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).