

TRAVELING AS A NEW APPROACH OF LEARNING FOREIGN LANGUAGE

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Learning a foreign language is not an easy thing. It is a long and slow process that takes a lot of time and efforts. Nowadays it is especially important to know foreign languages. Some people learn languages because they need them for their work, others travel abroad, for the third studying languages is a hobby [3]. Everyone, who knows foreign languages can speak to people from other countries, read foreign writers in the original, which makes your outlook wider. Travelling is one of the international joys of the world. There are a variety of reasons to explore the world and not all of them are about relaxing and having fun. In fact, you could learn a new language while travelling around the world.

The following four points are essential for taking your language learning to the next level:

- *Take some lessons.* Having a basic appreciation of the structure, grammar, verbs and pronunciation rules of a language helps build a foundation. You can learn foreign language in university, with individual teacher, etc. So you will be ready for your next foreign trip.
- *Listen actively and mimic.* Active listening is hard work; it requires concentration. Sustained listening for long periods of time can leave you absolutely drained. However, I believe active listening is essential to learning a foreign language [2]. When you listen closely, you begin to notice bits of vocabulary, phrases and repeated patterns. Once you recognize familiar words, you can try them out for yourself.
- *Learn to speak simply, like a child.* As adults, we are accustomed to having an arsenal of vocabulary to express ourselves articulately. In contrast, when learning a new language, you only have a limited amount of constructs, vocabulary and verbs to get your point across [2]. Channel your inner child and speak and ask questions with as few, simple words as possible. Get your mind out of the dozens-of-verb-tenses mindset. Be careful of slang. Remember: the goal is to communicate.

- *Spend time with the residents of the destination.* A good example will be the program. For instance, Couchsurfing is a website to facilitate hospitality exchange among global travelers. After registering as members, one can ask for free accommodation from local members through the website and stay over at their homes during the trip, instead of booking a hotel or hostel [1]. Also you can go for a walk with them and communicate about different things.

So it is clear that speaking languages is incredibly useful in all aspects of life, and although it might be difficult to get a grasp of at first, it is always worth it in the end.

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