

Five Things on a Friday – Languages

Learning a new language is like getting a superpower – it opens up new cultures, connects you with people across the globe, and even gives your brain a workout. Whether you're dreaming of ordering croissants in Paris or binge-watching Spanish dramas without subtitles, we've got you covered.

This week, we're going over 5 different ways to learn new languages.

Apps and Websites



If you haven't been haunted by this guy at 11pm at night when you're about to lose your streak- then you're missing out on the thrill!

Jokes aside, [Duolingo](#) is a great place to learn a multitude of languages. With their game features, badges and league tables- it makes for a fun way to learn.

If Duo is not for you, [click here to find out more about](#) different apps and websites that might be more to your liking.

Student Societies



If apps and websites aren't the one, why not join a student society and learn with peers. There are plenty of language societies such as [British Sign Language Society](#), [Japanese Society](#) and [French Society](#) where you can practise your skills in a supportive community.

[Head over to the LUU Engage page](#) to find out more about the many amazing language societies.

Conversation Cafes



What better way to practise and learn a language than through conversations.

Leeds is home to plenty of language exchanges and conversation sessions to help you put into practise what you have learnt.

Every Thursday, there is a Leeds Language Exchange at Doghouse Bar & Bagel Shop, where you can join in for £1 to practise new languages, make new friends, and share language skills. [Click here to find out more.](#)

There is also a Conversation Cafe at Leeds PlayHouse every Tuesday, where you can come along to practise your English speaking skills in a relaxing setting. [Click here to find out more.](#)

British Sign Language



Want to get stuck into learning British Sign Language specifically? British-Sign is a website full of resources, tools and courses to help you to learn BSL. They have a language dictionary, sign of the day, lesson plans and fingerspelling games, as well as CPD certified courses you can sign up to from £3.

[Head over now to find out more.](#)

The Help and Support Team have a really handy guide available that runs through common phrases, and the signs for each room/outlet/area, and for each team! [Click here to have a look.](#)

OpenLearn



OpenLearn is a wonderful place full of free courses on many many different topics- including languages! You can pick from a selection of courses, ranging from “getting started” all the way to “advanced”, depending on where you are with the language you are learning.

You can learn German, Chinese, Welsh, Arabic and many more!

[Click here to explore the courses available.](#)

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