

Free Language Learning Apps



Quizlet

An app you can use to create your own flashcard sets and learn vocabulary. There is also a classes feature where you can find and share sets with other users, and folders to organise sets.

Languages available: all



1 Jour 1 Actu

A French news app which provides simple bite-sized articles and videos in French. Their animated videos follow a question-and-answer format based on questions from children such as: 'C'est quoi les pesticides?' (what are pesticides?) and 'Comment se souhaite-t-on la Bonne année dans le monde?' (How is the New Year celebrated around the world?).

Languages available: French



News in Slow French

This app plays you a slowed-down recording of the news from the week followed by questions about it, helping to improve your listening and comprehension skills.

Languages available: French



Radios France, French FM Radio

This provides access to all of the main radio stations in France. Although it may be difficult to understand at first, your listening skills will improve as you go from recognising a few key words to gradually understanding more and more. This is also good way of finding French music as 40% of music played on French radio stations is in french.

Languages available: French



Radio France

You can use this app to find podcasts on a large variety of topics and also listen to the radio. This will help you with your listening and pronunciation.

Languages available: French



YouTube

YouTube is so helpful for improving your pronunciation as you can listen to native speakers. There are also grammar videos which explain different tenses and grammatical structures, and you can find videos of people talking about exam-style topics such as social media or films.

Languages available: all



Duolingo

The perfect app if you are starting to learn a new language and want to build a foundation for it. Lessons are short, fun and focus on the key skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing. You can adjust the difficulty of the lessons and grammar depending on your level, and you can take assessments on the app for languages you are already learning.

Languages available: 30+ languages



Babbel

This app really simplifies language learning and has lots of multiple choice questions. However, after a certain number of lessons you need to pay to continue.

Languages available: lots



Busuu

Busuu creates a personalised study plan which sets goals for you and helps train you in all aspects of a language. You can also get feedback from native speakers and get a percentage fluency level.

Languages available: lots



Lingvist

Lingvist is an app which uses artificial intelligence to create a bespoke learning plan which will make sure you are being challenged. It allows you to choose topics you want to learn and skip material that you don't need to learn or practice.

Languages available: lots



Memrise

A vocabulary app which improves your pronunciation by comparing your voice recordings with native speakers and where you can watch videos of locals speaking. You can also take photos of objects and it will tell you what they are called in the language you are learning.

Languages available: lots



Mango languages

This app will help you most with your pronunciation and grammar and has over 70 world languages including Arabic, Bengali and Croatian. It's particularly useful for conversation-based learning and you can download lessons so that they are available offline.

Languages available: lots!



Clozemaster

This is a really helpful app for improving your grammar and vocabulary. The app puts vocabulary into context and is a useful tool for maintaining your proficiency once you are more familiar with a language.

Languages available: 100+ language pairings



Lingodeer

If you feel like learning a new Asian language then this is the app for you! You can learn different alphabets, read grammar notes and download lessons to do offline. It also includes conversational vocabulary, built-in flashcards and listening exercises.

Languages available: Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Vietnamese, Spanish, French, German and Portuguese.



Word Reference

This is the best online dictionary for modern languages as it provides the definition, gender and different uses words as well as examples of them in context so that you know you can be sure you have the correct meaning and can confidently agree words grammatically.

Languages available: lots



Spotify

Listening to music in a target language is one of the best ways to improve your listening skills and vocabulary, and you will improve without even noticing it! Create a songs playlist in your target language and listen to them on your way to school. Here are some recommendations:

Spanish: El Mismo Sol by Alvaro Soler, Sofia by Alvaro Soler, MIA by Bad Bunny (feat. Drake), and Suncity by Khalid

French: Papaoutai by Stromae, Dommage by Bigflo & Oli, Avenir by Louane, and Ta Fête by Stromae.

German: 99 Luftballons by Nena, Traum by CRO, Denkmal by Wir Sind Helden, and Atemlos durch die Nacht by Helene Fischer.

You can also listen to podcasts in other languages, we recommend the duolingo Spanish podcasts for intermediate Spanish speakers and TED Spanish podcasts for advanced speakers.

Lirica

Lirica will play you songs from top Latin artists and ask you questions on the vocabulary or grammar of the songs. You can also watch music videos and see the lyrics on the screen as they are being sung. This is a really good app for quick revision as songs are short. We recommend the songs Nuestra Canción by Monsieur Periné feat. Vincente García and El Perdón by Nicky Jam and Enrique Iglesias.

Languages available: spanish



Spanish Radio

Use this app to improve your Spanish listening skills and stay up to date on Spanish current affairs, especially useful for discussion in your speaking exams. You can access lots of Spanish radio stations for free and also find good Spanish music!

Languages available: Spanish



SpanishDict Translator

This is the best dictionary to use for Spanish and works as a translator, dictionary and conjugator. The dictionary is available offline and will help you conjugate thousands of verbs. When you search a word it will also give you an example sentence with the word in context. You can also sign up for the Spanish word of the day which will be emailed to you every morning!

Languages available: Spanish

