People are always learning. They start when they are just babies.

Babies learn by exploring. This baby studies her toys and puts them in her mouth. When the family dog comes near her, she tries to learn about him, too!
Babies learn from their families. Lisa’s mother reads books to her. Lisa looks at the pictures and listens to the stories. That helps her learn new words. Lisa tries to walk like her brother. She is happy to learn new things.
Older children learn in many different ways. Children can learn by playing. They learn how to do puzzles and how to play games. They learn to run and jump and climb. Hector has learned to use his arms and legs to climb up high.
Children need help to learn some things. Parents teach them how to tie their shoes. Teachers teach children to read and write. Hector’s big sister can teach him things, too. She is teaching him how to ride a bicycle.
Teens learn how to do many things on their own.
Ana is old enough to do jobs to earn money. She also knows how to add and subtract in her head to be sure she gets the right change at stores.
Teens learn things that will help them live on their own someday. Many teens learn how to drive a car.

Teens learn in school, too. Ana’s mother is always there to help her with her homework.
Adults know how to do many things. Ana’s mother knows how to take care of a family. She knows how to use math at her job.

But she still learns from her dad. He taught her how to fix things around the house.
Grandparents are always learning, too. Some learn fun things like painting. Others learn helpful things like how to use a computer.

Hector and Ana’s grandpa is learning something new. He hopes to master this new machine soon.
He doesn’t give up. He asks for help. There are some very good teachers in his family!

Once he gets help, he knows just what to do. He is sure that he can learn more each day. After all, people are ALWAYS learning!
Author’s Purpose

Why did the author write this book? What are three details that tell this? Make a chart.

Write About It

Text to Text What else have you read about people who are learning? When do you think people learn the most? Why? Write two sentences.
WORDS TO KNOW
always  happy  once
different  high  stories
enough  near

LEARN MORE WORDS
bicycle  subtract  master

TARGET SKILL  Author’s Purpose
Tell why an author writes a book.

TARGET STRATEGY  Analyze/Evaluate
Tell how you feel about the text, and why.

GENRE  Informational text gives facts about a topic.