

## 21 Activities to Become Fluent in a New Language Easily

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If you're learning a new language, your wish is to speak it fluently as soon as possible. After all, what do you want to learn a language for if you can't speak it? Here's a list of quick activities that will allow you to become fluent easily.

- 1. Forget books, paper and pens. Focus on oral performance. When you speak a language naturally you don't use any written help.Just communicate!
- 2. Listen to your chosen language every day. Turn on the radio, watch videos, TV and movies to train your ear in your target language. When you are done, make a recorded summary and give your opinion. Use the vocabulary you feel comfortable with.

- 3. Forget about mistakes. Just convey your ideas. Language has different features such as grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation, structure and function. You can't get everything right at the begining. So, concentrate on the idea you want to transmit and do it as best as you can.
- 4. Don't translate from your mother tongue to the new language as this is the source of many common mistakes learners do.
- 5. Read the news, express your thoughts about current events. Record your opinion. Newspapers provide plenty of material to work with. If your level is low read the ads and tell what they are about, what they are offering you and the price.
- 6. If you want to learn new words, or want to check their pronunciation, use a talking **dictionary.**There are some good applications out there.
- 7. Look at yourself in the mirror and **describe what you are wearing.** Include shoes, purse and makeup. Search for peoples' pictures and detail how they are dressed, and what they plan to do in those clothes.
- 8. Watch videos about places you would like to visit, and record yourself describing your plans to travel to a chosen place.
- 9. Chat with a friend, using phone applications. Have an informal talk.
- 10. **Create an audio journal.** Record your daily experiences and keep them together.
- 11. **Read aloud** to train your vocal chords in the production of new sounds.
- 12. Deliver short speeches three times a week. You don't need to stand in front of an audience. You just have to speak and feel confident.
- 13. Listen to audio stories or videos without subtitles. Grasp the general meaning if your level is low and get more details if you are advanced. Then retell the story and record your opinion.
- 14. Talk to your pet in the target language. Instruct him to follow your orders.
- 15. Get an imaginary secret friend. Whisper your secrets in the target language to him or her.
- 16. Turn into an amateur theatre actor or actress. Perform monologues, or choose scenes from modern plays and rehearse them with a friend.
- 17. **Read cooking recipes** and tell a friend how to fix an exotic meal.
- 18. Listen to your favourite songs, look for the lyrics and sing them. Record your performance and share it. If you play the guitar it will be even funnier.
- 19. Make an interview on the phone to a language partner or a celebrity.
- 20. Share all your recorded material and ask for feedback.

If you put into practice these tasks regularly you'll become fluent in a short time.

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