

Dear students,

It's time to take a look back on the goals you created last week and check in on how you did with them. Please send to your teacher a message with the following information:

1. Explain how successful you were in achieving your goals for this week, and why. If you were unable to meet your language learning goals, then why? Were the goals too difficult or too easy? What will you do next time to make sure that you achieve your one-week goal if you were unable to?

For example: *I was mostly successful in my goal of reading passages of Lord of the Rings out loud and recording myself every day, because I did it five out of the last seven days. This was mostly helpful for my speaking because I was able to hear the pronunciation mistakes I keep making without realizing, but I think that I need to also talk to a friend about what I read or read out loud to them so that they might hear some mistakes that I haven't noticed.*

2. **Evaluate how you are doing with your goals for the 29th of May.** Have you made any progress? Do you think that you will be able to be able to achieve these long-term goals? After working on them for a week do they seem too easy, too difficult, or are they still appropriate? Do you want to change any of your goals?

For example: *I am back on track to finish all of Lord of the Rings by the 29th of May. Although I fell behind last week, I was able to read a lot more this week and am 15 pages ahead of my original planned schedule. This will help me if something unscheduled and unexpected happens and I am not able to read as much in a future week. For my goal of understanding articles, I was not as successful this week as I was last week because I tried some new exercises but I did not understand all of the tasks very well. I need to read some more explanations or find some YouTube videos to explain why they are used so differently in definitions than they are in normal texts.*

3. **Set at least one goal for one week from now.** If possible, try to **set at least one about reading English.** Remember to give a good reason as to why these are good goals for you, and explain how you can make sure that you will actually achieve these goals.

For example: *Since reading Lord of the Rings is already a long-term goal for me and I am feeling confident about reading fantasy fiction, I want to do something a bit different this week and read at least three news articles each day in English. I need to become better at reading about things that are happening right now in real life, and I also need to become more informed about what is happening in the world. To do this, I will make bbc.co.uk my web browser's homepage so that I see interesting stories that might be worth reading every time I go onto the internet. I also want to set a second goal of learning three new words each day, because I want to expand my vocabulary and because I think that I will find a lot of important and interesting words from both Lord of the Rings and from the news stories I read. To do this, I will continue using my Anki app to practice words I*

have already learned and make new flashcards for ones that I haven't seen before.

Next week, we will see how well you did with your one-week goals, make new one-week goals for ourselves, and also check in to see how we are doing with our goals for the end of the study year. Take care, and good luck with your goals!

Take care,
Teacher Joe Horgan