

YOUR JOURNEY TO FOREIGN LANGUAGE FLUENCY IN 6 STAGES

How far along are you?

A1

You've only just begun. Every day is a mix between, "Wow, that's so cool!" to "Um, what?" All while juggling trying to remember everything heading your way. Your brain may hurt a bit after your lessons. But that's okay because you're actually growing new neuropathways that are going to help recall what you've learned. Brains are kinda weird like that.



A2

Simple questions and answers are your go-to. You can list things about yourself, your interests, stuff you're familiar with, etc. You can also read basic materials like advertisements, signs, and menus. Ordering food isn't too hard either. But be careful. If the waiter tries to converse with you, you'll be asking them to slow down as you struggle to figure out what was said.



B1

You understand the language, but it's mostly the main ideas and very familiar subject areas. Getting around foreign countries is pretty easy for you, and you can navigate small talk. Except, it's not smooth. You struggle at times and may have to backtrack or use your native language when you speak. But hey, you're making progress!



B2

You can talk pretty spontaneously, and you have a high degree of fluency. You can have casual conversations and even join a local kickball team (if that's your thing). You can watch TV and movies or read some contemporary literature. As long it's around subjects you're interested in or familiar with, you don't have an issue.



C1

You have a handle on the language. You can mingle with coworkers after work for drinks and discuss a range of subjects. You speak like a natural, and you may even notice some mistakes when other people talk. You speak in a way they can understand, and if you get caught up on a word, you can seamlessly find a different way to say it. You get humor and subtext, too.



C2

You've made it! You know everything there is to know about your language. Except, not really... You never really learn "EVERYTHING" about a language. But still, your language skills are impressive. You can speak, argue, and debate easily. And you run meetings at your foreign office without any issue. You've worked hard, and it's paid off. Congratulations!

