework	Emails	Letters	Diary	Something else
Songs	TV Programs	Internet Videos	DVDs	Something else
Karaoke / Singing	Chat with friends	Classroom Activities	Presentations	Something else
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2. What do you <u>Want</u> to be able to do in English?

In Activity I, you made a chart of what you already do in English. Now, think about what you want to improve this semester.

When deciding a language goal, it is important to think about a target situation. More importantly, you need to connect your **WIN** - <u>Wants</u>, <u>Interests</u> and <u>Needs</u> to your language goal.



Follow the example below and write your language goal for this semester connecting your **WIN**.

Example:

"(1). I <u>want</u> to improve <u>writing skill</u> for <u>emailing my foreign</u> friends in <u>English.</u> (2). In the email message to them, I'm <u>interested</u> in <u>writing about my daily life such as what I did</u> <u>on weekends.</u> In order to do so, (3). I <u>need</u> to be able to improve vocabulary related to what I do in my daily life.

Your turn:

Big Goal: I <u>want</u> to improve	for
	(target situation).
l'm <u>interested</u> in	
Small Goal: In order to do so, I <u>need</u> to be able to	

Examples of small goals:

Small Goals	Explanation/examples
Fluency	Speak with less pausing, read/write faster, listen for longer, etc.
Pronunciation	Intonation, linking, individual sounds
Grammar	Specific grammar points, e.g. past tenses
Vocabulary	Using more vocabulary for topics I am interested in e.g. sport, campus life etc.

3. Ask Another Student

Ask another student what goal he or she has for this semester. Use the following sample questions:

- 1. What language skill would you like to improve? / What is your Big Goal?
- 2. What are you interested in doing with the skill?
- 3. What language skill do you need to improve to improve your Big Goal?/ What is your small goal?

Student's Name:	-
Date of interview:	

Big Goal: S/he <u>wants</u> to improve	_for
S/he is interested in	
Small Goal: In order to do so, s/he needs to be able to	

4. Reflection

I. Which part of this unit was easy and which was difficult? Why?

Comments from your Learning Advisor

Write answers to your advisor's questions.

<u>After reading your Learning Advisor's comments</u>, make relevant changes to your language goals if necessary then write them in your Learning Plan.

5. Developing your Learning Plan

In Unit 4 you will complete a learning plan, but you can start to draft it now. After each unit, transfer information to your Learning Plan. <u>This week, you should</u> <u>complete the parts that say "Target Situation", "Big Goal" and "Small Goal"</u>

