

FOREIGN SERVICE INSTITUTE LANGUAGE DIFFICULTY RANKINGS

每天4小时1年半



How long for an English speaker to become proficient. (by /u/Fummy)

- Category 0 (English Speaker)
- Category I (24 weeks, 600 hours)
- Category II (30 weeks, 750 hours)
- Category III (36 weeks, 900 hours)
- Category IV (44 weeks, 1100 hours)
- Category IV* (More than 44 weeks)
- Category V (88 weeks, 2200 hours)
- Category V* (More than 88 weeks)
- Unclassified (Not taught by FSI)

FSI may give these categories different names but for the purposes of this map Cat I-V* are used to differentiate.

The Foreign Service Institute (FSI) has created a list (based on their experience training US diplomats) to show the approximate time needed to learn a specific language **as an English speaker**.
i.e. the number of weeks of study time to reach **General Proficiency in Speaking (S3) and Reading (R3)**.
FSI students have 25 hours of class per week. Not including an additional 3-4 hours of self-study per day.
(~40 hours of total study) Total Class hours are given here.
* Languages with a (*) are generally considered harder than the rest of their category.
National borders and official languages are followed for the most part. With a few exceptions such as Tibetan and the Celtic languages. Swahili is shown where it is official.
For clarity English is not shown in India, Pakistan, etc.
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