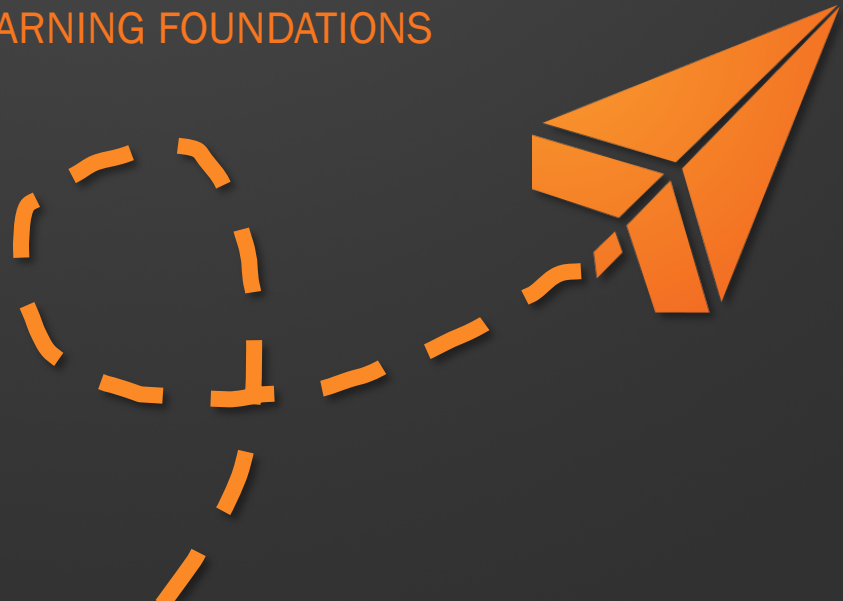


# FINDING THE PERFECT RESOURCES

LANGUAGE LEARNING FOUNDATIONS



In this module you will learn...

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- ☐ The difference between self-study resources
- ☐ ...and immersion resources
- ☐ The importance of level
- ☐ What to get

What do we mean by **resources**?

Resources are anything you acquire in order to help you learn your target language.

For a strategic approach, think of materials in two separate categories:

- 1 *Self-study*: how you teach yourself
- 2 *Immersion*: a mock native environment

# 1. Self-study resources

Self-study resources are typically textbooks, audio courses or online language resources that you use to **teach yourself**.

Two important things to consider:



Hard factors



Soft factors

# Hard factors. They need...

- 1 Dialogues
- 2 Audio and text
- 3 Good length
- 4 Relevant topics
- 5 Dictionary included



# Soft factors. They need...

- 1 Look & feel
- 2 Is it interesting?
- 3 Would you pick it up everyday?

# I recommend getting:

- 1 2 different textbooks or online resources
  - 2 1 audio course
- Choice of textbook helps with motivation
  - Audio course helps you keep learning when you're out and about

The importance of level

# Self-study materials are the foundation of your learning

- 1 It's vital to take the time to find materials at the right level for you
- 2 If they're too hard, you'll give up
- 3 If they're too easy, you'll learn nothing and lose interest

## 2. Immersion

Immersion resources can be anything that a **native speaker** might read, watch or listen to.

- TV, movies
- Books, magazines, comics, instruction manuals
- Internet (news, blogs, shopping)
- Music

# Immersion materials should be...

- 1 Authentic material
- 2 Native-speaker level
- 3 Of personal interest
- 4 Mirror your habits (genre, medium, etc.)

# I recommend getting:

1 ...as much as possible!

- Keeping your interest up is key
- Collect as many movies, books, CDs etc as you can



It's important to spend time  
gathering these resources **right now**

- Hoarding materials and **jumping** from book to book is a serious risk
- **Distracts** you from learning and damages progress
- Spend some time gathering the best material **for you**
- ...then **forget** about it!

# Learning Cantonese

- I learnt Cantonese whilst in Qatar
- I began with textbook (Teach Yourself), but didn't always look forward to studying
- A great online resource ([CantoneseClass101.com](http://CantoneseClass101.com)) helped me learn in different ways
- My 15-minute commutes to work were my “immersion times” that amounted to 100s of hours

# THE LESSON

*The right materials support your learning and drive you forward. Take the time to find the right ones for you.*

Visit [iwillteachyoualanguage.com/resources](https://iwillteachyoualanguage.com/resources) and see what I recommend for your language. Take action and get what you need.

Better now than when you start to lose motivation!

# ... AND YOU'RE DONE!



Next up:

Module 3 – How to make  
quick progress and not get  
distracted

Thanks for watching the  
second video. In the next  
video we're going to look at  
how to progress as quickly as  
possible in your language  
learning!

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