

Thinking about your post-pandemic travel plans? In two months from now, you could be speaking a whole new language if you dedicate some time now to learning.

Luckily, the internet is full of great resources that can teach you new languages using fun and scientifically proven methods that help you retain information. Many of these online resources also offer mobile applications for learning on the go.

We've broken down a few of the most popular online resources to give you a quick overview of what they have to offer, what they cost to use, and what some online reviewers have to say about their experience using the services.

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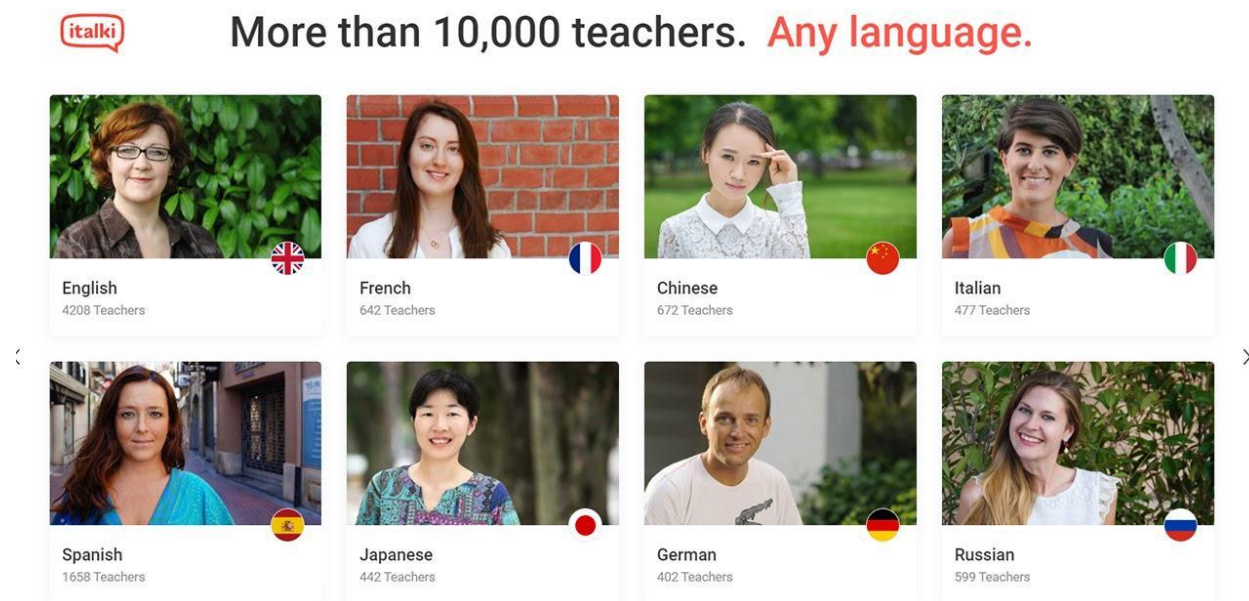
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Top 10 Online Language Learning Apps you can try in 2021:

1. italki

Italki is another online language learning service that connects students to language teachers using scheduled video chats.



The screenshot shows the Italki website interface. At the top, the Italki logo is on the left, and the text "More than 10,000 teachers. Any language." is in the center. Below this is a grid of eight teacher profiles, each with a photo, a small flag icon, and text indicating the language and the number of teachers available. The languages shown are English (4208 Teachers), French (642 Teachers), Chinese (672 Teachers), Italian (477 Teachers), Spanish (1658 Teachers), Japanese (442 Teachers), German (402 Teachers), and Russian (599 Teachers). Navigation arrows are visible on the left and right sides of the grid.

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[Italki Review](#)

What is italki?

Italki began in 2006 as a social network focused on language learning, and then in 2008 Italki began hiring teachers to provide lessons. Italki now has more than 10,000 teachers available online to help language learners practice speaking and understanding new languages. Students can schedule lessons ahead of time with a teacher of their choosing, lessons are then customized to your goals.

How many languages can you learn with italki?

Italki has teachers for more than 130 languages, the most popular are: English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, German, Japanese, Korean, Arabic, Hindi, Italian, and Russian.

How much is italki?

Teachers set their own prices on Italki. The minimum cost is \$8 per 1-on-1 lesson and \$4 for community lessons.

What is unique about italki?

Italki is an on-demand lesson service that allows students to pay as they go instead of committing to a long-term subscription. Italki also offers special language challenges to keep students motivated to keep learning.

What do people have to say about italki?

Trustpilot users gave italki 4.8 out of 5 stars among 6,920 reviewers. Users say that they enjoy connecting with native speakers, but some users say that prices can increase without warning as teachers change their prices.

What level of fluency does Italki offer?

The sky's the limit with Italki. The app's setup is unique compared with most of the rest of this list (Rype notwithstanding); the goal is to engage one-on-one with a tutor or teacher that is a native speaker of the language. Because of this, you're going to get far better feedback than with a computerized and/or recorded application. It's pricier and a higher commitment than other services, but your path to fluency is much clearer.

2. Busuu

Busuu offers online lessons in 12 different languages to more than 100 million users worldwide. In 2020, Busuu was named one of the top 50 transformational growth companies in education technology by Global EdTech 50.



What is Busuu?

Busuu was founded in 2008 and later partnered with education company McGraw-Hill Education to offer opportunities to earn certification to students. The company specializes in language learning at the beginner to upper-intermediate level.

Fun fact: “Busuu” is actually the name of a nearly extinct language that’s still used in the country of Cameroon. It’s spoken by a total of eight people.

How many languages can you learn with Busuu?

Busuu offers 12 languages: English, Spanish, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Chinese, Japanese, Polish, Turkish, Russian, and Arabic. The language courses focus on four main skills: Reading, writing listening, and speaking.

How much is Busuu?

You can sign up for free, or you can subscribe to a Premium membership that unlocks more features including advanced grammar lessons, offline learning mode, options for education certifications, and an adaptive vocabulary trainer.

A Premium plan is € 5,83 per month, billed annually. A Premium Plus plan is € 6,66 per month, billed annually.

[Busuu Review](#)

What is unique about Busuu?

Through Busuu's partnership with McGraw-Hill, Busuu can offer official certification to students who successfully learn a language.

In 2016, the company launched Busuu for Organizations. This allows large organizations to have easy access to Busuu's Premium language learning courses that help track students' learning progress. Those enrolled in the Premium courses can participate in classroom sessions and access more learning materials.

Plus, with more than 100 million virtual classmates, Busuu users can communicate with language learners around the world. That means you can find native speakers in the language you're learning to help teach you, and you can help other people learn the languages you're fluent in.

Busuu is designed to keep students motivated for learning by encouraging them to engage with Busuu's large community of fellow students.

What do people have to say about Busuu?

Users on Trustpilot give Busuu 4.2 stars out of 5, among 8,857 total reviews.

Users say they receive good customer support and it's helped them improve their language skills with regular use. Some users did note that Busuu will auto-renew your subscription without notifying you beforehand.

What level of fluency does Busuu offer?

Busuu has its benefits, but it appears that achieving a high level of fluency isn't one of them. Based on user reviews around the internet, the content itself consists of lazy, simple, and sometimes incorrect translations. Users really enjoy the learning model, which includes access to review of your work by native speakers and an entrance exam to determine your existing skill level, but reviews of the effectiveness leave a lot to be desired.

3. Duolingo

Duolingo is an online language learning company that believes everyone should have equal access to learning a language. It has more than 300 million users worldwide. Last year, Duolingo was named Most Innovative Company by Fast Company, Forbes Best Startup Employers, and CNBC's Disrupter 50.



Duolingo Review

What is Duolingo?

Duolingo is a free online language learning service that uses short, fun lessons to teach you new languages. The Duolingo app is available on iOS and Android devices as well as on the web.

How many languages can you learn with Duolingo?

Duolingo offers 40 languages: English, Spanish, French, Japanese, German, Italian, Korean, Chinese, Hindi, Russian, Arabic, Portuguese, Turkish, Dutch, Latin, Swedish, Irish, Greek, Polish, Norwegian, Hebrew, Vietnamese, Catalan, Hawaiian, Danish, Indonesian, High Valyrian, Welsh, Scottish Gaelic, Romanian, Finnish, Czech, Swahili, Hungarian, Ukrainian, Klingon, Esperanto, Navajo, Guarani, and Yiddish.

How much is Duolingo?

Duolingo is a completely free service to use, though it does offer a paid version that does not contain ads for \$12.99 per month. The company was founded on the belief that anyone should have access to language learning opportunities. So, every lesson available on Duolingo is free and there are no hidden fees or premium content.

What is unique about Duolingo?

Aside from being completely free, Duolingo delivers lessons that have can help users in realistic situations. For example, users learn how to order food at a restaurant or talk about the weather. There are also quirky phrases worked into lessons to help learners remember terms.

Duolingo also uses algorithms that tailor content to each learner based on their needs and preferences.

What do people have to say about Duolingo?

Users on Trustpilot gave Duolingo 2.4 out of 5 stars, among 464 total reviews. Reviewers said that it's nice to have a free way to learn a language, but some say the lessons are too basic with little introductory material. Also, Duolingo sends frequent reminders to study, which some found to be annoying.

What level of fluency does Duolingo offer?

Duolingo is amazingly popular; in fact, it's the most widely-used language app in existence today. Granted, a lot of the reason for that is likely because of its price tag: \$0. That's right, it's a totally free app, save for the annoyance of constant

ads. Learners love its simplicity and how engaging the bite-sized games and exercises are. Fluency, however, is a pipe dream. Reviews on the platform are consistent: it's a great, fun tool for picking up basics or reinforcing your existing knowledge, but Duolingo will never deliver you fluency of a new language.

4. Babbel

Babbel is a way to learn online through live, virtual classes that are taught by real teachers. It's ranked as the world's #1 innovative company in education.

+Babbel

Learn a new language with the Babbel app

Download the app to start your language learning journey on mobile or tablet.

Excellent 
16,831 reviews on  Trustpilot



- ✓ Get talking from your first lesson
- ✓ Easily build a learning habit
- ✓ Speak with confidence in real-life situations

[Babbel Review](#)

What is Babbel?

Babbel is the first language learning online application to be created. Babbel says that 73% of its users can have short conversations in their new language

within a few hours of using Babbel. A mobile app is available for iOS and Android devices, as well as a website.

How many languages can you learn with Babbel?

Babbel offers 14 languages: English, Spanish, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Polish, Russian, Dutch, Turkish, Danish, Norwegian, Swedish, and Indonesian.

How much is Babbel?

The first lesson in every course offered through Babbel is free to try. From there, users have a variety of paid subscription options that range from \$6.95 per month to \$13.95 per month, depending on how long you commit to the program.

What is unique about Babbel?

Babbel tailors its courses to your modern language, so you can expand the grammar and vocabulary skills that you already know. Babbel is also designed to help you absorb and retain information using a didactic method. During the learning process, Babbel repeats words at different memory stages, called spaced repetition, which helps your brain retain the material you learn.

What do people have to say about Babbel?

Trustpilot reviewers gave Babbel 4.6 out of 5 stars, among 16,353 total reviews. Users said Babbel makes it convenient to use the app from anywhere and it can get users to an intermediate level in most languages. Users did note that subscriptions will auto-renew and that it's limited in teaching you how to speak and pronounce words in a new language.

What level of fluency does Babbel offer?

Much like Pimsleur, Babbel is focused upon conversational learning. Depending on your definition of fluency, this can be key: users that desire to hold a complex conversation and sound like they know what they're talking about are likely to be pleased. If you want to read your favorite Tolstoy novel in its native Russian, that may be a different story. Because the app focused upon the conversational aspects of the new language, the reading/writing elements, specifically grammar and formal structure, are slightly overlooked.

5. Rosetta Stone

Rosetta Stone is one of the original companies that offered private language learning services, back when the internet was just getting started.



Rosetta Stone helps you speak confidently.

With a variety of speaking-focused lessons and features, instantaneous pronunciation feedback with TruAccent, a track record of getting people speaking confidently and a near-five star rating in the app store, the award-winning Rosetta Stone mobile app is the best way to learn new languages.

Speak confidently.

TruAccent® technology provides real-time pronunciation feedback.

Go beyond memorization.

Learn in context using our Dynamic Immersion® method.

Fits any schedule.

Take a 10-minute lesson anywhere—online or off.

Never leaves your side.

Practice here, there, and everywhere.

Don't get lost in translation.

Touch and hold anything from your Core Lessons to reveal its translation*.

What is Rosetta Stone?

Rosetta Stone was founded in 1992 and today uses cloud-based technology to help connect users to learn more than 30 different languages. It was one of the first computer-based language learning programs available, first offered on CD-ROM technology.

How many languages can you learn with Rosetta Stone?

Rosetta Stone offers more than 30 languages: Arabic, Chinese, Dutch, English, Italian, Filipino, French, Greek, Hebrew, Hindi, Irish, Japanese, Korean, Latin, Persian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Swedish, and Turkish.

How much is Rosetta Stone?

Rosetta Stone sells 3-month, 12-month, and lifetime subscriptions ranging from about \$12 per month to one payment of \$199.

What is unique about Rosetta Stone?

Rosetta Stone uses an immersion method to teach languages. It also provides printable reports to help you keep track of lesson progress and other data.

What do people have to say about Rosetta Stone?

Trustpilot users gave Rosetta Stone 4.3 out of 5 stars among 5,744 reviews. Users said it was easy to follow the simple teaching method and short lessons. Some noted that there was little explanation on how to properly use grammar.

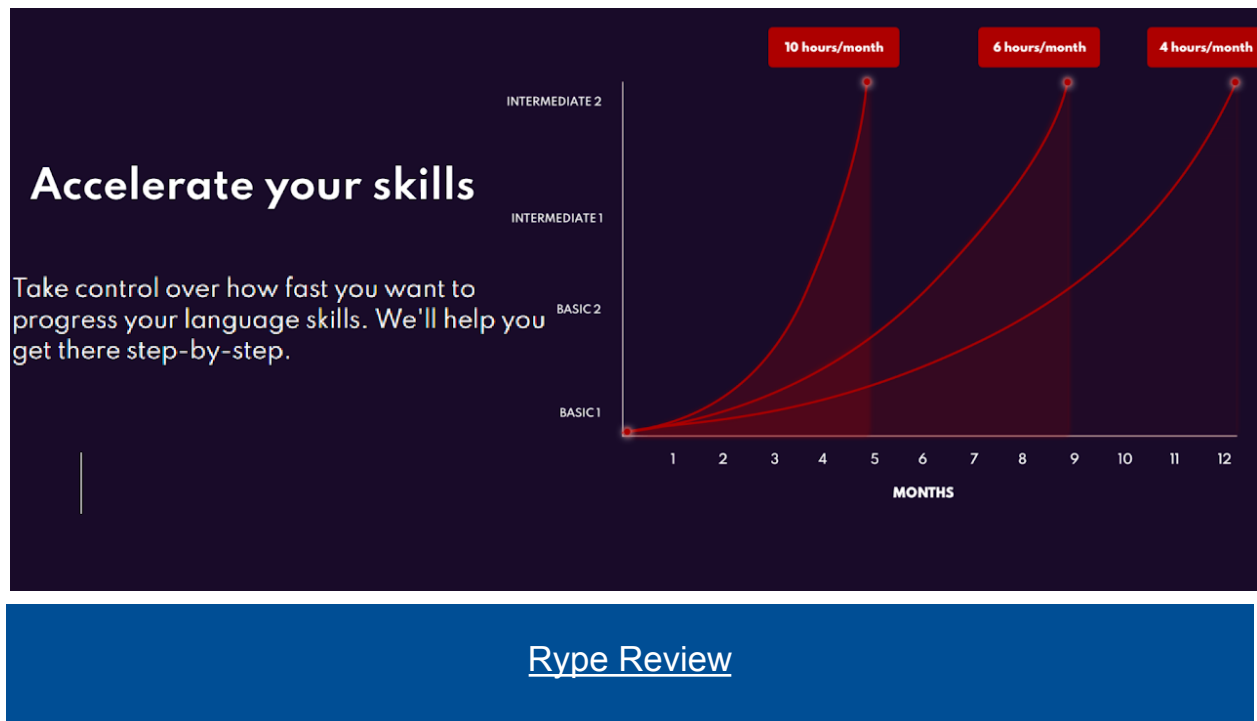
What level of fluency does Rosetta Stone offer?

A lot of folks view Rosetta Stone like an old VCR: it was great at its prime, but has been surpassed by new technology and is now virtually obsolete. But don't

cast Rosetta Stone off into the junk pile just yet. There's something to be said for experience, and Rosetta Stone has been in the market since the mid-90s. While it's no longer the sexiest title out there, its approach of "dynamic immersion" has proven successful. Online reviews are somewhat mixed, but a good portion of those that have used the product believe it provides the most complete, well-rounded solution towards overall fluency.

6. Rype App

Rype is a prepaid subscription-based service that allows you to book private language lessons with teachers.



What is Rype?

Rype focuses on one-on-one language instruction. You begin by telling Rype how much time you have to devote to learning every month and then book a teacher

to work with. From there, you receive interactive and flexible lessons to work through.

How many languages can you learn with Rype?

Rype offers 10 languages: Spanish, French, German, English, Italian, Mandarin, Japanese, Arabic, Russian and Portuguese.

How much is Rype?

It costs \$59.99 for eight lessons per month, \$159.99 for 20 lessons per month, a six-month subscription of 8 lessons per month is \$79.99 per month and a six-month subscription of 20 lessons per month is \$179.99 per month.

What is unique about Rype?

Rype has live teachers available 24/7 to help you practice a new language. This one-on-one approach can help language learners at any level pinpoint their specific needs and practice realistic conversations.

What do people have to say about Rype?

Trustpilot users gave Rype 4.4 out of 5 stars among 75 reviews. Users say it's easy to book lessons at their own pace and that customer service is very responsive. Teachers on the other hand say that the app makes it difficult to make money and connect with students.

What level of fluency does Rype offer?

Rype has a lot of the same pros and cons of Italki, because it is also based upon one-on-one instruction. Rather than rehash those elements, we can summarize

by saying this: if you're willing to pay to have a dedicated tutor, you're much more likely to succeed than if you listen to recordings of fabricated conversations. Is it worth it? That's in the eye of the cardholder. The path to fluency, though, is right in front of you.

7. Memrise

Memrise uses videos and flashcards to help you memorize the language.



The banner features a woman shouting, the Memrise logo, and the text: "The fastest way to learn a language", "Have fun and learn fast", "A smart learning engine", "Learn with locals", and "No grammar rules".

Below the banner, the interface shows "I speak: English (UK)" and "I want to learn: Click to see all languages". Four language options are displayed with video thumbnails and flags: French, Spanish (Spain), Italian, and English (UK).

[Memrise review](#)

What is Memrise?

Memrise offers lessons online and through its mobile app that uses real-life language and video clips that help learners hear from native speakers. More than 50 million people use the site to learn languages. It focuses on three steps: Basic translation, building understanding, and receiving feedback.

How many languages can you learn with Memrise?

Memrise offers 22 languages: French, Spanish (Spain/Mexico), German, Arabic, Korean, Japanese, Turkish, Chinese, Italian, Dutch, Portuguese (Portugal/Brazil), Swedish, Russian, Norwegian, Polish, Danish, Icelandic, Japanese, Mongolian, Slovenian, and Yoruba.

How much is Memrise?

Memrise is \$99.99 for a lifetime subscription.

What is unique about Memrise?

Memrise emphasizes making language learning fun, so you'll want to keep going. It only approves lessons and content that is entertaining.

What do people have to say about Memrise?

Trustpilot users gave Memrise 3.3 out of 5 stars among 30 reviews. Users say that the service is indeed fun, but some ran into problems when they tried to contact customer service.

pimsleur.com

What level of fluency does Memrise offer?

Let's get right to the main premise with Memrise: it's a lot of fun. Branded as the most "gamified" app, it helps users learn in a fun, engaging way that avoids the boredom and drudgery of listening and repeating the same phrases over and over. However, a path to fluency isn't paved with games, and online reviews support the idea that the app is more useful to build vocabulary or work on

sentence structure than it is to gain fluency. In almost a reversal of most other apps reviewed, Memrise struggles with the conversational aspects of language, which is obviously a key element in overall fluency.

8. Mondly

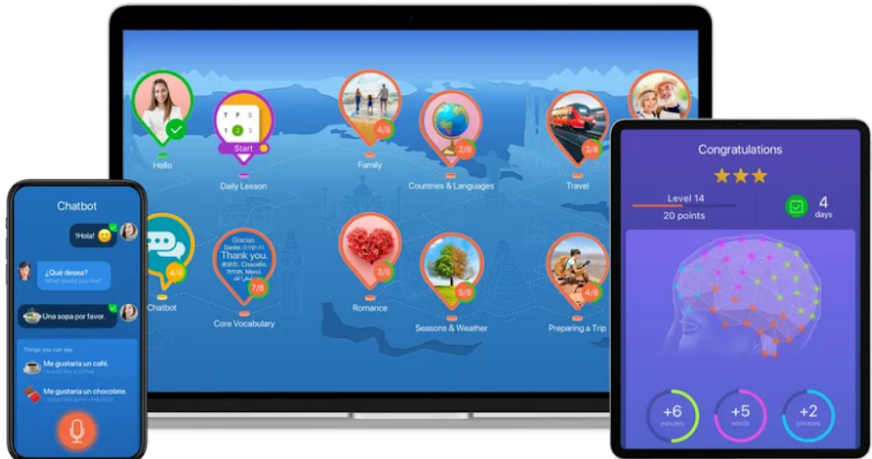
What is Mondly?

Mondly is a language learning app that employs games and other interactive features to facilitate learning. It is targeted at a fairly wide array of customers, but focuses much of its effort on those that embrace technology and want to learn from interactive options. A twenty-something that enjoys touch games on his iPhone is much more likely to embrace Mondly than a grandma who learns best by listening and reciting in the car. Mondly can be used on mobile devices as well as an internet browser.

Start learning languages for free

Fun, easy and effective language courses designed by language experts.

Learn 41 languages from your native language.
Anytime, anywhere, on any device.



The image displays the Mondly app interface across three devices: a laptop, a smartphone, and a tablet. The laptop screen shows a main menu with various language learning options like 'Hello', 'Daily Lesson', 'Family', 'Countries & Languages', 'Travel', 'Core Vocabulary', 'Romance', 'Seasons & Weather', and 'Preparing a Trip'. The smartphone screen shows a 'Chatbot' interface with a conversation in Spanish. The tablet screen shows a 'Congratulations' screen with a progress bar, level information (Level 14, 20 points), and a brain graphic with colorful dots.

4.7/5 ★★★★★
1 000 000+ Ratings

What does Mondly cost?

Mondly offers free lessons to get you going, but you'll need to spring for the Premium subscription if you want to reach any level of fluency. Subscriptions for a single language are \$9.99 per month or \$47.99 per year, though they often offer the \$47.99 per year price to include all 41 of their language offerings.

Mondly Review

What is unique about Mondly?

We mentioned their embracing of technology above; this is most apparent with their Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR) learning options. Though they're not necessary for learning a language, it's a cool feature for those that have and enjoy that technology. Mondly also boasts a unique feature of including a children's learning app, which is included with their subscription plans; the app is aimed specifically at teaching youngsters a new language through playing simple, fun games.

What do people have to say about Mondly?

As one may expect, reviews for Mondly are varied. PC Magazine, for example, rates it only a 2.5/5, noting that it's too simple and only works to reinforce language but does a poor job of teaching it. BuyersGuide.org, on the other hand, rates it 8.8/10, placing it behind only Pimsleur and Babbel.

From our research, the feel of folks online is that Mondly offers lots of features and a good amount of content, but most of that content isn't particularly helpful for learning a new language, especially ones that have complex grammar rules.

What level of fluency does Mondly offer?

Like most apps, Mondly claims you can become fluent using their software. Be wary, though: their site claims that “in reality, you can be fluent and articulate with a vocabulary of only 2500 words and phrases.” This plants a little doubt into how committed they are to you achieving fluency, although it’s important to note that quote came from a section touting their free lessons.

9. Pimsleur

What is Pimsleur?

[Pimsleur](#) is consistently among the highest-rated language learning platforms. The site and app utilize the Pimsleur Method of language learning, created by Dr. Paul Pimsleur; the Pimsleur Method has been utilized by government agencies and Fortune 500 companies for more than 50 years. The method focuses heavily on conversational learning, noting that most people want to learn a language so they can speak with a friend or order at a restaurant in another country, not necessarily write a novel in their new language. While Pimsleur does employ techniques to teach grammar, spelling, and vocabulary, their prime objective is to get students listening to and speaking the language in a conversational manner..



What does Pimsleur cost?

You get what you pay for, and in order to get a high-quality product like Pimsleur, be prepared to fork over a bit of dough. Monthly subscriptions for most languages are \$19.95, which can be canceled at any time. Note the phrase for most languages; this is important for two reasons. Firstly, some languages cost more than others, and that's primarily based upon the level of content available.

But the bigger takeaway is that you only get access to one language at a time. For most learners, that's not a big deal, but it's important to note if you're the type that likes to dabble in a little bit of everything. There are also multi-language options available, as well as CDs and other downloads, but Pimsleur doesn't market those heavily or reveal specific prices.

[Pimsleur Review](#)

What is unique about Pimsleur?

We mentioned earlier that Pimsleur focuses on conversational learning, and that method makes it unique to some extent. The Pimsleur Method also embraces

learning in small increments. While a lot of programs will support learning at your own pace, Pimsleur -- while they will allow you to go as quickly as you'd like -- encourages one 20-30 minute lesson per day. Each subsequent lesson contains about half review and half new material; the repetition from day-to-day helps reinforce phrases and words that have been previously learned.

What do people have to say about Pimsleur?

BuyersGuide.org gives Pimsleur its highest review of all language apps, an impressive 9.9/10. PC Magazine and All Language Resources grant it a 4 out of 5 rating. Reddit and other sites that don't necessarily give ratings have generally positive reviews.

The one negative, besides cost, that shows up consistently is that the lessons themselves can be a bit boring; much of the focus of these reviews is the lack of something "to do." We discussed Mondly above, which focuses on games and other interactive tools. Pimsleur takes the other route. Much of the content is based on listening and repeating, as well as using your knowledge to have conversations with recorded voices. While their mobile app provides some quizzes, it's not going to be as much "fun" as many other apps.

What level of fluency does Pimsleur offer?

Because it focuses on conversational learning, Pimsleur is widely regarded as the best tool for becoming a close-to-fluent speaker. If you're interested in becoming more fluent with spelling, reading, and writing, it may fall short. Online reviews, though, are overwhelmingly positive in terms of language comprehension and proper pronunciation.

10. Rocket Languages

Rocket Languages was created by Jason Oxenham to provide language instruction to those of us who didn't have second language instruction available in school, or if we didn't have the drive to learn a second language when we were young. Oxenham says he tried to use language programs on the market, and never found an effective program that kept him engaged. Out of his frustration, Jason created Rocket Languages. Rocket Languages offers comprehensive language instruction, in a variety of languages, for even the most basic beginners.

[Get started in 60 seconds...](#)

Take [a free trial](#) and learn more about how Rocket Languages will work for you.



Rocket Languages gives you an excellent foundation for language instruction, but no program will be a magic pill to make you fluent. You need to take what you learn from Rocket Languages, and immerse yourself in that language to be fully fluent. This could involve moving to a new country, listening to radio programs from that country, or finding some friends who also want to learn that new language.

[Rocket Languages Review](#)

Rocket Languages is a fantastic program, but no program, no matter how amazing, is going to be a one-step solution. You need to be willing to do some hard work if you truly want to become fluent in a new language.

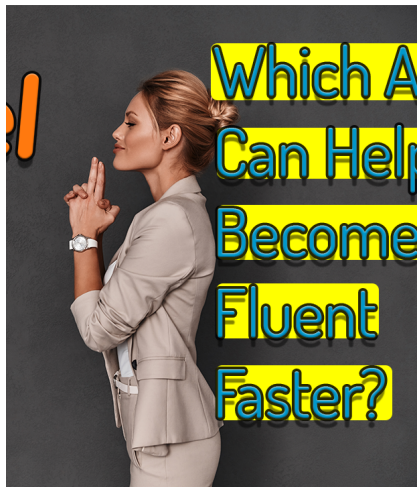
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Fluent In 3 to 6 Months

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