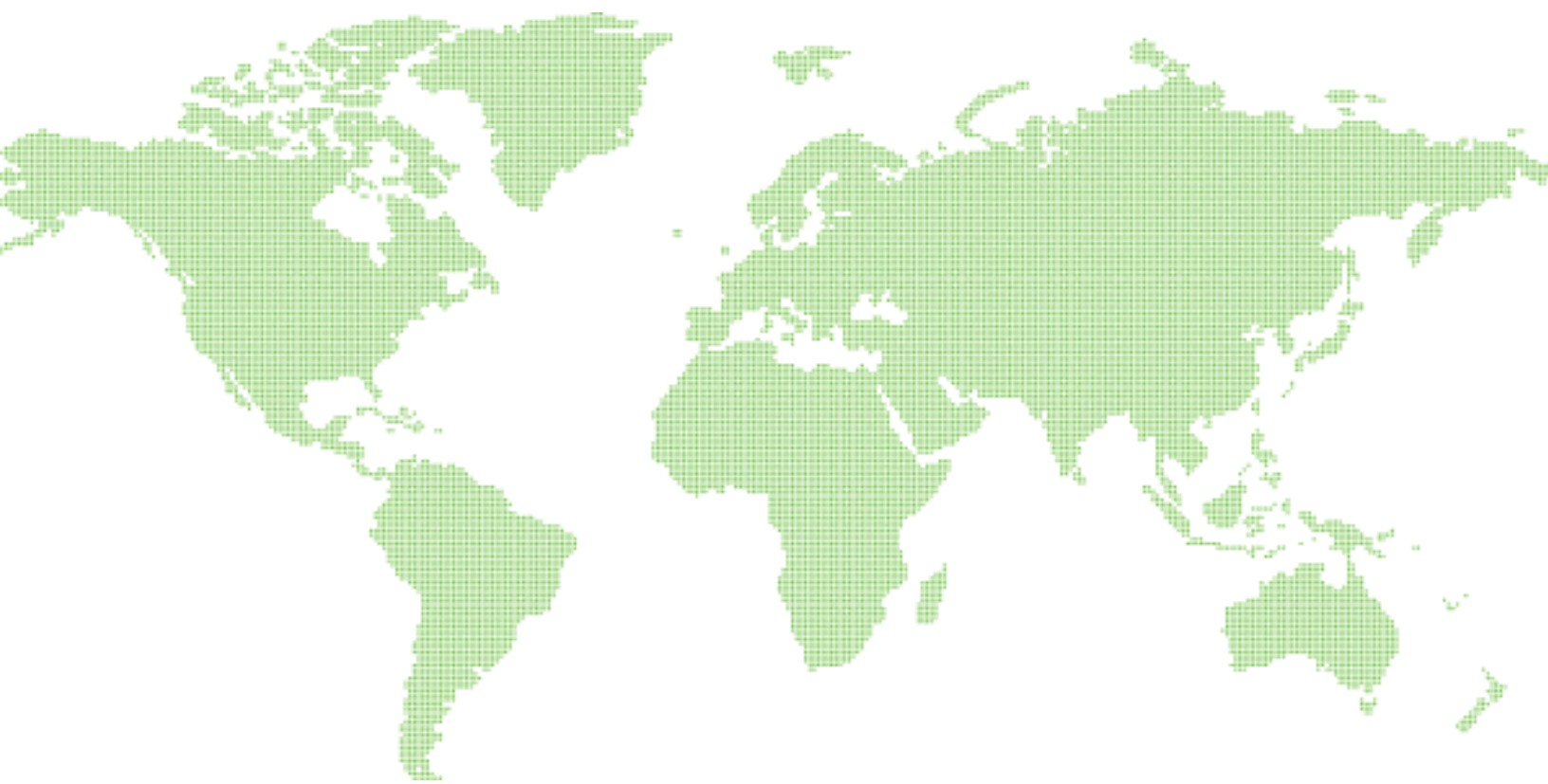




Language Learning Brainstorming: Suggested Answers

[LFO Module – Autonomous Learning]



After completing this guide, you will have ideas of different interesting ways to learn a new language.

Brainstorm

Let's brainstorm some ways to learn a new language. Below are several categories. Fill in several ideas of how to practice your new language in each!

Listening (Interpretive)

- News radio or a podcast
- Instructional videos on YouTube
- Sitcoms on TV, Netflix, or Hulu
- Music on Spotify and Pandora ☆

Reading (Interpretive)

- Change phone display settings
- BBC News articles ☆
- Follow favorite actors and singers on Instagram
- Virtual tours of museums

Speaking or Signing (Presentational)

- Video messages on MarcoPolo
- Instagram Live
- PuppetPals or SockPuppet App recording ☆
- Movie creator software (iMovie, <https://www.oberlo.com/blog/best-free-video-editing-software>)

Writing (Presentational)

- Write a letter and send it in the mail
- Email to a teacher or classmate
- Interactive fiction (<https://itsfoss.com/create-interactive-fiction/>)
- Instagram/Facebook Stories ☆

Speaking or Signing with Someone (Interpersonal)

- FaceTime or video conferences with friends
- Talk to my pets in the target language ☆
- Xbox live for Fortnite or Minecraft with friends
- Phone conversations with someone from school

Writing to Another Person (Interpersonal)

- Text with a friend
- Join an online game like World of Warcraft ☆
- Send messages to speaker during Instagram or Facebook Live
- Neighborhood message chain

Vocabulary

- Make word maps with items and images I find
- Make and play Headbandz, Codewords ☆
- Write shopping lists for three different events (holiday party, camping trip, and a big dinner) ☆
- Play mobile app in target language

Cultural Knowledge

- Compare greetings on a sitcom to greetings by Youtubers
- Do online research about the culture of the target language ☆
- Analyze how people apologize in online games like World of Warcraft
- Look at Quora for advice on how to order food, thank my waiter, send food back

Review What You Brainstormed

Look at the list that you have above. Highlight at least one in each category that you would like to try or that is interesting to you. Draw a star next to the ones that you have used in the past and would like to keep using in the future.

Once you have selected some ideas from above, use the chart below to write them down, explain why you chose them, and explore how you will know how well you did performing them (ex: I will know I understood a television show episode because I will be able to easily talk about it with my friends.)

Goal Activity	Why I chose it	How will I know how well I performed?
Instructional Video on YouTube	I like to watch YouTube, and I like DIY crafts. I want to see how well I can follow instructions in the language that I am learning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I follow the tutorial and complete the DIY • When I don't understand the words, I can use images from the video to follow along. • I learn a new word based on context clues.
Xbox Live for Fortnite with friends	I always play video games, and I want to keep playing them while I practice my language. I think I will be able to learn how to use commands during gameplay...and I might even pick up on how to congratulate others for a good game in the language that I am studying!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I understand people's directions on where to drop • Other players move in the way I direct them to move. They understand me!
Instagram Live	I want to communicate with lots of people at once and talk about my favorite hobbies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emoji reactions during my Live make sense based on what I am trying to say • People leave comments related to the topics I cover
Change Phone Display Settings	I think this will be an easy way to learn some new words, and the images and my experience with my phone will help me understand the new phrases I see	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I navigate the settings and change them when I need to

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I understand the simple instructions the phone gives me such as "swipe up"
Write a Letter and Send it in the Mail	I enjoy writing letters and want to practice writing to friends so that we can discuss our daily life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People write back and responding to what I originally wrote • I don't need to look up too many words while I'm writing
Text with a Friend	Text messages are a quick and convenient way to practice my new language and talk about my interests, what makes me laugh, and what I do everyday. .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friends respond directly to my text • Friends don't send lots of question marks • I learn some new text phrases
Make Word Maps	I learn well with visuals, so this is an engaging task for me. I want to make sure I learn words quickly by connecting them!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When looking at one word, I use the connections I made to remember it • I can justify why I picked every item
Compare Greetings from a YouTuber with those on a Sitcom	I already watch both sitcoms and YouTube, but it seems like some greetings are exaggerated on Sitcoms. I want to find out	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I fill in a Venn Diagram comparing words, grammar, and gestures • I get enough information to do more research if I need it.



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