# TIPS FOR DAILY LANGUAGE LEARNING

Use this checklist to help you organize your daily language learning.

### BEGINNER

- VOCABULARY Add 10 words every day to your <u>Anki</u> vocabulary deck. Review the words <u>quickly</u> every day.
  Do one lesson from <u>Duolingo</u> every day.
- □ **GRAMMAR** Get a grammar book from the library (or online) and study one short lesson a day.
- □ **LISTENING** Search <u>YouTube</u> for beginner videos in your target language. Watch one a day.
- □ **READING** Get a graded reader or children's book from the library and read a few pages a day.
- □ WRITING Write one sentence in a daily language journal.
- **SPEAKING** When you read, say what you read out loud.



### **INTERMEDIATE**

- **VOCABULARY** Continue adding words to <u>Anki</u>, for example 20 words a week. Review them <u>quickly</u> every day.
- □ **GRAMMAR** Continue studying short grammar lessons from books and online. But focus more on speaking and listening.
- **READING** Along with graded readers, start reading the news in your target language as well.
- **WRITING** Write one paragraph in your daily language journal. Choose <u>random questions</u> to answer.
- LISTENING Listen to interesting <u>YouTube</u> videos in your target language. Listen the first time <u>without</u> subtitles.
- SPEAKING Find a language partner on HelloTalk or Tandem. Send them a written AND vocal message every day.

# ADVANCED

- **VOCABULARY** Search for idioms in your target language and add them to <u>Anki</u>. Review them <u>quickly</u> every day.
- □ **GRAMMAR** You should not be focused on grammar at this point, but maybe once a week you can look up advanced grammar lessons online or from advanced language books.
- **READING** Read full-length native novels that interest you. Continue reading the news in your target language.
- □ WRITING Answer on question sites like <u>Quora</u> in your target language. Or join Facebook groups in your target language about topics you're interested in and converse with natives there.
- LISTENING Choose a TV series you like and watch an episode of it <u>without</u> subtitles every week.
- SPEAKING Do audio/video chats with your language partner(s). Choose a topic and talk about it for 10-20 minutes purely in your target language. Or find native events through tools like <u>Meetup</u> and talk with them.

# **GREAT FREE LANGUAGE LEARNING TOOLS**

- <u>Google Translate</u> more than just a translator. Use it to correct your writing, hear pronunciations and more.
- **Duolingo** a great way to get introduced to a language easily and without frustration.
- <u>Anki</u> Discipline yourself to use it a few minutes a day and you'll never forget words again.
- HelloTalk Easily find language partners to practice with.
- <u>WordReference</u> an amazingly useful online dictionary in multiple languages
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