

1. Please introduce yourself. Tell us more about your native language, any additional languages you have learned, and describe your fluency in each language.

- English and Chinese as native languages. Grew up in China,
- Spanish learning in school since it was mandatory - hard because not similar to Chinese which was her first languages
- Decent fluency in Japanese, Korean, self studying (strongest in listening)

What are your language learning goals/ Why have you started learning a new language? Ex. (I want to learn English at a business level for my career, I want to learn Spanish conversationally to connect with family, I want to learn Chinese to understand media content, etc)

- English - survival (living in English speaking country)
- Chinese - learned in high school for credit -> taking a class still helped even if she was fluent -> properly taking lessons helped with language formalities such as grammar
 - Want to not forget it to connect with family
- Japanese - want to be able to understand and talk to Japanese people
- Theme - want to be able to travel to a new place and integrate with the culture.

Can you describe your language learning journey? How and why did you start, what tools did you use, what challenges did you face, and did any of these things evolve as you progressed?

- Chinese -> found that skills were declining from not practicing it
- Japanese -> main issue is no one to practice with and no environment to practice it
 - Scared of saying things wrong, afraid to make mistakes
 - Constant practice is one of her main goals.
 - Environment was not convenient to learn a language. Was able to practice Japanese with Japanese students, but she felt like her level was not enough to communicate, and was "a little scared"
 - Too busy to go to meetings consistently.

Looking back, are there any resources that you wished you had access to or that you wished you had done differently?

Wish she took a language course at her university or studied abroad. Didn't have the time in her schedule to fit the class.

How important is the opportunity to practice, or can you describe social or cultural factors that motivated you to keep practicing? (Can be unrelated to language practice, but more about cultural or social exports)

Don't learn as well from textbooks, learn the best from actually using it and speaking it.

Group environments might feel better, group environments of chatting about stuff together made her feel more comfortable. Focus on speaking and listening is most important, want conversational practice. Value conversational practice over textbook learning because I feel textbook speak is too restrictive, and not "real enough" to understand the culture and have an actual conversation.

Have you achieved your learning goals?

- For Chinese, can still talk to family, don't feel like need to practice every day
- For Japanese, moved to a different place and stopped learning from the group. She doesn't know what would help her improve.
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What are some of the resources that you find most useful in learning this language? In what perspective/modality did it help you?

- Tried duolingo - too textbooky - the games allow for guessing when she doesn't know what's going on. Matching words, sounds, etc didn't work for her.
- She feels she's not consistent enough. The gamification didn't work to her learning the vocabulary.
- Know of HelloTalk - too shy to talk to strangers.

1. Please introduce yourself. Tell us more about your native language, any additional languages you have learned, and describe your fluency in each language.

- English as native, Chinese heritage language
- Italian learning in school since it was mandatory
- Decent fluency in Japanese, learned in college

What are your language learning goals/ Why have you started learning a new language? Ex. (I want to learn English at a business level for my career, I want to learn Spanish conversationally to connect with family, I want to learn Chinese to understand media content, etc)

- English - survival (living in English speaking country)
- Italian- learned in middle school, high school for credit, forgot a lot of it now
- Japanese - want to be able to understand and talk to Japanese people
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Italian - started in middle school, continued in high school

- Liked textbooks because it's structured way to learn grammar

Japanese - learned in college, found that conversation is still hard because the speed that people talk is very fast

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He really liked learning from immersion, especially from chrome extension translation tools and websites that translate or have subtitles to media

How important is the opportunity to practice, or can you describe social or cultural factors that motivated you to keep practicing? (Can be unrelated to language practice, but more about cultural or social exports)

Enjoy practicing with friends, met a lot of like minded people in college by joining a language learning club.

Felt that a community is important to drive progress and as a reminder to practice

Have you achieved your learning goals?

- For Japanese and Italian, yes at a fundamental level can use it while abroad, but wishes can still become more native

What are some of the resources that you find most useful in learning this language? In what perspective/modality did it help you?

- Tried duolingo - doesn't explain the underlying grammar terms, the vocabulary and lessons seems too simple for conversation
- Chrome extensions are extremely useful for media