

# Foreign Language Practice TIPS

It is highly recommended that students continue practicing the second-language outside of the classroom on a daily basis, especially during gaps between language courses.

- Read a novel or two over the summer
- Read authentic articles online and summarize them in your own words (written or spoken)
- Listen to music and read/learn lyrics (always look up the meaning of new words that you do not know and write them down)
- Watch shows in the language (i.e. Netflix) – [with Spanish subtitles] & summarize the events in your own words
- Join a conversation group in your community or online
- Travel to a country where they speak the language
- Listen to the news in the language every day (there are many apps/podcasts in Spanish/French) – practice summarizing what you heard; look-up new vocabulary!
- Be a TA for an upper-level foreign language class
- Attend clubs/events in the foreign language (search online for opportunities in your community)
- Write a letter or journal entries every day
- Practice speaking with a native-speaker or with a friend who also studied the language



## Online resources for Spanish:

<https://personal.colby.edu/~bknelson/SLC/> (grammar review)

[www.veintemundos.com](http://www.veintemundos.com) (authentic articles and videos for reading/listening practice)

[www.univision.com](http://www.univision.com) (authentic articles and videos)

[https://www.meetup.com/topics/spanish/us/ca/san\\_diego/](https://www.meetup.com/topics/spanish/us/ca/san_diego/) (meet up groups in San Diego for conversation practice)

<http://www.fluentu.com/spanish/blog/spanish-podcasts/> (Spanish podcasts)

<http://www.un.org/es/index.html> (authentic articles for reading)

<http://www.diainternacionalde.com/ficha/dia-internacional-deporte-desarrollo-paz>

<http://www.ver-taal.com> (grammar, vocab, listening practice)

<http://www.rtve.es> (authentic articles and videos)

<http://www.elmundo.es/> (authentic articles and videos)

## Online resources for French:

<http://bescherelle.com>

<http://www.francaisfacile.com>

<http://www.tapis.com.au/index.asp>

## Online resources for Japanese:

<http://web-japan.org/kidsweb/>

## Online resources for ASL:

ASL THAT <https://www.youtube.com/user/chsasl/videos>

ASL NOOK <https://aslnook.com/>

Life Print Fingerspelling (Alphabet practice) <http://asl.ms/>