

STUDY TIPS

Kickstart your language training and stay on the ball
with our self-study tips



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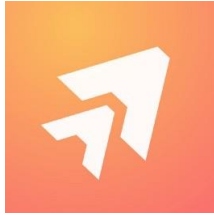
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General self-learning tools

Vocabulary flashcard apps:



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Learning Apps for different languages:



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[Babbel](#)

DEUTSCH/German

Learn German with videos:



A *Friends*-like [sitcom](#) for learners of German!



Authentic [video material](#) from Deutsche Welle TV prepared for German learners.

Learn German with music:

Learn the German language by following a German hip-hop group on their [music tour!](#)

DAS BANDTAGEBUCH
mit EINSHOCH6

Grammar App:



[Der Die Das Rockets!](#)

Learn the articles for the most important German words.

Lektüren (reading material):

- 100 German Short Stories for Beginners @ [Amazon](#)
- Der, Die, Das: The Secrets of German Gender @ [Amazon](#)
- Lese-Novelas for A1 level @ [Hueber Verlag](#)
- Deutsch Perfekt [Online Magazine](#) (digital and print subscriptions available)

Podcasts:



[Coffee Break German](#)



[Easy German](#)



[News Podcast](#)
for Intermediate Learners



from **Deutsche Welle:**

- [Podcast Library](#)
- Deutsch lernen A1 – C2 [Podcasts](#)
- Langsam gesprochene [Nachrichten](#) (slow news)

PLUSPUNKT DEUTSCH

Leben in Österreich

Online Exercises:

from Cornelsen's Pluspunkt Deutsch
Leben in Österreich:

- [A1](#)
- [A2](#)
- [B1](#)



from Schubert Verlag books
Spektrum, Begegnungen and Erkundungen
for [all levels A1 – C2](#)

For kids (big and small!):



[Peppa Pig Deutsch](#)



Hey Monster! Deutsch
[iOS](#)

ENGLISH

News and podcasts for English learners:



Down to
[Business English](#)



[Austria's news](#)
in English



[TED Business](#)

Reading material:

**Business
Spotlight**

[Online Magazine](#)
(digital and print
subscriptions available)



[App](#)
Nonfiction book summaries
(free content + subscriptions
available – set language to
English)

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all sorts of content and exercises for your practicing pleasure



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Podcasts, news and more:



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[Online Magazine](#)
*(digital and print
subscriptions available)*



[News Podcast](#)



[Radio programming](#) in
Spanish

ITALIAN

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Beginner,
Intermediate and
Advanced

ADESSO

[Online Magazine](#)
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[Coffee Break Italian](#)

Starting a Successful Language Tandem

1) Establish a regular schedule

Be flexible at first and work to find a fixed time that will truly work for both partners. At the beginning, meet only up to two times a week. Don't forget to establish how long your meetings should last.

2) Pick your meeting place carefully

Finding an atmosphere that works for both partners is important to develop a beneficial and productive exchange. For the beginning, start with a quiet, neutral place. If the meeting place is making the interaction stiff, find a livelier location. Keep the background noise in mind – you should be able to still talk at a comfortable volume level.

3) Talk about your aims

In the first meeting, discuss what each partner wants and expects from the tandem. Search for topics you can talk about in your meetings: personal interests, hobbies, a book, a movie, current events, etc. Don't forget to discuss how you want to deal with mistakes: should every mistake or only serious mistakes be corrected? Remember: keep your focus on communication!

4) Share "speaking" time fairly

Divide the time you have for both languages evenly: If meetings last longer than an hour, switch languages halfway through. If meetings last less than an hour, don't switch languages and simply use the other language at the next meeting. Don't be afraid to use a timer to help you stay on task. Fair is fair!

5) Initiate your own learning

Before each meeting, write down topics, situations or words you'd like to practice. During the meeting, take notes on the new words and phrases you've learned for later study.

GROUND RULES

The partner speaking their native language:

- accepts the other partner's wishes
- stays open-minded
- listens and supports
- helps with problems with expressions
- is not a teacher who can explain grammar perfectly

The partner speaking a foreign language:

- decides what to talk about
- comes well-prepared
- actively uses the foreign language
- tries to make themselves understood
- signals when help is needed

Wir wünschen viel Freude und viel Erfolg!