

6 SECRETS OF A SUCCESSFUL LANGUAGE LEARNER

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Most people find learning a new language difficult and challenging at times. Progress requires great dedication and effort, but even the smallest adjustments to your habits can have a big impact on your learning.

Here are six simple habits to help you on your journey to becoming a successful language learner... like me, Lenny Lemur!

1. LIST IT & LEARN IT

Write down any new vocabulary and keep coming back to it until the new words are familiar. Try experimenting different ways of listing or recording new vocabulary to see what works best for you, for example, mind maps, tables, pictures, memory cards and so on.

2. BE COMMITTED

Improvement takes time but even a small amount of extra effort can make a big difference. Be committed to learning your target language every day. Incorporate language learning into your daily life – even if it's just for 5-10 minutes a day. Practice makes perfect!

3. LISTEN, LISTEN, LISTEN

Listening is a vital skill for learning a language. The more that you hear spoken language, the more you will learn. Try watching films, YouTube videos or news in your target language, or alternatively listen to the radio or read a book while listening along to the audio version.

4. BE BRAVE

Nobody wants to make mistakes or feel silly, but when you're learning a language, making mistakes is an important part of the process. The less you fear making mistakes, the faster you will improve. So learn to love your mistakes – they are the key to your future fluency!

5. GO NATIVE

Conversing with native speakers in their own country can really help to improve language skills and build your confidence. Although it can be challenging and intimidating, there really is no better way to perfect your language skills and enhance your ability to hold real conversations, so visit if you can!

6. HAVE FUN WITH IT!

Enthusiasm for learning a language is absolutely one of the most important characteristics of a successful language learner. Be committed and determined but make sure that you have fun with it and enjoy your journey to becoming a fluent speaker!