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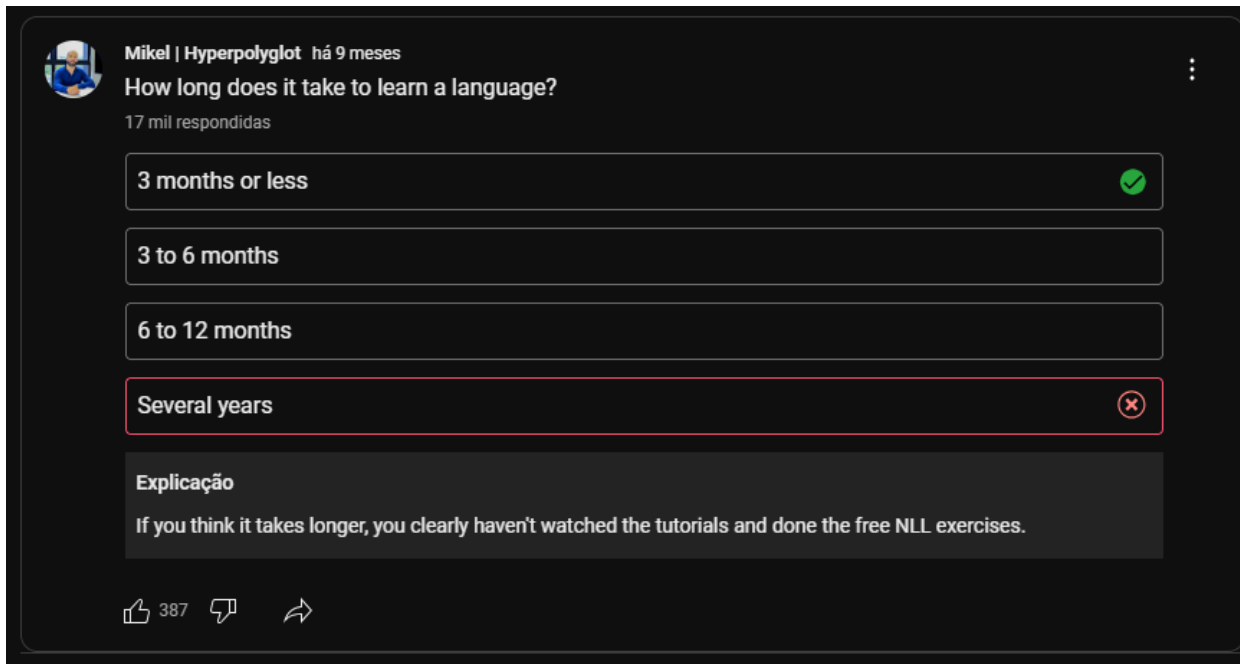
Welcome to Natural Language Learning. My name is Mikel Telleria. I am a Language Coach and Polyglot. I speak 12 languages.

I developed a highly efficient language learning system in the Innovation Center of the University of Deusto (San Sebastian).

I am here to help you learn foreign languages quickly and easily, without wasting your time.

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Mikel claims that you can learn any language in 3 months or less.



I have previously made two videos specifically targeting this claim:

[Hyperpolyglot's Bold Claim: 3 Months to Fluency?](#)

[Mikel, Where's the 3-Month Japanese Update?](#)

However, I've never investigated the languages he claims to speak and at what level. Since he uses Hyperpolyglot as his selling factor, we should confirm that.

In videos from April 2025, he claims to speak a dozen languages.

Languages

It's hard to determine what languages he speaks so we'll need to do some investigation. In this video from a few years ago, he claims to speak 8 languages:

[Polyglot speaks 8 languages](#)

He is a native speaker of Basque and Spanish, although he learned the latter later as he entered school and grew up.

At 1:07 In this video he confirms it.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WmtOTVO7NVQ>

"(El castellano) no es el idioma con el que he crecido, no es el idioma que he hablado en casa con mi familia, con mis amigos más cercanos [...] pero considero que tengo un nivel de castellano muy alto; he trabajado en castellano, he estudiado en castellano sin ningún problema."



Interview with Mikel Telleria

Name: Mikel Telleria Mujika

Nationality or Ethnicity: Basque

Where do you live?: Donostia-San Sebastian, the
Basque Country (Spain)

Languages: Basque, Spanish, English, German,
French, Romanian, Portuguese, Italian and
Russian. Learning Dutch, Darija and Ukrainian.

Source: <https://www.polyglotassociation.org/members/mikel-telleria>

[Languages | Mikel Telleria Mujika | LinkedIn](#)

- 1 Arabic - Elementary proficiency
- 2 Basque - Native or bilingual proficiency
- 3 Dutch - Limited working proficiency
- 4 English - Native or bilingual proficiency
- 5 French - Full professional proficiency
- 6 German - Full professional proficiency
- 7 Italian - Professional working proficiency
- 8 Polish - Limited working proficiency
- 9 Portuguese - Full professional proficiency
- 10 Romanian - Full professional proficiency
- 11 Russian - Professional working proficiency
- 12 Spanish - Native or bilingual proficiency
- 13 Ukrainian - Limited working proficiency

Recent interview of him speaking English, Spanish, German, French, Portuguese, Italian, and Russian with Olga Koeva, so no script:

<https://youtu.be/2cHZTSpg5M0?si=t17YwRRvjyxsllK3>

Language	Claimed Level	Video	Reviewer Comments
English	Fluent	 Learning a lang... Interview in English Jul 28, 2023 Interview in English Jan 21, 2024	Reviewer 1: (B2) His English abilities are high, as expected. He has the typical foreigner accent but it's for sure understandable. He also can pronounce both of the TH sounds, but it's hard to tell since his microphone quality is so bad, which is weirdly common for hyperpolyglots. He's fluent for sure, his english level is probably around B2-C1 Reviewer 2:(native) I agree with reviewer 1, with one caveat. I think he is

		Podcast episode in English May 15, 2024	probably at a C1 - C2. I think he speaks slowly due to reading a script but I think he could definitely be college educated fluent. Reviewer 3: (native) I agree with the first two reviewers. His English is very understandable and I'm not using any subtitles. He is reading slowly and that could just be him using a script or trying to put his thoughts together. The accent is fine and normal for some Spanish speakers. He's definitely fluent, B2-C1. I can't say C2 and or say he's at an educated English level. Reviewer 4: (native) As the other reviewers have said, He definitely has a high level, although I would argue his accent is probably on the strong side. He is still understandable of course Reviewer 5: (Native) He is fluent, probably around C1 i'd say. He is clear and understandable like reviewer 3 said and he has a normal Spanish accent. Definitely fluent though.
Basque	Native	Basque - YouTube Polyglot speaks 8 languages (3 years old. Please try find newer videos) Interview in Basque about him being a polyglot Mar 12, 2025	Reviewer 1 (C1): He speaks Basque like a native from what I can tell by watching the Eitb interview. He has even some inflections / pronunciation/ cues from a particular dialect from whatever village he is from (I'm sorry, I don't know the exact origin or way this kind of variation is called, but there are differences with "standard" batuera basque which is the one I know and speak at a C1 level). Eitb is a Basque television btw and it would have been very hard to fool them about speaking Basque. Reviewer 2 (Native):

			His basque is just anyones that has grown in a basque speaking town and studied all his life in basque. 99% of chances he is from Gipuzkoa, we speak almost identically in basque. Reviewer 3 (Native): by the video of he speaking basque he is native basque speaker for sure. No problem with his basque. Reviewer 4 (Native): His Basque sounds native, with an obvious giputxi accent. I don't know about his level in other languages, but he's not faking it in Basque
Spanish	Very high (native, born and raised in Spain)	Spanish - YouTube Polyglot speaks 8 languages (3 years old. Please try find newer videos) 1:08 Interview in Spanish Jun 5, 2022	Reviewer 1 (native): He grew up in Spain, and as such, has a native level of Spanish, and a native Spanish accent. He says he grew up listening to Basque at home, but even growing up Basque speaking cities, Spanish is super common everywhere in Spain. He even says as much: he studied and worked in Spanish, and you can tell. He's very clearly a C1, even in this old video, and even though it doesn't include much of him speaking.

German		Polyglot speaks 8 languages (3 years old. Please try find newer videos) This seems to be his newest video speaking German Effektiv Sprachen lernen ohne Apps It's 3 days old Podcast Episodes of him speaking German with a native speaker (I think) 7 months ago https://youtu.be/k7Rr0Drt1bA?si 5 months ago https://youtu.be/RlfuDzKy5bc?si	Reviewer 1 (native): (Old video) His German didn't have any grammar issues at first, but then slowly started to noticeably deteriorate. Especially his intonation was off-putting later on in the video and made it hard to understand what he was saying. Otherwise, his pronunciation was better than expected, his consonants sound good, although his vowels are heavily influenced by his accent. He claims to have lived and worked in Germany and Austria, which seems to be true from the way he's speaking. He does tend to use the most basic of words, and technical terms are only used if they're from another language. In conclusion, I would assess his German as B1-level. (New video) He speaks pretty slowly and only has some small grammar mistakes. This video feels a little more scripted (the eye movement pretty much gives it away), but based on the length, I would bump him up to high B1 to low B2. Even with the podcast in mind, I would stick to my rating of high B1 to low B2. Reviewer 2 (native): (Old Video) He speaks quite well, clearly conversationally fluent, but frequently makes grammar mistakes, sometimes uses awkward sentence structures and has an accented pronunciation. I was able to understand everything he said quite easily and I definitely got the feeling that I would be able to have a decent conversation with him in person. I would place him around the B1-B2 range. It also didn't seem scripted to me. (New Video) This seems entirely scripted, I feel like I can see his eyes reading something, so I find this video less useful.
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			Reviewer 3 (C1): (Old vid) I feel like I can give a pretty good guide on how his German is as I've worked in and around German learners with Goethe and the PASCH network. He doesn't seem to be using any scripted or remembered phrases and appears to be speaking pretty naturally. Compared to people I've worked with and met, I'd place him around the B1 mark, possibly high B1. His accent is a little off for a B1 level speaker but it's nothing non intelligible. There are a couple mistakes, which would be normal for someone of that level but something just feels a little off. I think he could easily pass the B1 test (that's if everything he is saying is natural instead of scripted). There are some weird grammatical pauses as well but again, nothing too weird for a B1 speaker/learner. Reviewer 4 (Native): (Old vid) Some grammatical mistakes here and there (regarding sentence structure for example), but „als gut als“ for „as good as“ is the only major mistake. It should be „so gut wie“. Overall very good however because most of the sentences sound natural to me. (New vid) Since he cuts the video it's not clear how much is scripted word-by-word. You can tell that his accent is heavy however. Unnatural intonation and struggling with some sounds. (Podcast) He seems to understand what the German guy is telling him. Very conversational in German and regarding this video he's at least B1, maybe even B2. Still far from C1, but definitely in the B range. Reviewer 5 (native):
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			First video: B2- C1 Second video: C1 Podcast: B1-B2 The fluency in the first two videos is fine and the pronunciation is also good but he has an obvious accent. In the very first video he makes only one very noticeable mistake as reviewer 4 pointed out. The second videos uses even more advanced vocab than the first one, that even natives won't use in every day speech that's why I would give him a C1. In the podcast it is obvious that he doesn't understand everything and the questions he asks the interviewee are very basic. In summary the unscripted situations made it very clear that he is in a B range. Reviewer 6 (native, high school German teacher) In the 5 month old interview, he can hold a conversation pretty well. He is struggling for words quite a bit and sometimes I didn't understand what he said. His syntax is typical for an advanced learner, so some mistakes here or there. In the 3 day old video he is clearly just reading a script that he has not fully written himself. He sounds like one of my high school students at times when they struggle to grasp the word while reading aloud, haha. I'd say he is between B1 and B2. Reviewer 7 (native): old video: I do not agree with the others that it's not scripted, he's looking straight into the camera the whole time and
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			might very well have a computer screen there he's reading off (or one where he at least has some notes on what he wants to say) - i don't think it's normal to look at the camera the entire time, with unscripted stuff you'd usually look away while you're thinking (just like in normal conversations, you don't hold eye contact the entire time) but he doesn't move his eyes off the camera even when he's moving his head. 3 day old video: Obviously reading off a script, you can see it in his eye movements and in how he badly mispronounces some words and phrases, it shows that he is not very familiar with those (because it's not just him struggling with certain sounds, it's him straight up not knowing how certain words or phrases are pronounced, making him sound okay at times and barely comprehensible when he hits those unfamiliar words/phrases) Podcast: The only videos that are actually reliable imo because it does seem like he understands what the other person is saying and is able to respond accordingly for the most part. His eyes are also not fixed on a single point or line but darting around a lot more in the podcast from 7 months ago, which makes me think that it's largely unscripted (but he probably still has some notes with what he wanted to talk about). Based on the vocab he uses and the kind of grammar mistakes he makes a solid B1 I'd say.
French		Polyglot speaks 8 languages (3 years old. Please try find newer videos) 3:36	Reviewer 1 (B2) (First Video): He uses a lot of A1-A2 phrases and subjects. He seems to add words where they are not needed and leave out words where they are needed (eg. drops etre). He talks about where his town is and

		https://youtu.be/kgqj0ZP-9N0 Seems to be the most recent video in french (but very likely scripted) (and it is full of cuts, every 5s or so) https://youtu.be/2cHZTSpq5M0?t=1478 (24:38, active discussion so likely not scripted)	speaking the language. This sort of topic isn't above an A2 or A1 level so I can't rank it higher than that. His pronunciation is not terrible, but that's expected because these phrases are low level. (Second Video): It cuts every 5s or so, therefore this is completely unusable as evidence of language ability. Based on pronunciation, he makes a severe pronunciation error with the word 'and' - 'et', he says lire et écouter and does a liaison with the t of et to the e of écouter, this is a huge error and should happen considering it is one of the most common words. At the end of the video he promotes a challenge/course to learn to speak any language in 7 days. (Third Video): His first sentence is that he <i>doesn't think</i> he is currently reading a book in french which is a weird thing to say imo. The rest goes off the tracks and it's pretty incoherent. The topic is again just about learning languages. Conclusion: I'd probably give him an A2, lots of mistakes, huge pauses, no variation in topic, low level vocab, incomprehensible in parts. Reviewer 2 (Native): He didn't use the verb to be in two cases and some other structures (Je trouve que c'est une langue très élégante, Ma ville est à côté de la frontière, comme je le ai déjà dit) and at one point I didn't understand what he meant (Maintenant ce n'a été pas possible ?). He tends to eat the words maybe because he does not know which one to use. His pronunciation is not advanced either, with a clear spanish accent. But he also admits that it is not his best language and that he is still learning. I would be able to hold a conversation with him
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			without being sure about how much he understands me. A2 level for me Second Video: Cuts every 5 seconds, but I will consider as he didn't read a script. Errors: A vous dire->Pour vous dire. I won't continue because I feel like he's reading everything, the video is not relevant. Third Video: Since it's a live conversation he struggles much more. His pronunciation often makes him difficult to understand. He couldn't find the word "librairie" maybe A2 level vocabulary. Overall I would give him A2+ but since he faked a fluency in the second video A2 Reviewer 3 (B1) (First Video): He speaks very slowly for a French speaker (perfectly fine). The video was cut very often, which I presume was him stuttering. He said, "Français n'est pas une de langue" which is incorrect as "une de" doesn't work. But he seems to know advanced grammar structures when he says "j'y allais" which even I haven't studied yet. I'm assuming that he has studied all the grammatical rules but lacks the practice as he is very prone to mistakes. Again, I am only a B1, there are probably more errors that only C-level or native speakers can notice. 😊 I would make him A2; only because he knows a lot of grammar rules. But he would be leaning more to the A1 side due to a lack of practice, a use of very basic vocabulary like where he lives, and a high number of mistakes. Reviewer 4 (B1) (Non-Native)
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			He definitely speaks the language to an extent, I'd say at least A2. The microphone quality sounds a little bad, suspiciously similar to many of these hyperpolyglots but it's not too bad. The biggest issue I could see was his pronunciation, some basic ones like pronouncing the l in "famille." There is also a suspiciously high amount of cuts in the video. I wouldn't say he's good enough to be B2. Reviewer 5 (C1): In the unscripted/conversation video, there are a lot of strange mistakes that are really basic (as other reviewers mentioned, dropping verbs like to be and to have in extremely basic phrases like 'my city is near the border'). His pronunciation is also rough in ways that makes his meaning unclear in some clips, and which makes words just wrong - eg he pronounces 'livre' (book) as 'lire' (to read). It's strange because the mistakes he makes are at times mismatched with his vocab - the omission of to be/to have would feel like a very low A1, but he also has a couple B1/B2 words or phrases in there that he isn't able to effectively construct a sentence with. It feels like someone who memorised a couple 'cool' set phrases to sprinkle in but it's unconvincing. I would give this an A2 at most,, just because of the error frequency and the difficulty shown in completing even basic sentences. Reviewer 6 (Native, Quebec): I just wanted to say that I agree with the A2 assessment as a native speaker. His French is a bit weird because in the second video there's the occasional word he pronounced like a native speaker, but those words are separated by some unintelligible ones. Example: he says "immersion" and "méthode" exactly like how I would say it as a native speaker, but then he says "personnes" as "per-son"and
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		“spécialisé” as “spcialisté.” So he seems to mix French and English words– this isn’t a sign of non-fluency per say because I do that all the time, though for me it’s because of cultural code-switching and for him I assume it’s most likely just accidental slip-ups. I don’t think he is doing it on purpose since he is trying to speak “proper” French. I’ve also never heard those English words used in French before even as someone from a bilingual area– we will use Anglicisms in a very intentional way and some of them have become real words (this isn’t the case here) I had to rewind the video a couple times to understand everything like for example the very beginning “si vous ne connaissez pas assez de mots.” At first I didn’t know what he said, then I thought he said “ces deux mots” and I was very confused about what he was trying to say. Then I read the subtitles and went like OOOOH THAT’S WHAT HE SAID. Apart from the occasional weird word, his pronunciation is good enough to me although native speakers would need to get used to it in my opinion. I noticed he has issues with the “u” sound. I also need to mention that the automated subtitles keep writing fake words and I think it’s the funniest thing ever. There is a massive contrast between the 2nd and 3rd video. He seems to struggle a lot more when he’s in an active unscripted discussion. I think that’s definitely suspicious. Plus the person he talks with sounds like a beginner and i didn’t think there was much difference between the both of them. Everything else that I would add has already been laid out by the other reviewers.
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Italian		Polyglot speaks 8 languages (3 years old. Please try find newer videos)  Multilingual con... (12:29)	Reviewer 1 (native): In the video from almost four years old, his Italian is genuinely impressive. His grammar is perfect, he uses natural phrasing, and his pronunciation is excellent. The pauses he takes seem to suggest to me that he's thinking in Italian and not just reading a script. Despite the brevity of the Italian segment, I'd be surprised if he was below a B1 or B2 level. He mentions in the video that his grammar knowledge is limited but he can understand everything and converse, implying he self-assessed as B1-B2. In the more recent interview with Mikel Telleria, he pauses to think often, but otherwise his Italian is natural sounding, for the most part (there are some places in which he makes some mistakes, it may be he hasn't studied Italian recently so he lost some of his ability). Overall, I'd assess it as B2. You could argue for a lower level if you consider the fact he pauses often; in that case, I still wouldn't go anywhere below a mid-high B1. In general, in all languages, I have the impression this is a recurrent pattern: he clearly knows them, but struggles speaking fluently. Reviewer 2 (C2): With all due respect to Reviewer 1's legitimate opinion, not considering the absurd amount of unnatural interruptions he makes during his speech to gauge his actual language capabilities is nonsensical. Moreover, I couldn't really see this "natural soundness" observed by the previous reviewer. He makes several pronunciation mistakes (some of which could totally be considered grammar mistakes as well, due to how Italian forms its plurals very differently from Iberian languages) also including some really silly ones, such as pronouncing the 's' in between vowels as an actual S, notorious Spanish
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			influence. But any mistakes regarding grammar, pronunciation, or weird word choice are barely relevant compared to the very first point I've mentioned. It is clearly demonstrated in the interview that Mikel cannot speak fluent Italian, as he constantly pauses to ratiocinate what he's gonna say next and struggles every time he attempts to speak a little faster. I honestly don't see where the idea of giving him such a high rating came from since the guy himself admits he can't speak the language well, just is able to converse, which sounds perfectly fine to me and totally adequate to a mid B1 level. Anything above that is tremendous overshooting. (As to not seem like I'm just recklessly roasting reviewer 1, just letting you know that they'd previously assessed Mikel's Italian as a passable C1. They've now changed it certainly taking my review into account)
Romanian		Polyglot speaks 8 languages (3 years old. Please try find newer videos) https://youtu.be/BInQMILjGV8 Newer video, he seems to be reading https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LRp8mh3J3Y8	Reviewer 1 (probably B1): When I initially wrote a review I was quite nice, I said he could even be B2. However, I came back to it after sleeping, and read the other reviews that had been made by the time I woke up, and my opinion has changed. If he isn't reading in his recent videos, or if he wrote the scripts without external help/translators, I'd say they're written to around a B1 level. However, I agree with the other reviewers that the very basic level of some of his mistakes means he probably can't be rated higher than A2. He has a fairly strong accent, and I wouldn't say it improved/changed much between the videos, but for me it doesn't impact understanding. However, it sounds like he has a few problems/difficulties with pronunciation, which do change the meaning of what he says, for example a few times (across all videos) when his ă

		Video explaining his method in Romanian, again reading, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hpiTZE3-V8M Short vid, seems scripted but possibly not reading,	sound /ə/ comes across more as an /e/ or /a/ sound, the best example being in the first video when he says înveți (you learn) rather than învăț (I learn). Like a lot of people learning Romanian (including me) he struggles with the î/â sound /i/, but as the other reviewers point out, he tries to get round this by ignoring the sounds he can't pronounce. He does also pronounce the -i at the end of words, which changes the meaning. At times his pronunciation confuses the auto-generated YouTube captions. Aside from accent/pronunciation issues, there also seem to be a few instances of him saying things in a slightly awkward or overcomplicated way, especially in the second video, but I'm not a native speaker so I'm not sure - the main example for me would be "Pandemia tocmai începuse" (uses a past participle rather than a verb, and also pronounces it incorrectly as începuse, which is the plural), which to me just doesn't sound like a natural way of speaking, but honestly even if it isn't wrong, I don't think it fits with what he's saying. In terms of actual mistakes, he says "toată lumea aveam început să lucrez acasă" (the subject changes halfway through the sentence), and "am continuat să o citi" which should be "am continuat să o citesc" (basically he uses the infinitive rather than the correct conjugation). All the examples come from the second video, because I gave up writing things down after that. Most of his mistakes are things he should have known since the first week of learning - I started learning on Duolingo, and even the most basic lessons there would help him. Given that he says he started learning by talking to natives, and the fact he has apparently worked closely with Romanians, I'm surprised he has never been corrected. A final note worth making is that all of these videos are basically just him repeating the same things, and
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			anything he does add is A1/A2 level vocabulary. He only talks about learning Romanian and his special method, with almost no changes throughout the 3 years. This could just be because that's what his channel is about, but I think he'd struggle to talk about anything else. Reviewer 2 (Native), (Philology school, personal lifelong interest in accents, word etymology and dialects) @hermes4881 Looking closely at his eyes he appears to be reading in both videos but the mistakes he makes leads me to believe he has written the text himself. That being said Going from the 3-year-old video to the one from 2 days ago I see almost zero improvements in his pronunciation. For this review I'll completely ignore his occasional Russian and Spanish accents and focus on his grammar and pronunciation. He almost completely ignores all vowel diacritics (Ă, Â, Î) even though those sounds are present in other languages that he speaks. He never uses the soft "i" at the end of words which dictate whether a noun is definite or not ex. "Rusii, Ukrainienii, Moldovenii" instead of "Rusi, Moldoveni, Ukrainieni". The "i" should be soft and almost silent. He does however respect other diacritics and pronunciation rules he does have some basics like (Ș, and Ț). He makes pronunciation mistakes every 3 words but also misses some preposition words ex. "An invatat limba Romana IN sase luni", "Am vizitat Romania DE doua ori". In another video I found https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LRp8mh3J3Y8 Where he explains how he avoids watching videos and
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			focuses only on vocabulary which might explain his terrible pronunciation. Here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hpiTZE3-V8M He might not be reading and his mistakes amplify substantially: "Face"= "He does" instead of "Faci"="you do". "asculta"="he listens" instead of "asculti"="you listen". So a lot of 3rd person instead of 2nd person speech. I can understand everything he says but that may be because my brain has adjusted to quickly find what he is saying as I'm used to non native speakers. His rhythm of reading/speaking is good and his facial expressions make sense to what he is saying. I can't say much more without seeing him attempt a natural conversation without reading. Maybe his vocab method works great. At this point he would be at the same level as if I gave my partner, who is Chilean (Spanish native) a Romanian text to read and taught her the Ș, and Ț rules without any other tutoring. And she does not speak Romanian AT ALL! I have met people with terrible pronunciation but good enough vocabulary for a A2 level conversation but not above. Anything Above A2 should at least try to pronounce the diacritics and soft "l" at the end of words which is important enough to change the meaning of words (ex "Rusi" = Russians, "Rusii" = "The Russians") I really don't want to be harsh as this is my first language review, but I'm comparing his overall level to other people that I've met whose Level I know. I feel like he didn't even learn to read Romanian let alone speak. Maybe A2 if he understands the meaning of the words he reads, which are also basic. Reviewer 3 (Native)
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			The old and the new video seems like he doesn't improve his pronunciation and grammar but he's still understandable but there are few fluid sentences where I am supposed to use the subtitles to understand. Even he misses a lot of important Romanian grammar such as "Ă, Â, Ș, Ț and Î" I didn't hear very much and the most important word to use describe and talk about places "În" mean "in" that make me confused. I think he uses a script form both videos if you look more closely at his eyes. He probably uses very simple and basic sentences and vocabulary but he still doesn't improve very much. Overall I put him in A1 high or A2 because he missed a lot of grammar and pronunciation.
Russian		Polyglot speaks 8 languages (3 years old. Please try find newer videos) https://youtu.be/ailbm40FMbg?si=aySn4VNdvZ_slgE7 Recent video of a conversation including unscripted Russian (33:45)	Reviewer 1 (native) Found a more recent video. It is very hard to judge his level since everything he says seems to be read off of a prepared script. He makes mistakes in pronunciation/accents but it does seem like he puts in effort into learning how to read correctly. Very few grammatical mistakes but then again it doesn't mean much if he reads it off the screen. Overall the script sounds natural. Could be a B1-B2 if he's able to use the language in real life just as well as in the video. Upd (unscripted conversation): lot's of mistakes in grammar and pronunciation, I'd estimate it to be an A2 with hints of B1. Reviewer 2 (Native, Ukrainian) According to multiple videos from between 2 years ago up until 4 days ago. Speech sounds somewhat clear at times, however mostly quite vague and not as easy to perceive (especially parts where he's trying to speak

		faster), it still has quite few grammar mistakes and more frequently pronunciation and accent mistakes. Although I must say that it does sound iffy with how his words flow, aka the stammering that is the apparent script reading embedded to his speech The script written neatly, but not sophisticated, pretty regular, yet not primitive use of words/phrases In case of unscripted conversations, he does seem to struggle even more with everything above, which tells a lot about his actual capabilities Didn't notice any significant progress between 2 years ago and now. Which is strange to me, because in a span of 2 years you can make a really decent progression with at least 1 individual part of language's grammar and its foundation, however he seems to have made little to no progress with that matter With that being said, I don't think he can speak Russian comfortably yet, as he seems to lack any kind of practice or dedication to take time with learning the language, which is very evident with his unscripted conversation skills. I was thinking giving him low B1 max, but the mistakes are too blatant to be disregarded, therefore I'm giving him a solid A2 Reviewer 3 (Native): looking at his unscripted video, he is able to get his <u>very</u> basic meaning across, but it takes him quite a lot of effort and repetition. Both scripted and unscripted, he makes a lot of mistakes with accords/endings of things, even plurals which are probably the easiest (eg video #2, "because they focus on the wrong things", 'wrong' sounds plural but 'things' does not, which is either a grammar fail or a pronunciation fail.) He also struggles quite a bit with
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			vowel sounds, which sometimes changes the words' meanings. The scripted video has more diverse vocabulary and sentences that are more than 4-5 words in length, but he is clearly reading. I would put this, at most, in A2. Reviewer 4 (A2): I am having a hard time giving him above A1 in the unscripted video. It's understandable, but he's using the most basic constructions and words and makes a ton of grammatical mistakes. I don't doubt he studied it, but it's either extremely rusty or he never got very far to begin with. I would give him A1 in speaking, with an outside chance of A2 Reviewer 5 (Native): I can also learn random words in Basque and combine them without having studied any grammar whatsoever. There is no way his 3 month fluency courses work when his Russian level is <i>this</i> low. Redrawing the standards for fluency again, huh? Reviewer 6 (Native): He (of course) has a noticeable accent but is mostly easy to understand. He makes a lot of mistakes; I was even surprised to hear "из стран бывшего Советского Союза" (from the countries of the former USSR) after him speaking for so long basically ignoring the cases. His occasional use of correct forms seems to come from experience. He heard certain collocations and got used to them being that way. So he is a genuine learner. • много нравится "many like" instead of очень нравится "like very much" is a pretty newbie mistake. • I am also pretty sure when he shared advice, "Словари это самый важный вещь" (Dictionaries is the most important thing) was meant to be слова "words" or
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			словарный запас "vocabulary". • если твоя цель посмотреть фильмы или читать книги → mixing up aspects does not makes sense here. Your learning goal is usually <i>watching films and reading books</i> in general, not as specific acts. He made one specific and the other general. • если ты будешь посетить один стран → perfective verbs do not use the compound future tense; country is "страна" ("если ты поедешь в какую-то страну") • <i>Nemtsia</i> is not the name of Germany in Russian. I think his answer to Olga's last question is a good indication of his ability to speak: he gets his (very simple) point across but struggles to even find words. It takes him a minute of stutter to come up with a couple butchered sentences. Then Olga sums up his method, and now his response flows much better. My guess is he had spoken about learning goals and useful phrases before. No crime in that: we all speak by putting up familiar pieces together. In terms of level, I would put his speaking at A2/B1 at best. Again, the contrast between his worst moments of long pauses, ers and ums, and his best passages suggests he spoke on some of these topics before. Judging from his mistakes, either he is still learning how to use the cases or he decided to ignore forms and speak words in base form unless something else pops up in his mind. In his older video he pronounced конечно incorrectly (with a CH instead of SH); he does not do it now. He seems to have improved but he still has a long way to go before he can speak unprepared even on those familiar polyglot topics without visibly searching for words.
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			This video is clearly reading, so it does not count. A complete beginner would have failed but he is clearly not one. Reviewer 7 (A1): He's a solid A0 working towards A1. I can confidently say that because I am an A1. It's just really funny.
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Portuguese		Português - YouTube  Multilingual con... https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Q8WURR0IAw	Reviewer 1 (Native Brazilian): Oof, hard to try to assess this guy. He seems to fear engaging in natural conversations—even though his course is called <i>‘The Natural Method’</i>—and that makes it really difficult for us to have an accurate idea of his actual linguistic capabilities, since most of his videos are clearly scripted and/or rehearsed. There are a few videos available of his Portuguese, from different dates (the oldest being from 3 years ago and the latest being from 2 days ago as of 2025-04-12). Interestingly, his accent seems to have barely improved throughout this period: I’d say he does sound good and easily understandable 100% of the time, but I do find this a bit curious to say the least In his most recent scripted videos, he utilizes advanced vocabulary quite a bit to convey his main ideas (all of them related to language learning of course) and even uses playful Brazilian expressions such as ‘galera’ and ‘na real’, which I’d totally praise him for if it weren’t evident that he is reading/memorizing a pre-made text. Focusing on the conversation video he had with Olga two months ago—which I believe is the obvious best way to go as to see his performance outside a comfortable scripted environment—he didn’t do bad overall. I don’t remember any major grammar mistakes or weird word choices, and he could express all of his ideas in the language just fine, always using proper phrasing and adequate vocabulary for the topics they were talking about; from basic to even some more advanced ones, such as founding a project for teaching Spanish to Ukrainian refugees. If I were generous and went easy on him, I could perfectly award him a solid B2, perhaps even close to a
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			low C1. HOWEVER, this is when the most important part of this review comes. I simply <i>cannot</i> do that due to one simple and practical reason: he did not demonstrate the ability to speak the language fluidly. He notoriously struggled to build his sentences (I'm referring to the conversation sample that was available to us) in the sense of he still has to spend an annoying portion of time thinking on what/how to say what/the way he wants to say, probably due to the fear of speaking Portuñol instead of Portuguese. You don't need to be fluent to watch the Portuguese section of their convo to notice the enormous amount of time he takes to come up with his sentences, which serves just well as a definitive proof he is not comfortable to speak the language, therefore nullifying any potential claims of fluency. Even though he appears to have a fairly decent grasp of grammar (which is not that surprising for a Spanish native speaker), pronunciation, and vocabulary, <u><i>I am not able to place him anywhere above a low-mid B1.</i></u> PS.: <i>I politely disagree with Reviewer 2's opinion that Mikel's accent in Portuguese leans more onto an European one. You can easily notice that he is always trying to sound more Brazilian, for example by the mere but meaningful act of throwing some Brazilian expressions in his scripts here and there, but more importantly, the nuances of both his pronunciation (such as pronouncing D's as DJ's and T's as TCH's) and grammar (such as always using 'vocé' instead of 'tu' and preferring the gerund '-ndo' instead of the construction 'a + verb infinitive') are notable Brazilian characteristics. I do think he has irregularities on his accent like not being constant with the choice between 'sh' and 's' or sometimes even 'd/t' and 'dj/tch' but not only this doesn't affect the interlocutor's ability to comprehend him but also doesn't necessarily define his accent (i.e. my</i>
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			<i>English in general does sound more American even though I still pronounce some words in the British way cause I was just taught to do so). However, if we actually needed to define Mikel's accent in Portuguese, it is undoubtedly a Brazilian one.</i> <i>Also not so politely disagree with reviewer 3; if not having to rely on my Spanish makes me B2-C1 in a language, then I'm C1 in every non-romance language. Keeping it apart from Portuguese is good, but isn't by any means more important than fluidity of speech, at which I think Kaufmann is better than Mikel</i> Reviewer 2 (Native BR): Reviewer 1 has already said most things that I wanted to say. If I can add something (and rather something small, but just worthy enough of adding here. Feel free to skip and just check my actual rating if wanted), is that his accent feels like further proof that he scripts his videos a lot, and even that he makes said scripts on AI instead of coming up with them. His accent at least for my ears leans significantly onto one from Portugal, at least significantly enough that it feels odd that he doesn't seem to acknowledge it, at least not in his thumbnails, or even when he comments about his learning process, as he says things like "I know I don't speak like a Brazilian", instead of just saying "[...] like a native", which is fine on itself, but again, he leans enough onto an European Portuguese accent that it sounds like he definitely learned a bit from European Portuguese sources, so why doesn't he at least owe it up a bit? Yes, he has claimed a switch from European to Brazilian Portuguese, but even then, besides that talk with some other polyglot, it almost feels like he wants to keep it hidden that he touched European Portuguese or something. He doesn't even seem to slip out any words that are more of Portuguese origin (or at least more
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			commonly used in Portugal). To summarise and make myself clear, I feel like it's further proof that he reads off of scripts a lot and even that he depends of Als making those because he keeps speaking in an European Portuguese accent whilst what he says are clearly things to be expected from a Brazilian's mouth, which for me, means he is reading from a script that's probably made with some sort of AI, as Brazilian Portuguese being by far the most popular form of the language means that Als will tend to use it as standard. To add on the AI point, he uses and promotes Als a lot, so I wouldn't feel surprised if he depended on them for scripts to make him sound like he knows more than he actually does. I think he easily falls into either of the Bs, mostly B1. All I can say is that he definitely hasn't used his methods himself to "UNDERSTAND ANYTHING IN A FOREIGN LANGUAGE FAST!!!!111!" (Yes, that's an actual video title of his, where he claims to teach how to learn C1 language skills in 30 days...) Reviewer 3 (Native Br): He definitely sounds like a guy who speaks Portuguese, without any prior knowledge I would say he's a gringo or even from Portugal (when he doesn't pause that much). A solid B2, he may even be a C1 when he's on a good day (after a good study session). He barely relies on his Spanish. I can compare him to Steve Kaufmann and Wouter speaking Spanish and using tons of Spanish words when they were supposed to be speaking Portuguese (no hate towards them), he knows how to keep the two languages apart.
Dutch	Learning		

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Ukrainian	Learning	 ВЧИМО українс...	Most of the videos with Ukrainian are dated late 2022 and I could not find any newer examples. At the time, he said he was just learning the language and I can confirm that his level is definitely A1. He demonstrated good pronunciation for this level, but most of his training videos consist of him sitting on a website for over an hour listening to Ukrainian and not saying a word on his part. So if there are no newer videos, he clearly just gave up on Ukrainian as well as Polish (see down below) and it cannot be considered as "I speak Ukrainian". I asked him about the update under one of the videos in a friendly manner, and maybe he will respond in turn.
Polish	Limited working proficiency - LinkedIn	possible video of him learning Polish 2 years ago	[does he speak polish? I couldn't find any vids of him speaking it] [apparently he gave up on the idea of learning polish to sell courses, the only video I managed to find of him learning/talking about polish is now private. He forgot to update his linkedin] [https://media.discordapp.net/attachments/1360407203147677757/1360704135586123896/Screenshot_2025-04-12_at_15.52.20.png?ex=67fc15fa&is=67fac47a&hm=4050bf2a9d2c972bc2e4ce7bf262729dbaec83d25e1b0778daea0d3d6e89324d&=&format=webp&quality=lossless&width=1882&height=1486] he seems to have deleted his videos of him speaking polish. I remember watching them a couple months ago though, and his Polish was very basic. Particularly

			lacking in pronunciation. Definitely not above A1, at least in the video I saw, although I don't recall how recent it was.
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