

It doesn't have to be

foreign...

Working a foreign language into your homeschooling day



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Helpful Vocabulary Terms to Know:

Target language: the language you are studying

Native: your own natural language

Language window: a metaphor referring to how easily it is to learn a second language

Exposure: an introduction of the sounds and concepts of the target language

Fluency: the ability to communicate in the target language

Immersion: a style of learning a target language without using any of your native language

Partial immersion: a style of learning a target language that uses your native language as a bridge to learn the target language

Weave: a style of learning that gradually introduces the target language into the native language and adds more of the TL as student increase fluency

Novice: someone new to learning a language

Formal assessment: objective methods to show what students know or do not know, such as a written exam

Informal assessment: casually determining what your student does or does not know, as in a conversation

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Age 0-7 years:

Novice Ideas

- Full immersion
- 5 minutes of exposure time a day
- Songs and videos
- Repeat same lesson for a week and assess learning
- Imitate sounds
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Advanced Ideas

- Songs and videos
- Flashcards
- Simple vocabulary workbook with pictures
- Repetition
- Imitate sounds
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Products

- Little Pim®
- Bilingual Baby®
- Bilingual Beginners and Bilingual Preschool
- French & Spanish Bible Songs
- Learn Languages through Fairy Tales
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Age 7 -11 years:

Novice Ideas

- Exposure
- Imitate sounds
- Compare native language to target language
- Look at map/globe
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Advanced Ideas

- Talk about where people speak the target language
- Add written component (workbook)
- Settle on daily lesson length/time
- Make flash cards using only target language
- Listen to native speakers as much as possible
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Products

- Skill Builders workbooks
- DK Language Learner kits
- Learning to Speak Spanish workbook
- Word Puzzle books
- Bilingual Flash Cards
- Foreign Language Number Dice
- Learn Languages through Fairy Tales
- Teach Them Spanish!
- Let's Speak Spanish
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Age 11-14 years:

Novice Ideas

- Exposure and more
- Audio component with writing component
- Flash cards
- Short lessons every day
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Advanced Ideas

- Program with audio and writing
- Flashcards
- Language dice
- Daily lessons
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Products

- 10 minutes a day
- DK Language Learner kits
- Learn Languages through Fairy Tales
- Easy Spanish Step-By-Step
- Let's Speak Spanish
- The Learnables®
- Power-Glide
- TELL ME MORE®
- Rosetta Stone®
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