

# 5 TIPS FOR LEARNING A SECOND LANGUAGE

## Turn Your Passions into Progress

*Maybe English is your second language. Maybe it's your first, and you're learning French, Spanish, or Japanese as a second language. Either way, exploring your second language while also doing the things you enjoy is a great way to speed up your progress!*



### TIP #1 Think about what you do in your free time.

- Do you use social media? What do you tweet about? Are you on Facebook®?
- Like to read?
- Follow sports teams?
- Listen to music?

#### FACT:

When you bring language learning into the things you already enjoy, you'll learn the language faster, and it will stay with you longer.



### TIP #2 Pick a topic that interests you.

When you develop a passion for something, learning is more fun—you don't even know you're working hard!

- What is the most popular movie in France? Watch it. Which Spanish songs are topping the charts? Listen to them.
- Find interesting news or current events in your second language. Ask your teacher for help or search HMHfyi\*\* or News and Networking\*.
- Use search engines to find the information YOU want to know!



### TIP #3 Buddy up!

Interact with others who are also learning your target language. Conversation is one of the best ways to learn new vocabulary and build confidence in speaking the language.



### TIP #4 Set goals.

Blend language learning goals into the things you enjoy doing every day. Keep it fun and you'll create learning habits that will carry you beyond high school or college.

- Listen to a new song in your target language every night.
- Watch one game broadcast in that language each week.
- Read one book in the language you're studying each month.



### TIP #5 Choose Your Favorite Practice!

You decide how to practice your second language in ways that you'll enjoy. But, be safe when you're online! Maybe you practice using your second language by:

- Following your favorite French artist on Instagram™.
- Tweeting about how well the MVP did in the last game.
- Posting a blog that shares your opinion of a book you read.
- Posting a comment on News and Networking.

\*News and Networking features current articles and videos with options to post comments and read what other students have written. News and Networking can be found in your Online Student Edition of ¡Avancemos! or Bien dit!®

\*\*HMHfyi offers links to culturally authentic websites. Check it out now [hmfyi.com/spanish](http://hmfyi.com/spanish) or [hmfyi.com/french](http://hmfyi.com/french).

**As your interests change, keep exploring in the language you're studying!**

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