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# Home

**Boost your linguistic universe with African languages**

Rera Language School offers lessons to both children and adults focused on building all core communication skills of speaking and listening, reading and writing. We teach language through music, games, craft, and storytelling to create a broader cultural reference. We focus on significant days and holidays and their contextual meanings by integrating these into the lessons.

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| **Active Classes** | **Key Facts About Rera** | **Language Learning as an Extracurricular** | **Complete Our Survey and Get a Trial Lesson** |
| * Language acquisition through talks, song, dance and other activities to keep students engaged (more...our methodology) | * Immersion approach * Fun activities for all ages * In person and online courses for children and adults * In person and online Sesotho lessons started for children and adults * isiZulu and chiShona to begin in June and more to come over time * Integrated communication skills together with music, arts and craft * Regular feedback on progress * (more…programs) | * Learning a heritage or second language helps with social skills , self-esteem, and creating connectedness with others * Wider cultural understanding through immersion in an language and designed cultural activities * Greater opportunity for communication in the communities we live in or visit * Multilingualism is a norm in South Africa as in most other countries * (why languages) | * Help us understand your needs better and receive a trial lesson in isiZulu, chiShona or Sesotho for yourself or your child * 10 minute long questionnaire * Opportunity to pre-register for upcoming courses * (more…survey) |

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| **Children** | **Adults** | **Family** | **Online** |
| Rera offers children’s classes from age 3 upwards, as an extramural, tutoring, private and Saturday school programme  (read more: programs for children) | Group and private classes at beginner to advanced levels  (read more: programmes for adults) | Classes where you can learn together as a family, following your child's level of understanding  (read more: family classes) | One-on-one lessons for children (over 6) and adults whose schedules or locations do not allow them to come to a class (read more: online classes) |

**Our universe**

We believe it is important for language to be experienced beyond the classroom through complementing activities and home practice. Rera offers language play dates where children can meet and have supervised play in their target languages. We also offer monthly storytelling in Sesotho, isiZulu and chiShona which allow young and old to enjoy language in a greater form. (Read more: our universe)

# Why African Languages

“If you talk to a man in a language he understands it goes to his head. If you talk to him in his language it goes to his heart.” – Nelson Mandela

Learning a second or additional language helps you to communicate better with people around you. Living in a multilingual country affords you an opportunity to get closer at a heart level and not just heads! After gaining proficiency in one African language, come try another with us here at Rera.

Whether your goal is to learn a language as a heritage or second language learner, learning a language will help you gain connectedness with others:

* Cultural understanding: greater insight to conversations, thoughts and feelings of people you converse with in the target language
* Greater appreciation for music, arts and literature in the target language

At Rera, we make language learning fun, engaging and memorable. Come and learn isiZulu, Sesotho and/or chiShona with us.

## About Us

*"Our vision is to teach and preserve the languages of Africa!"*

The mission of Rera Language School is to encourage multilingualism by being the source for all things related to African languages and supporting elements of social awareness and cultural enrichment.

In the classroom, our goal is to engage our students in active learning of the languages and cultures of Africa. Our lessons are practical and realistic to everyday environments. This helps us achieve our goal of students being able to speak and retain their learnings after a first lesson.

Our students come from diverse backgrounds with varied reasons for learning African language, all of which are related to creating greater connectedness to others in this world. Some reasons include wanting to help children move from being receptive to active bilinguals, improve language to be able to converse with extended family, pick up a new language to converse with friends and further language skills to pass Matric. We welcome everyone!

Rera is the brainchild of Matsobane Sexwale. Matsobane's passion for languages stems from her personal journey in losing and regaining fluency in Sesotho, formal and informal study of 9 languages including at varied stages of her life - Sesotho, chiShona, isiZulu, isiSwati, English, Norwegian, Spanish, Dutch and German. Matsobane's interest in languages and African languages in particular, has increased further by watching her own children navigate their language journey in English, chiShona and Sesotho. Following many years in corporate and running a management consulting practice, Matsobane changed careers and has been teaching Sesotho for Rera Language School and for the Wits Language School. Her students include children and adults at a beginner to near fluent (advanced) level. She holds degrees in Social Psychology (BA Hons) from Sussex University and Psychology (MA) from the University of the Witswatersrand. She also holds a certificate for Teaching English to Second Language Learners (TESOL) from the Wits Language School.

## Why Us

* We boost your language learning skills which help you gain a new language whilst also gaining greater understanding into the culture of the target language
* You have an opportunity to immerse yourself and your children in Sesotho, isiZulu and chiShona through small group classes, private lessons, online lessons and offerings from our Universe cultural activities
* We have an interest in supporting heritage learners as well as language learners who have not been exposed to African languages
* Our courses are adapted for each age group
* Our teachers are all native level fluent in the target languages they teach
* Our programmes are constantly evolving through continuous research and inputs from our advisory panel.

## FAQs

* How long will it take you to master a new language?
  + Mastering a language is different for each person. It depends on a variety of factors including the amount of time students dedicate to practicing and other languages the student speaks. According to the US Foreign Service Institute of the State Department it takes an English speaker 3 times longer to become proficient in African languages such as those Rera teaches (currently Sesotho, isiZulu and chiShona) as it does to learn a language closer to English. The approaches at Rera Language School are aimed at giving students a leg up in language learning by providing support and tools to enforce language proficiency
* How much time outside the classroom do you need to practice your new language skills?
  + Outside lesson times, look for people who speak the target language you are learning whom you can talk to. In addition, we encourage you to do the following:
    - Practice words and phrases from your lessons
    - Listen to language stations in your target language
    - Label your home and office with words and phrases
    - Watch programmes on television and Youtube (look for "Puo Ya Sesotho" on <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLBx7Sp2-qcPWXezKIVjlwXqKZqqKOIhU3>)
* Why are children able to pick up languages quicker than adults?
  + Research shows that kids possess their greatest ability to absorb and retain languages until the age of 10. In addition, kids are less self-conscious than adults and not as afraid of getting things wrong or saying them incorrectly. Because of this, they verbalize more and can become fluent in a language sooner than adults.

# Courses

Week keep our classes small to give maximum attention to each individual's needs. All classes follow an immersion approach with English only used when needed. We work on developing all the communication and comprehension skills.

Classes cater for varied students:

* Those coming from bi-/multilingual families where they understand but cannot or are not confident enough to speak a target language
* Those who are interested in a selected target language and have never been exposed to it
* Those who understand and speak a little of a target language and are looking to improve their proficiency

Rera Language School offers fun-filled and practical lessons and attention is paid to individual needs.

## Our Methods

Our classes are fun-filled for children, teens and adults to motivate, engage and immerse all students. We use role plays, songs, dance, games, storytelling as well as arts and craft original music, dance, games and storytelling. Our key goal is to build communicative skills of speaking and listening, reading and writing, applying techniques of total physical response. This approach is adapted for each age group.

## Children's Classes

**Pic of model children**

Our child and teenage students differ from each other but have the same goal of learning or improving on a target African language. Our younger students include

* Bi-/mult-lingual families living in Johannesburg where children are not immersed in their heritage language(s) and have minimal practice outside their homes
* Children and teens who have not been exposed to an African language but are interested in learning
* Children requiring extra tutoring support for an African language they are learning at school

There are many reasons for children to learn a new language:

* For heritage learners, this improves connectivity and communication with extended family
* For all learners, learning a new language helps children interact with people who speak the language.
* Make new friends with people in your selected target African language.
* Gain access to a world of multilingualism
* African languages are everywhere
* Increase your children's knowledge and perceptions of the world
* African languages are fun!

We offer isiZulu, Sesotho and chiShona lessons to children and teens. We sing, play games, dance and do a variety of arts and craft to engage children and manage attention spans.

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| **Group classes**  More  More   * Flexible schedules * Various levels offered from beginner to advanced * Opportunity to join classes at any time   More | **Private classes**   * Customised to individual needs be it for social or tutoring requirements * Classes take place onsite or at your location * Opportunity to join classes at any time | **Family Classes**   * One or both parents with up to two children * We teach at the child’s level * Up to three children (no parents) * Minimum of 4 classes per month | **Online classes**   * Customised to individual needs be it for social or tutoring requirements * Classes take place over Skype * Opportunity to join classes at any time * Opportunity to join classes at any time |

See class schedules

You can start at any time.

Our methods

### Group classes

**Pic of model children students**

It's never too early to learn a new language so boost your linguistic universe with a new African language. Sign up now for our group classes.

Our classes are grouped into different age brackets:

* Preschoolers: 3-6
* Primary schoolers: 7-10
* Tweens: 10-13
* Teens: 14-18

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| **Class schedules**  We run 90 minute classes between 08.30 and 21.00 on weekdays and xxxx and xxxx on Saturdays. We have an opportunity to join classes at any time.  See class schedules | **About group classes**  Our group classes are always kept small to ensure we pay attention to each student's needs. Your level will be determined by your speaking ability.  Classes run over a course of 12 weeks. |

**Contact us so we can find the right class for you.**

**A quick call will help us test your proficiency level. Call us on xxxx to arrange.**

**“We can test your proficiency with a 5 minute call. xxxxx”.**

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Our fun filled approach will keep you motivated to learn.

We offer classes from beginner to advanced levels.

Register for group adult classes

### Private Classes and Tutoring

**Pic of me and model learner**

**Improve confidence and build a new skill for your child with a new language**

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We offer a 1 hour fun-filled class through play to engage children from 3 years old to learn and practice a target African language. Private lessons are suitable for:

* Children who do not acclimatise well in group settings
* Children requiring tutoring for a language taught at school
* Children whose parents want them to only be taught in their own homes

Our private lessons are customised to your needs and interests be it for social, school or travel needs. The only challenge with private one-on-one lessons is the lack of practice with other students.

Private lessons take place at Rera's premises or at the student's home. Transport charges are added to locations outside of a 10km radius from Rera's premises.

**Rera offers different types of private lessons:**

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| **Private Classes**   * One-on-one * Less than 4 people | **Tutored Classes**   * Ideal for school children who need support with their language classes |
| **Intensive Classes**   * Fastest way to learn for quickest opportunities to communicate * Receive a minimum of 4 days a week lessons in your selected target language * Get individual attention as the classes are between 1-5 people per class * All levels available | **Family Classes**   * One or both parents with up to two children * We teach at the child’s level * Up to three children (no parents) * Minimum of 4 classes per month   See more |

We arrange private and intensive classes around your schedule and at a location suitable to you such as our premises or yours.

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Register for private classes

### Family Classes

**Pic of family learning**

Learning a language together as a family can be a favourite family activity!

You and your children will learn dialogues that you can use in everyday situations. Through games and repetition, you will soon understand and participate in basic conversations in your target language. Our teaching follows the level of your child’s ability to communicate.

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| **What is a family class?**   * One or both parents with up to two children. * We teach at the child’s level. * Up to three children (no parents). * Minimum of 4 classes per month. | **We make it easy to learn your target language together**   * Our classes are offered from Monday to Saturday 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. * We are always accepting requests for new class times * Classes can be held in your home or our classrooms; the choice is yours. |

**Contact us so we can set up a family class just for you.**

Register for family classes

### Online Classes

## Adult lessons

**Exercise your brain. Learn an African language.**

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It is never too late to learn a new language so boost your linguistic universe with a new African language.

There are many reasons for adults to learn a new language:

* Make new friends with people in your selected target African language.
* Understand and sing to songs in your target African language.
* Interact with people who speak the language.
* Exercise your brain, which according to research is a way of averting symptoms of dementia and Alzheimer's.

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**Connect with new people as you learn or improve your language skills.**

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**“LEARNING ONE-ON-ONE IS A GREAT INVESTMENT”**

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### Online Classes

## Class Schedules

# Universe

Language and culture are closely linked so Rera focuses on ensuring that students not only get to understand the target language but the cultures of Africa from which the language relates to. For our heritage learners, this provides an important aspect of both knowledge and pride in their African cultures.

Our core goal at Rera is to ensure that our students speak as quickly as possible. Our focus is less on the grammar but on understanding and speaking. It is our desire to ensure that students do not say "I have been learning language xxx for the last 10 years but all I can say is 'hello'".

## At home enhancement

## Play dates in target language

## Storytelling

## Language Exchanges

# Links

# Contact Us/Sign Up

## Contact Us

**Name\***

**Email\* Phone\***

**Language(s) interested in\***

isiZulu Sesotho chiShona

**Types of classes interested in\* (tick)**

Adult: Group Adult: Private Adult: Online

Children: Group Children: Private Children: Tuition Family classes

**Level\* (tick)**

Beginner Intermediate Advanced

(Limited speaking) (xxxx) (xxxx)

**How did you hear about us?**

Friend

Internet search

Media

Other

**Comments\***

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## Sign up for classes

**Name\***

**Email\* Phone\***

**Address\***

**Language(s) interested in\***

isiZulu Sesotho chiShona

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| Beginner  (No knowledge or basic knowledge  of the target language) | Intermediate | Advanced |

**Use of image\***

Yes, it is ok for my image/my child's image to be used for marketing without identifying by name

No, it is not okay to use my image for marketing

**Comments**

## Language Exchange sign-up

## Refer a friend

## Refer a school

## Class Pricing

R150/lesson for children's 60 minute group classes with a minimum of 12 weeks signed up

R300/lesson for children's 60 minute private classes with a minimum of 12 weeks signed up

R225/lesson for adult 90 minute group classes with a minimum of 12 weeks signed up

R450/lesson for adult 90 minute private classes with a minimum of 12 weeks signed up

# CSI: Giving Back