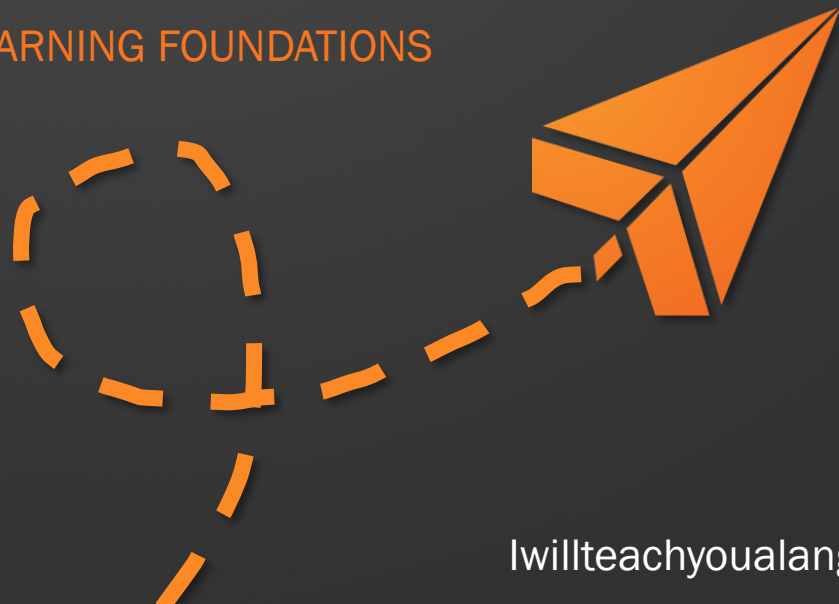


MY TOP 5 LANGUAGE HACKING ACTIVITIES

LANGUAGE LEARNING FOUNDATIONS



In this module you will learn:

- ☐ Why you need to step away from the textbook
- ☐ The most effective practice activities I know

1. Why you need to step away
from the textbook

Textbooks are great for getting a
good, thorough **foundation** in the
language

Textbooks give you lots of
information, but to master a language
you need to start making it **your own**.

Until you start using the language,
you'll never feel ready to interact with
native speakers.

These activities are designed to help you with this. They may be **simple**, but they're not **easy**.

Each one **pushes** you to use your
target language in a way that
mirrors how you'll need to use it
in the **real world**.

2. Activities

1) Prepared speech

- 1 Write a simple monologue in mother tongue
- 2 Translate into target language and ask tutor to correct
- 3 Have tutor read aloud and record
- 4 Learn from memory

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Snapshot of my
tutor's translation



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I recorded tutor
reading aloud

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تقريباً.

القاهرة مدينة مختلفة جداً عن مدينة ثانية أنا أعرفها.

2) Journal writing

- 1 Sign up to iTalki or Lang-8
- 2 Write simple diary entries in target language
- 3 You will get corrections from native speakers

3) Writing out conversations

- 1 With your tutor, write out imaginary conversations based on common situations
- 2 Examples: greetings, ordering food, taxi
- 3 Learn and practice

4) Putting vocabulary to use

- 1 Tell your tutor: “I’d like to practise the vocabulary I’ve been learning.”
- 2 Simply keep talking, making sentences out of recent vocabulary
- 3 Talk as naturally as possible, working vocabulary in where you can
- 4 Alternatively, prepare written sentences in advance and ask tutor to correct

5) Repeated conversations

- 1 After talking about something with your tutor...
- 2 ...simply say: “Let’s repeat this conversation!”
- 3 Tell the story or have the conversation again. Refer to notes and try to improve on last time.
- 4 ...then do it again!

All of these activities force you to be creative, thereby **personalising** what you've been learning.

As a result, everything will be more **meaningful** and **memorable**.

“It feels easier to just study, but it’s not enough. Every week, use activities like these to make sure you’re actually using your target language.”

Quick tip



...from Olly

THE LESSON

Personalising the vocabulary you learn by being creative with the language is a vital part of getting a strong command of the language.

Browse more language activities at:

<http://www.iwillteachyoualanguage.com/category/activity/>

Homework

Put your textbook away and try out one of the activities from this module!

... AND YOU'RE DONE!



Next up:

Module 7 – How to create a native environment in your own home

Thanks for watching the sixth video. In the next video we're going to look at creating an immersion environment in your own home!

In the meantime...

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