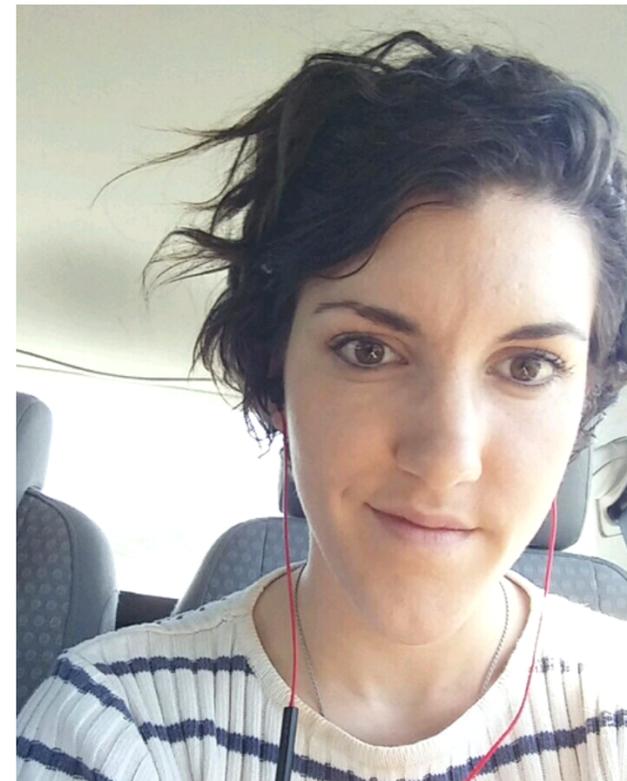


HOW TO LEARN FRENCH

When you don't have the time



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INTRODUCTION:

- Ask yourself precisely why you want to learn the language.
- Make sure you are clear with what's in it for you.
- Visualize at least one awesome thing that you will be able to do once you know the language

THE NECESSITY

Right from the beginning, put yourself in a situation where you will need to speak French. Most of the time, people fail because they don't lose anything if they stop trying.

Make sure to find a purpose to your learning. (not for the sake of it).

It can be going on a holiday, taking a class with a French Chef, getting a new job...

1) PLAN AHEAD

Having a clear idea of what & when to study will help tremendously. It will make you gain some time and also eliminate resistance.

Slowly, you will get used to your schedule and adapt to it:

By knowing what's coming you eliminate the temptation of procrastination

1) PLAN AHEAD

Put on alarm, schedule it in an app, or simply in a notebook...

What matters is planning those little sessions, possibly daily for up to 30mn

Typically, if you can find 10 minutes a day, that should be enough, as long as the content was planned ahead of the session.

2) MULTITASK

For most of us, multitasking seems like the best way to mess up several things at once. But if you decide to multitask wisely, it can help you be more productive.

For example, when commuting to work, washing the dishes or any other activity that doesn't require much attention, you can add an activity to help you learn.

2) MULTITASK

Find what works best for you and use your time dedicated to small things to learn and practice.

Flashcards, podcasts, youtube videos... there are plenty of ways to make up for this time and get an impromptu review of vocabulary or whatever you find best.

=> Prepare a list ahead to avoid losing time!

3) TAKE SMALL BITES

Of course, there are a ton of things that are necessary for a language: having a rich vocabulary, a great pronunciation, a proper conjugation, a decent orthograph...

But trying to tackle every problem at once is likely to get you lost along the way.

3) TAKE SMALL BITES

Fix some realistic goals, and don't try to move too fast. The key to learning (and remembering!) a language is consistency.

You will need to regularly review some old vocabulary as well, so make sure you don't "learn" and forget 5 mn later.

4) LIVE THE LANGUAGE

Not everyone can afford a nice holiday in France, study for a semester or move permanently abroad.

But, there are other things you can do to ensure that your target language is alive and surrounding you at all time.

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Find various mediums, TV shows that also exists in France (Masterchef, Survivor...), movies, radio, YouTubers, Spotify playlists...

The language can easily follow you during the day, without having to relocate!

5) FIND A PARTNER

The basic of learning a language is communication. Sure, you can do a lot on your own, but eventually, you will need to hold a back and forth conversation with someone.

There are plenty of ways to find a language partner, most of them online but you can also join / create a Meet up group or simply ask around.

5) FIND A PARTNER

In the era of the internet, it's never too difficult to get in touch with someone who share your interests.

Practice and mistakes will help you and strengthen your knowledge deeper than any app can.

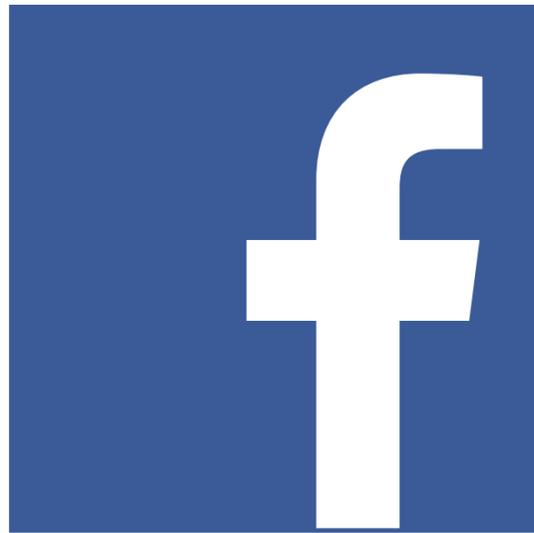
Don't be afraid, don't hold back and keep trying!

CONCLUSION

Though it's easy to get overwhelmed and give up, there are a variety of little ideas that you can implement to make language learning fun and engaging!

Find your peeps, work regularly and you will see yourself progress with consistency!

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