

# Tips for language learning success

1 Read the following text and number these topics in the order they are dealt with. The first one has already been done for you.

- Break study time into smaller chunks
- Communicate with your instructor
- Do homework conscientiously
- Form study groups
- Identify your learning style
- Learn vocabulary effectively
- Maximize your language exposure
- Practice language actively
- 1 Set realistic expectations
- Spend time on task

1. It is natural to feel uncomfortable in a language class. Not understanding and making mistakes are a very natural part of the language learning process. Accept the fact that you will not understand everything.
2. Language students learn more effectively when they study frequently and for shorter periods of time.
3. Vocabulary is the most essential element of communication. The more words you know, the more you can say and understand.
4. Whenever possible, speak the language aloud: say vocabulary words out loud, read passages in the text aloud, do pronunciation activities orally and not just mentally.
5. Homework offers you a golden opportunity to practice your language skills.
6. Meet regularly with classmates to work together on homework assignments, to learn vocabulary, to study for tests, or just to practice speaking the language.
7. Each person has his/her own learning style and everyone learns at a different pace. Try not to get frustrated if someone else in class seems to be progressing more quickly than you.
8. You will become more fluent more quickly if you increase the amount of contact you have with the language. You can start by simply practicing the language with a classmate outside of class. You can befriend native speakers in your community, or rent a movie in the target language, or listen to authentic audio or video online. Remember that you won't be able to understand everything, and you might not understand much at all at first.
9. Use the time you have in class each week to work on your language skills. Make the most of the time you have to maximize your learning.
10. Seek help immediately when you need it. You might be surprised how easily such difficulties can be resolved.