

ENGLISH SPEAKING PROFICIENCY OVER TIME



English proficiency **improves** over time.

Adolescents aged 15–17 years showed **greater improvements** in English language than young adults (18–25).

Humanitarian migrants who said they could speak English **very well** or **well** at the time of settlement in Australia:

3 out of 10

for adolescents aged 15–17 years*



3 out of 10

young people aged 18–25 years*



Around **three years** later, this proportion had increased to:

8 out of 10

for adolescents aged 15–17 years*



6 out of 10

young people aged 18–25 years*



For young adults aged 18–25 years, men had **higher levels** of English language proficiency than women.

*Participants were this age at time of settlement (granted a permanent protection visa in 2013).

