

## Free International Language Learning

No card? No problem! The follow is a list of free international language learning sites. While these sites are not as good as our paid for databases, please feel free to use them to supplement your language learning!

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### Internet Polyglot

Internet Polyglot offers many of the same kinds of resources as the sites listed above, with the added advantage of its “quick start menu,” which enables you to choose not only what language you’re learning but also what language you’re learning it *in*.

<https://www.internetpolyglot.com/>



Learnalanguage is a website with links to extensive resources on and in 19 different languages. Learn over 1400 words in a target language free with their vocabulary lists and verb conjugation charts. Learnalanguage.com maintains its own Web-based courses.

<https://www.learnalanguage.com/>



Open Culture is an e-learning website that hosts free cultural and educational media. It maintains a list of free courses in 48 languages across the Web, from Amharic to Yiddish. With these collected resources from institutions across the world, find good-quality lessons in 48 languages that are learned everywhere.

<http://www.openculture.com/freelanguagelessons>

**Surface Languages:** Surface languages contains words, phrases and expressions in many different languages along with audio, flashcards

and some language learning games. The words and phrases found here (and there are thousands) cover many common situations that you encounter on holiday, travelling, or if you just want to break the ice with your neighbor.

<https://www.surfacelanguages.com/>

## Websites with Video-based Language Learning Content



Innovative Language is a massive system of free video and audio lessons in over 40 languages. The

website is updated with new lessons frequently, with material geared towards absolute beginners all the way up to advanced learners nearing fluency. It focuses on featuring audio and video material made by professional teachers, and it's one of the most prolific and consistent language sites in the game. They teach grammar, vocabulary, everyday conversations, real-life situations and culture. Although they have a paid version of the service, thousands of professionally produced audios and videos are available for free.

<https://www.innovativelanguage.com/>

## Massively Open Online Courses (MOOCs) for Free Language Learning



**Alison:** Each of the nine languages offered on Alison's language learning platform include at least an introductory course, and others include more advanced and detailed courses in popular languages

such as French, Spanish, German, etc.

<https://alison.com/courses/language>



Coursera, another big name in online education, also maintains a Language Learning section under its online catalogue. Most courses are for beginners, like First Step Korean, and others engage more generally with language learning, like the Miracles of Human Language course from Leiden University. Still other classes are taught on other topics *in* foreign languages, enabling you to learn about writing, math, engineering or literature *in* the foreign language you're learning—though this approach is recommended for higher-level learners.

<https://www.coursera.org/browse/language-learning>



EdX is one of the biggest MOOC (massive open online course) websites out there. As a language learner, consider taking a dedicated language class, or for the more advanced learners taking an educational course in your target language. For example, sign up to take an algebra class entirely in Spanish.

[https://www.edx.org/?source=aw&awc=6798\\_1591977810\\_1ff28c3051006b645f6f5fdc87ae8736&utm\\_source=aw&utm\\_medium=affiliate\\_partner&utm\\_content=text-link&utm\\_term=264419\\_FlexOffers.com%2C+LLC](https://www.edx.org/?source=aw&awc=6798_1591977810_1ff28c3051006b645f6f5fdc87ae8736&utm_source=aw&utm_medium=affiliate_partner&utm_content=text-link&utm_term=264419_FlexOffers.com%2C+LLC)



**Massachusetts Institute of Technology: Open**

**Courseware**: MIT was one of the first universities to make its course content available online. Under the Global Studies and Languages section of their Open Courseware website, you'll find courses ranging from Chinese II to Contemporary French Politics, all designed to help engage not only with the language but also with its greater cultural context.

<https://ocw.mit.edu/courses/global-studies-and-languages/>

## Free Websites for Connecting with Native Speakers



**Hi Native:** HiNative is an innovative app that takes a nontraditional approach. Rather than giving you flashcards and courses or even facilitating Skype sessions, HiNative allows you to ask questions to native speakers of the language you're learning. Whether it's about the difference between two confusing words, getting a pronunciation check or figuring out how and when to use the subjunctive, just send a text and wait for a response.

<https://hinative.com/en-US>

**Word to Word Language Resources:** This site is dedicated to breaking down of language barriers and assisting the users who have the desire to learn a language, a need to communicate between languages, and for those who work with languages as a profession. Word2word contains chat rooms and meetups and the site hosts resources on everything from typing characters in other alphabets and scripts to a Dictionary of Period Russian Names.

<http://www.word2word.com/>

## Free Vocabulary Games and Flashcards

**Digital Dialects:** For beginners and those suffering from 90s nostalgia, Digital Dialects is a techno-retro online game site with animated and interactive lessons in a couple dozen languages. Listen to the voice as it names fruits, then click them and drag them into a basket, or match English phrases to the ones spoken in your target language. A simple platform free of distraction.

<https://www.digitaldialects.com/>



Duolingo's user-friendly vocabulary games make language-learning fun by unlocking the power of gaming for language learning. They use the gaming strategy to allow you retain more information than you would from your standard flashcards

approach. The truly dedicated are asked to translate sentences of increasingly comical ridiculousness as they work up through the levels of their language.

<https://www.duolingo.com/>



Memrise gives the option for a more hands-on option for flashcard learning with its "mems." You can use the cards provided by Memrise and other users, or create your own mnemonic devices by composing and finding images for your own cards.

<https://www.memrise.com/>

## Free Language Learning Websites for Specific Languages

### Arabic

**Arabic Keyboard:** Aside from helping you with tricky Arabic script and the grammar that goes along with it, this site includes super helpful, practical information about the Arabic language, its dialects and where and how to use them.

<http://www.arabic-keyboard.org/arabic/>



**Arabic Reading Course:** For absolute beginners, this letter-by-letter course is the perfect jump-start to get you reading and writing in Arabic.

<http://arabicreadingcourse.com/>

## Chinese

**CCTV:** Chinese public television. Read about current events in China in English, Mongolian, Simplified or Traditional Chinese (change via the language bar in the top right).

<https://english.cctv.com/>

**Chinese-Tools.com**



This site contains over 40 online lessons with a learner forum and Chinese dictionary. There is a travel to China Section, Study in China section, and Teach in China section. There is also an option for learning about 10 minutes a day to improve fluency.

<https://www.chinese-tools.com/learn/chinese>



**Zhongwen Red:** a vocabulary-centered language learning website. Each lesson centers around a vocabulary unit that is presented in the context of several example sentences, then expanded upon by a short dialogue. All of the material on this site is available for free download. Listen to the lessons and use their PDF transcripts just as you would a regular textbook.

<http://www.zhongwenred.com/>

## French

**Bonjour  
de France**

A fantastic resource for all levels, including grammar lessons and exercises to practice what you've learned. We love it because you can start using it as a beginner, and it can then accompany you all throughout the French learning process. This British site uses the European scale of French level: A1, A2, B1, B2, C1 and C2.

<https://www.bonjourdefrance.co.uk/learn-french->

[online/grammar/choose-level](#)



This site offers fantastic resources for French teachers, but if you're teaching yourself French it's also a great stop. It offers lesson plans and activities to practice what you've learned. While these plans are targeted for teachers, they're very easy to use as a self-taught student. They reduce the boredom that can come from following the same activities day after day. The exercises and activities vary, meaning that you can come back to this site frequently to use new resources.

<https://www.lepointdufle.net/p/learnfrench.htm>

**The French Experiment:** A website for beginners containing free lessons and stories in French. When you are ready to move on, the site offers free reviewed French Course Products.

<https://www.thefrenchexperiment.com/>

## German

### Deutsch-lernen

With 10 beginner lessons and 24 advanced grammar lessons, this free resource is a great starting point for beginning learners and those intimidated by the infamously frustrating German grammar.

<https://www.deutsch-lernen.com>



**Deutsche Welle** — The German international broadcast's online *Deutschkurse* offers free courses by level, from beginner to advanced.

<https://www.dw.com/en/learn-german/german-courses/s-2547>

## Japanese

**Easy Japanese:** Flashcards and games geared toward writing and speaking the language. This site also has a word of the day, along with hiragana and katakana quizzes.

<http://www.easyjapanese.org/>

**Erin's Challenge:** a great interactive site for practicing your Japanese grammar supporting more than five languages including English, Japanese, Spanish, Korean and French. It has 25 lessons with videos of real-life situations in which you can hear a near-natural form of the language. Because of its realistic aspect, you'll feel like you experience various aspects of the Japanese society firsthand.

<https://www.erin.ne.jp/en/>



**Japanese Online:** A simple beginner's resource with four units on the basics, topic modifiers, sentence structures and Japanese traditions. Also contains online access to articles, online video tutorials, and cultural information. There is also a Japanese Language Proficiency Test available.

<https://www.japanese-online.com/>



This Japanese public broadcaster maintains its own online magazine, including language lessons, audio clips and video resources for learners. Conversation and grammar lessons, and over 40 downloadable lessons, this site has a great variety of resources.

<https://www.nhk.or.jp/lesson/english/>

**TamaTamako's Nihongo Learning Animations:** This site is a blog in which you can study some basic grammar with simple animations



and audio. There are 35 lessons, and each lesson is about three minutes long. The blog is designed in such a way that it makes you feel as though each lesson contain a slice of everyday Japan.

<http://ookoch.seesaa.net/>

**Teach Yourself Japanese** is a very useful site for those early learners of the Japanese language who prefer to study on their own. Don't be fooled by its dated appearance, as this site covers all the basic grammar with clear and useful explanations. Its categorization system is simple, making it fairly easy to find what you want. It starts with a very useful outline of the language, and all the basics of pronunciation and terminology.

<http://www.sf.airnet.ne.jp/~ts/japanese/>

**U-biq's Online Japanese Tests**: This site is a collection of quizzes on Japanese grammar, vocabulary, kanji, listening and reading. It focuses on the things you need to know for the JLPT (Japanese Language Proficiency Test), and it supports Chinese and Korean. This is a very complete and comprehensive quiz site which is sure to meet all your online testing needs.

<https://test.u-biq.org/>

**Visualizing Japanese Grammar**: A great, basic grammar sites for beginners. It contains 66 flash animations, each presenting a different sentence structure. Every unit consists of the flash animation, complete with explanations and examples, a vocabulary list and a final quiz to test your understanding of the lesson.

<https://www2.gwu.edu/~eall/vjg/vjghomepage/vjghome.htm>

## Korean



**고려사이버대학교** | **미래교육원**  
THE CYBER UNIVERSITY OF KOREA | Future Education Center

For those who crave a bit more of an academic setting try

the Cyber University of Korea's own free online course, "Quick Korean." While not for an absolute beginner, if you're at a stage where you want to move beyond basic vocabulary words, this is for you.

<http://korean.cuk.edu/en/>

**How to Study Korean:** This site is an excellent resource for those who prefer more reading and writing versus listening. It's thoroughly organized into units. With each lesson, they introduce you to new vocabulary before thoroughly explaining a grammar point. They then provide multiple sample sentences for every situation to help you practice it.

<https://www.howtostudykorean.com/>

**Learn Langs:** A free Korean course for beginners. It teaches you to learn, read, and write in Korean with 6 easy lessons.

<https://www.learnlangs.com/RWP/Korean/index.htm>

## Portuguese

**Learn Portuguese with Rafa:** Beyond introductory lessons on things like counting and ordering food, Rafa maintains a sidebar full of links on everything from traditional recipes to doing business in Portuguese. Great for learning practical language skills for traveling abroad.

<https://www.learn-portuguese-with-rafa.com/free-portuguese-lessons.html>



**Todo Mundo Pod**: An exciting São Paulo-based podcast with basic tips in English and the rest in beautiful Brazilian Portuguese. All podcasts are free and updated regularly.  
<http://www.todomundopod.com/en/>

## Spanish



**La Musica** is a great website if you like the idea of switching on some Spanish tunes when you are washing the dishes or getting ready to go out. It is always a good idea to have a bit of Spanish music ready to play in the background. The nice part of this website is that you can choose your preferred type of music, be it salsa, rock, pop, reggae or jazz.

<https://www.lamusica.com/>



A great resource for all things Spanish, including free online games, courses, word of the day and a handy verb conjugator. This site also includes lessons in medical Spanish, listening comprehension, Spanish worksheets and teacher resources. A Spanish resource for kids section is also available.

<https://www.123teachme.com/>

**Spanish Games**: Learn “Latino” and “Castilian” Spanish with fun, interactive vocabulary games, lessons and tests in over 100 different topics.

<https://www.spanish-games.net/>



Telemundo is a video-based website, so if you're a visual learner then this website is for you. Telemundo contains YouTube-style video clips, reality TV shows, sports news and *telenovelas*. Moreover, if you have a specific interest in areas such as politics or the economy then [clips like this one](#) will widen your vocabulary and provide you with useful words and phrases.

<https://www.telemundo.com/>



Univision shares interesting news, features, sports updates and even tells you your horoscope in Spanish so there's no doubt your Spanish will be exercised endlessly. What might help is to focus on a particular section that piques your interest. You may also want to choose a topic for which you do not know much Spanish vocabulary. For example, you could hone in on one of the following areas: Household items and features, cooking, or Family and Lifestyle.

<https://www.univision.com/>

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