

What are the keys to success in language learning?

- successful learners take responsibility for their own learning
- successful learners focus on learning important **SKILLS** and **STRATEGIES**
- successful learners learn what is interesting and important for their needs
- successful learners use available resources
- successful learners take advantage of any opportunity to learn

Checklist of Learning Strategies

- I plan my language learning
- I monitor my progress in language learning regularly
- I work on language learning tasks with other people (e.g. friends, people in my class) as well as on my own
- I try to find opportunities to practise speaking (even to myself) to improve my fluency

- I review my goals and plans regularly and change them when I need to
- I try to motivate myself by setting weekly or monthly language learning goals, targets etc.
- I take an active approach towards my language learning; I don't just study when I have to
- I reflect on what I need to learn
- I review what I've learned at regular intervals
- I reflect on how I learn so I can improve my learning methods
- I have an organised approach to my language learning and try to think about language in terms of the different categories, systems and patterns within it (e.g. grammar, function, vocabulary, pronunciation).
- I try to personalise my language learning
- I am willing to take risks and be adventurous with language to try out my skills
- I try to learn from the mistakes I make

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