

# Learning a language using sentences - a Cymdeithas approach

## EXAMPLE: ENGLISH - GERMAN

- Even if you're a total beginner: start with whole sentences
- Ask someone who speaks the language to record the sentences for you or use an AI with German voices (just use google translate and it will pronounce it for you)
- Read the sentences 5 times per day in English and German
- Listen to them 5 times per day
- In this example everything revolves around the words "to speak German".
- Use other simple words to construct new sentences and have them translated by a friend or AI. Use words to construct sentences that you know you will need to know and use frequently.

## EXAMPLE LESSON

### Step 1. Theme: "to speak German"

**Memorise these sentences by reading them again and again and listening to them several times per day.**

I would like to be able to speak German  
Ich möchte Deutsch sprechen können.

I want to be able to speak German  
Ich will Deutsch sprechen können.

I have to be able to speak German  
Ich muss Deutsch sprechen können.

Can you speak German well?  
Kannst du gut Deutsch sprechen?

He could speak German well  
Er konnte gut Deutsch sprechen.

One day we will be able to speak German  
Eines Tages werden wir Deutsch sprechen können.

## **Step 2. Make the sentences slightly more complex by adding new words.**

I would like to be able to speak German **fluently**  
Ich möchte **fließend** Deutsch sprechen können.

I want to be able to speak German **like a native speaker**  
Ich möchte **wie ein Muttersprachler** Deutsch sprechen können (m)  
Ich möchte **wie eine Muttersprachlerin** Deutsch sprechen können  
(f)

I have to be able to speak German **by next week**  
Ich muss **bis nächste Woche** Deutsch sprechen können.

Can you **really** speak German well?  
Kannst du **wirklich** gut Deutsch sprechen?

He **couldn't** speak German  
Er **konnte nicht** Deutsch sprechen.

One day we will **surely** be able to speak German  
Eines Tages werden wir **sicher** Deutsch sprechen können.

**Step 3. Pick words in these sentences and create new sentences using them in different contexts.**

**Example: “by next week”**

We need to finish the project by next week.

Wir müssen das Projekt bis nächste Woche fertig machen

Please submit your report by next week

Bitte reichen Sie Ihren Bericht bis nächste Woche ein.

By next week, the company plans to launch its new marketing campaign.

Bis nächste Woche plant das Unternehmen, seine neue Marketingkampagne zu starten.

**Step 4. Keep using the method on a daily basis.**