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Introduction

What is Doulingo?



Duolingo is the most popular language-learning platform and the most downloaded education app in the world, with more than 300 million users. The company's mission is to make education free, fun, and accessible to all. **Duolingo** is designed to feel like a game and scientifically proven to be effective.

Duolingo offers a skill tree of lessons that use listening exercises, flashcards, and multiple choice questions to drill you on new words, phrases, and sentences.

The service also has community features that let you connect with other people who are learning the same language you are.

What purpose **Doulingo** can help you achieve?

If you are a beginner and never have had contact with language before and want to start an adventure with a new foreign language or whether you already have had some knowledge, for example you studied Spanish at high school and want refresh it, then Doulingo is perfect for you.

Why **Doulingo** is for you ?

If you don't like learning from books because it is simply too boring for you, if you would like to learn in enjoyable and active way then do not hesitate to download Doulingo. Thanks to colorful layout and funny characters that will lead you through exercises you will see that learning a language can be fun. Moreover, exercises are created in such a way that grammar, vocabulary, speaking and listening is one place. Each module offers different subject in order to develop all necessary language skills.

How **Doulingo** can help me?

Doulingo, in easy way, will help you to expand your vocabulary, learn grammar, practise speaking and listening.

Doulingo is free but from time to time there might appear an ad. Just tap to close the ad and continue your educational journey.

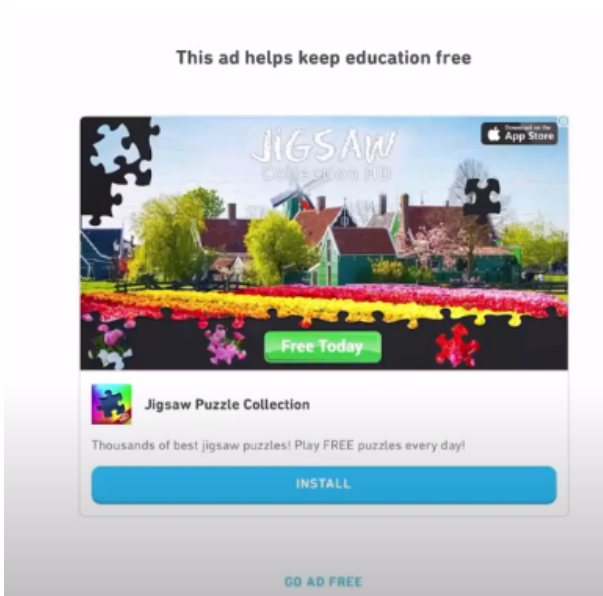


Figure 2: Example of an advertisement in Duolingo

Installation

Doulingo setup

This short user guide shows you how to download the application and create an account.

1. Go to Play Store (Android)/Apple Store (ios) and search for Doulingo. When you find it click **Download** / **Zainstaluj** button.

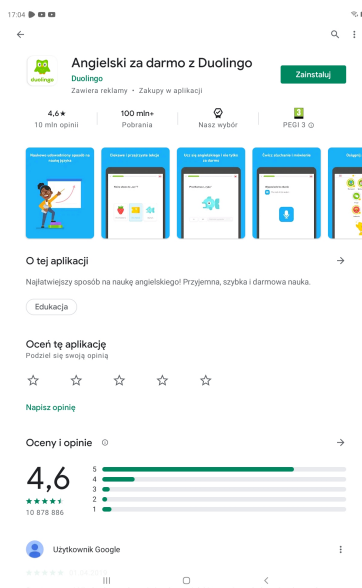


Figure 3: Duolingo download

2. If you are a new user and don't have an account click on **Get started**

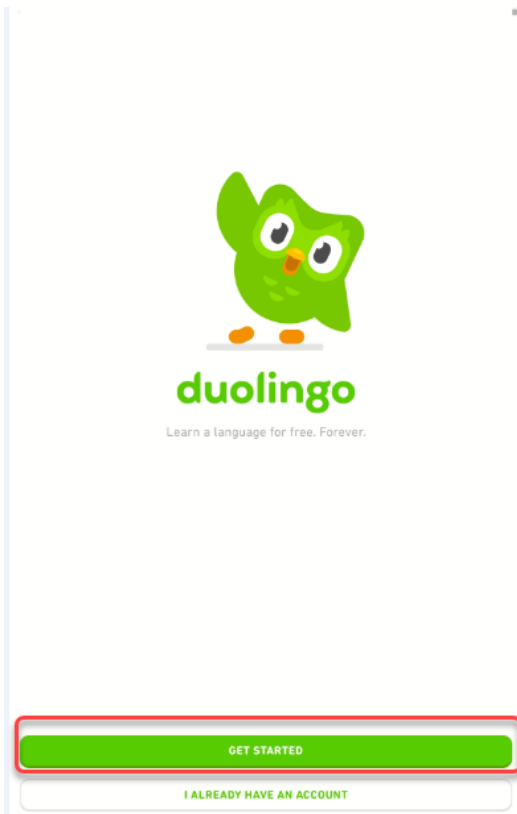


Figure 4: Doulingo set up: Get started

3. On next screen choose where you heard about Duolingo, you have following options to choose from:

- Online ads
- Web search
- Social media
- Radio

- Friends and family
- TV
- App store
- Other

← How did you hear about us? →

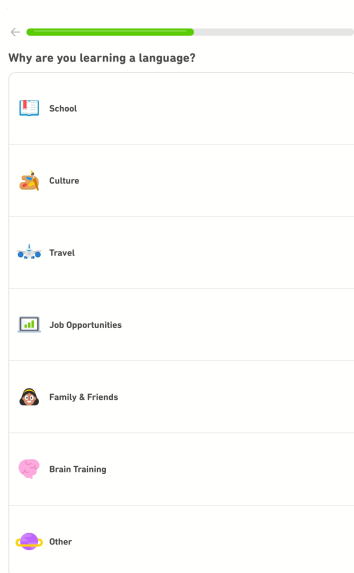
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Friends or family
TV
App store
News, article, or blog
Other

Figure 5: Dulingo set up: How did you hear about us question.

4. Choose the reason why you are learning a language, you have following options to choose from:

- School
- Culture
- Travel
- Job opportunities
- Family & Friends

- Brain training
- Other



Why are you learning a language?

- School
- Culture
- Travel
- Job Opportunities
- Family & Friends
- Brain Training
- Other

Figure 6: Duolingo setup: Why are you learning a language question.

5. On next screen showing course overview click **Continue**

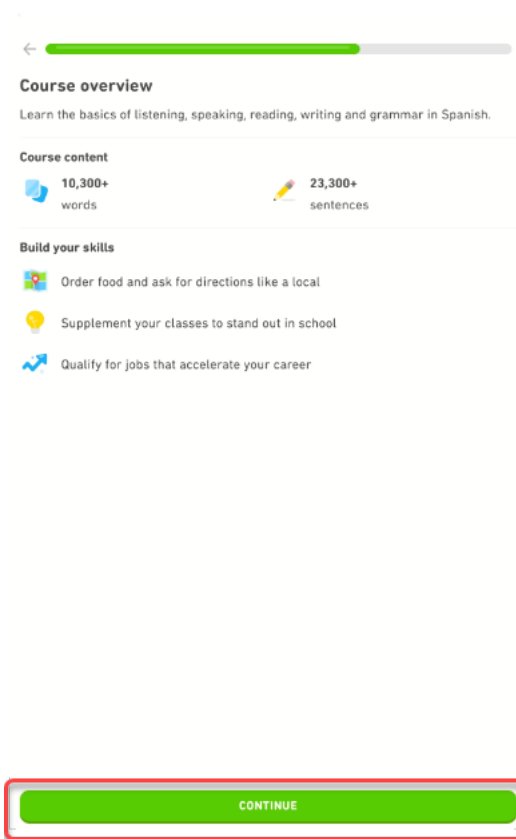


Figure 7: Doulingo setup: Continue button

6. Pick a daily goal that you would like to achieve every day, choose from:

- Casual - 5 minutes a day
- Regular - 10 minutes a day
- Serious - 15 minutes a day
- Insane - 20 minutes a day

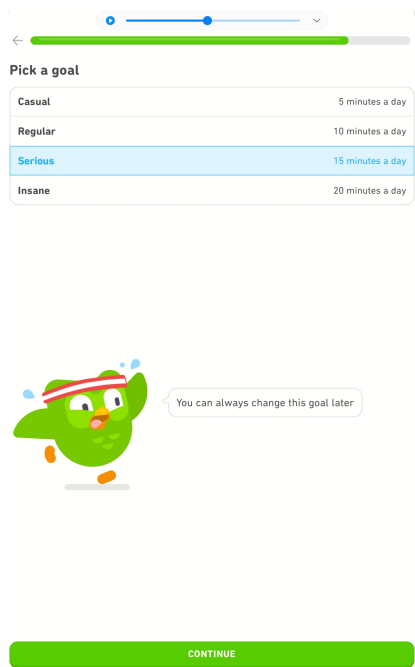


Figure 8: Duolingo setup: Pick a goal

7. Choose your level

- Learning Spanish for the first time?
- Already know some Spanish?

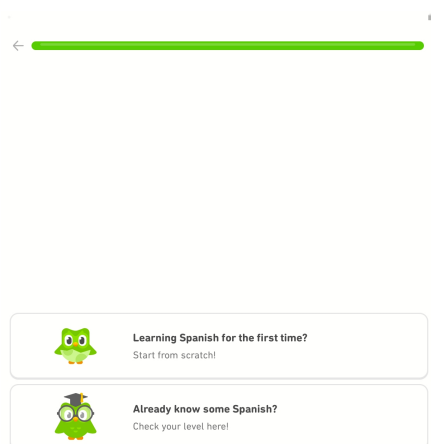


Figure 9: Duolingo setup: Choose your level

After this final setup step you can enjoy learning with Doulingo!

User guide

Language button

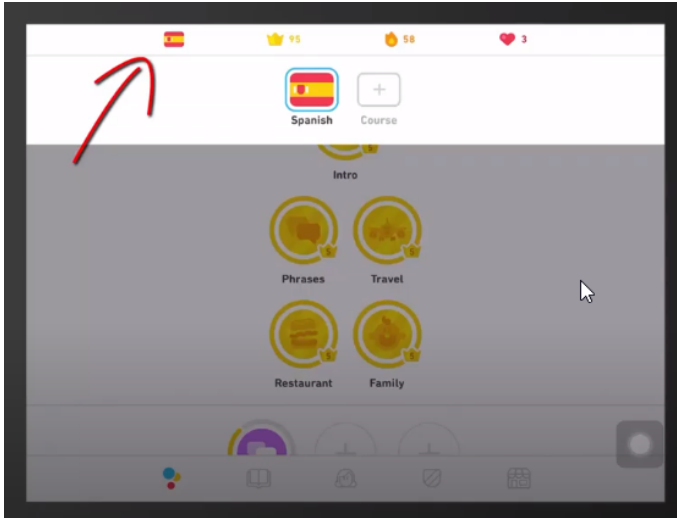


Figure 10: Duolingo: User guide - Language button

The first button in the upper left hand corner stands for language you are learning. You can learn multiple languages, just change the language button you prefer to learn at given time.

Crown button

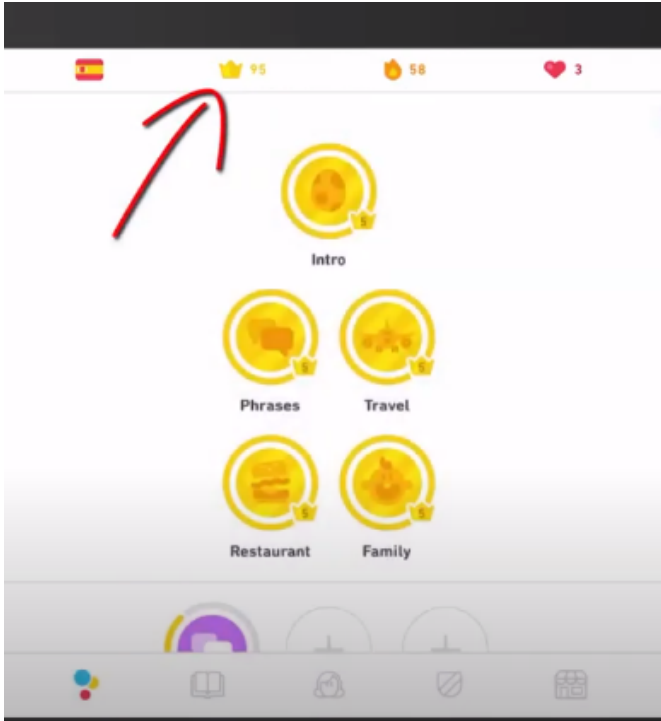


Figure 11: Duolingo: User guide - Crown button

Crowns are indicators of skill level. The more you get them, the better.

When you get 10 crowns, you unlock the **Stories**

Flame button

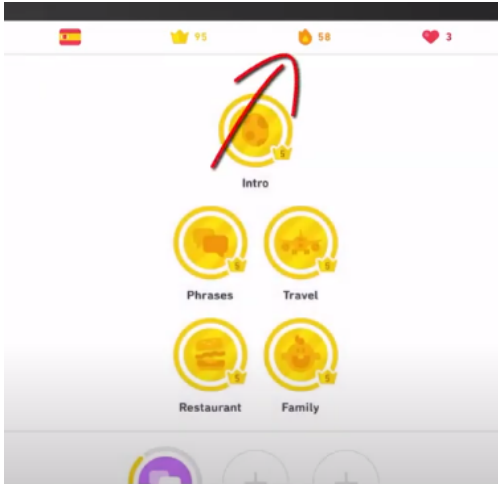


Figure 12: Duolingo: User guide - Flame button

Go to flame button to see how many days you have been using Duolingo consistently. If you skip a day it will go back to 0. XP stands for experience point, this is a number of points that you should achieve daily. In the picture below, user's daily goal is to score 20 experience point (20XP)

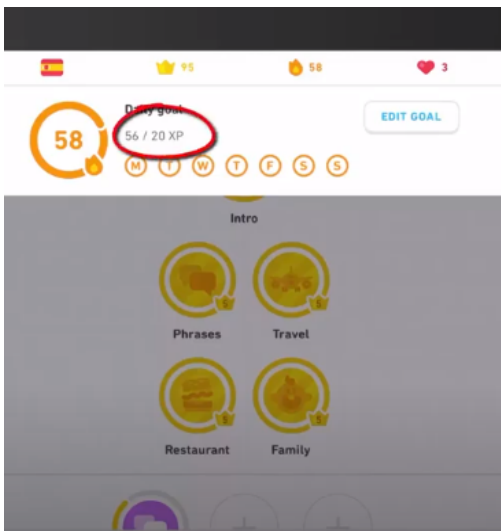


Figure 13: Duolingo: User guide - Experience points

If you want to change your daily goal click **Edit goal** option.

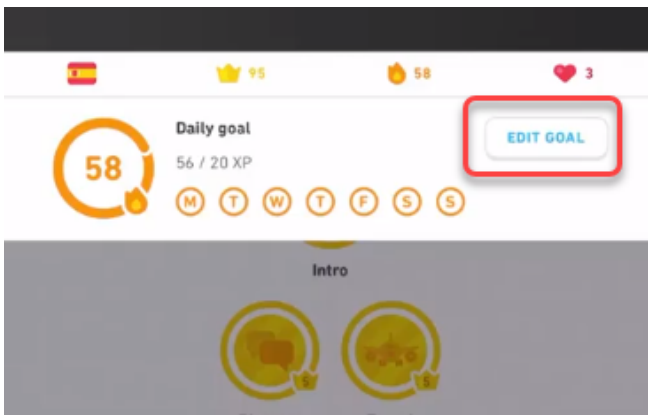


Figure 14: Duolingo: User guide - Edit goal

You can choose from below options.

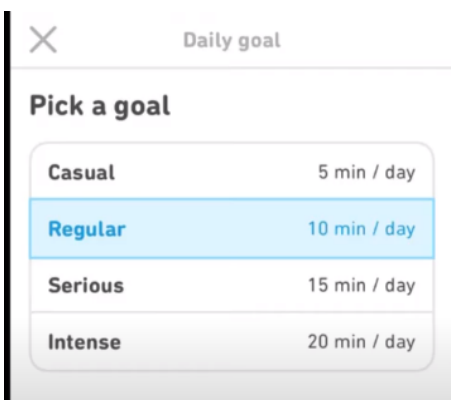


Figure 15: User guide: Pick a goal

Thanks to daily goals you can track how far you have progressed . If you don't meet your daily goal then one of these days marked by letters (Monday- Sunday) will change a color to blue and will look like frozen.

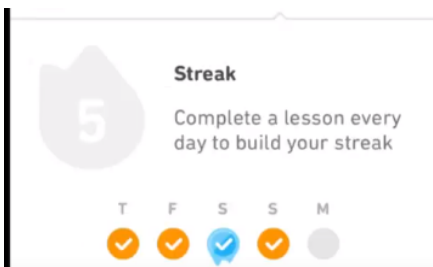


Figure 16: Duolingo: What happens when user misses a day in a streak

Heart button

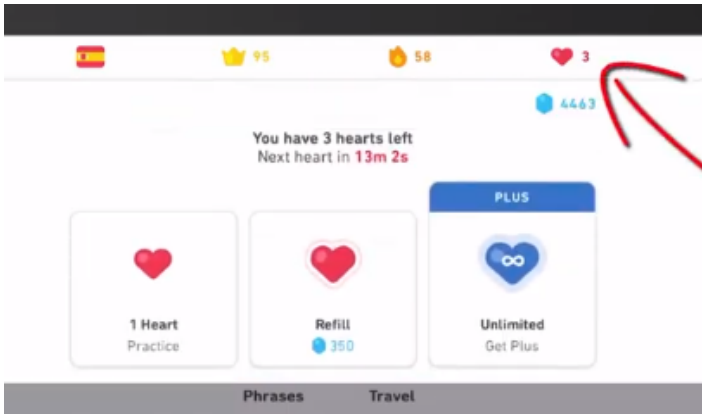


Figure 17: Duolingo: heart button

Doulingo introduced gaming like marking and heart button indicates how many lives you have left. You loose a heart every time you make a mistake and your 5 hearts are replenished each day. They come every 5 hours and you can check how much time is left to receive a new one, as in the picture below showing 12'48" for a new heart to appear.

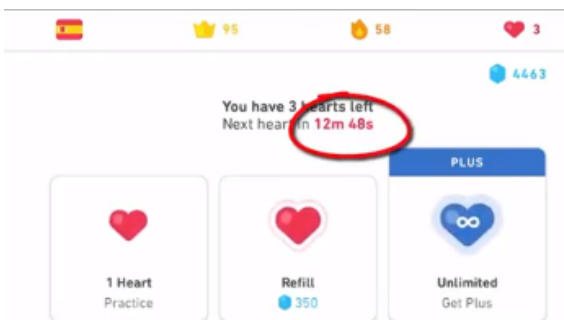


Figure18: Duolingo: time left to get new heart

If you run out of hearts you can choose to practice and you'll receive additional heart on completion of every practice round. One of the benefits of this heart practice session is that you don't actually loose heart for making a mistake.

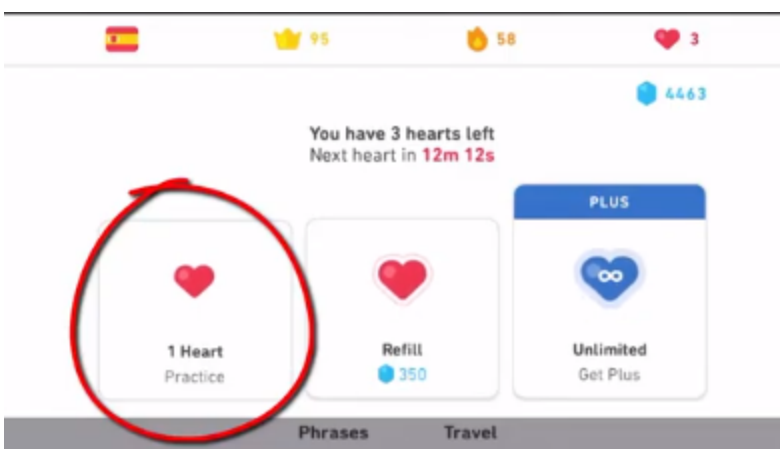


Figure 19: Duolingo: a way to get heart with practice

You can refill your hearts with gems (blue icon below the hearts). It is a useful option of you run out of hearts but you still want to continue practice.

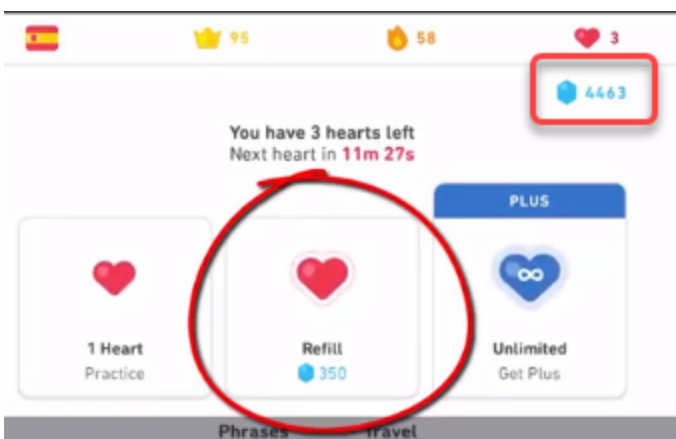


Figure 20: a way to get hearts refilled for gems

Exercises button

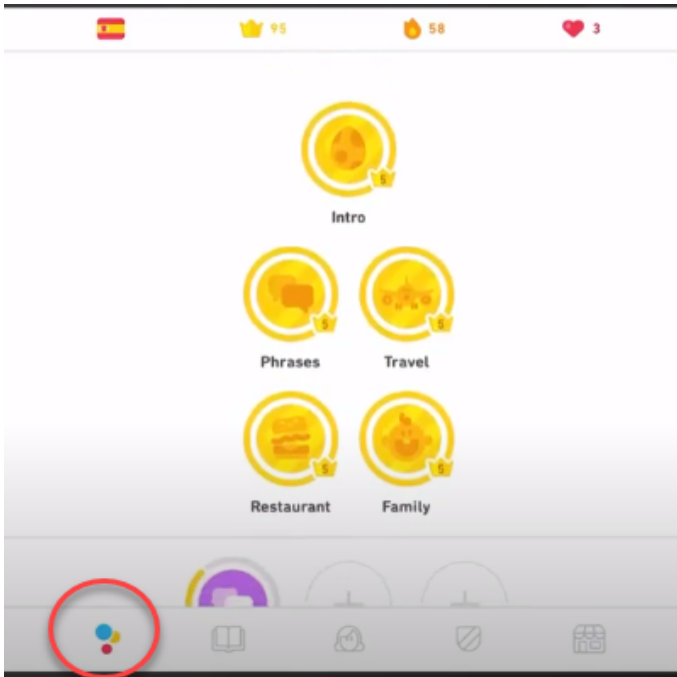


Figure 20: Duolingo: User guide - Exercises button

In the bottom left hand corner is exercises button. You can see where you are working in Doulingo at the moment. Click **Exercises button** and it will take you to the main menu tree structure.

Number in the crown next to the circle signifies completed level, as per below in Activities and Preferences only one level was completed, for Routines no levels are visible as not started by the user, Household and following circles are grayed out . The rule in Duolingo is that you have to have at least level 1 of two proceeding lessons in order to open next two lessons.

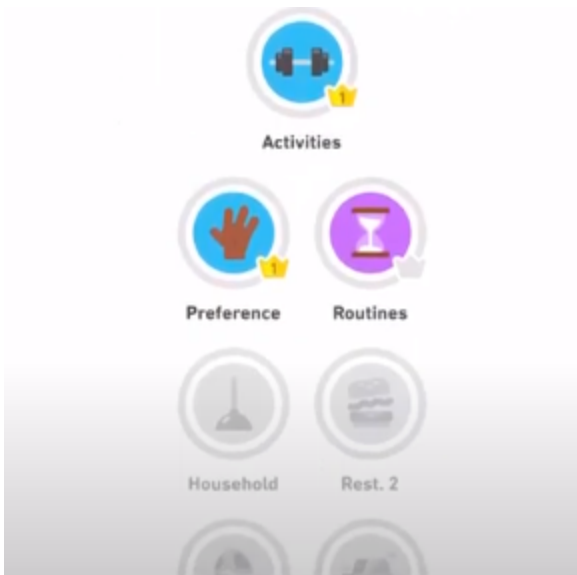


Figure 22: How next lessons are uncovered

Book button

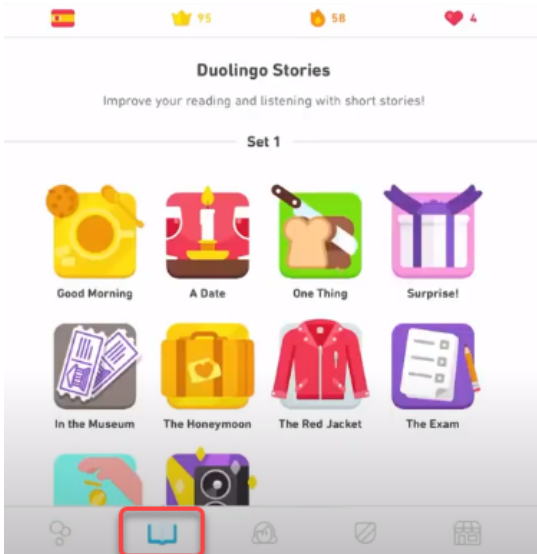


Figure 23: Duolingo: User guide - Book button

Click the **Book button** to enter **Stories** . In this section you hear, read and answer questions. It is an entertaining way to enrich your learning.

Face button

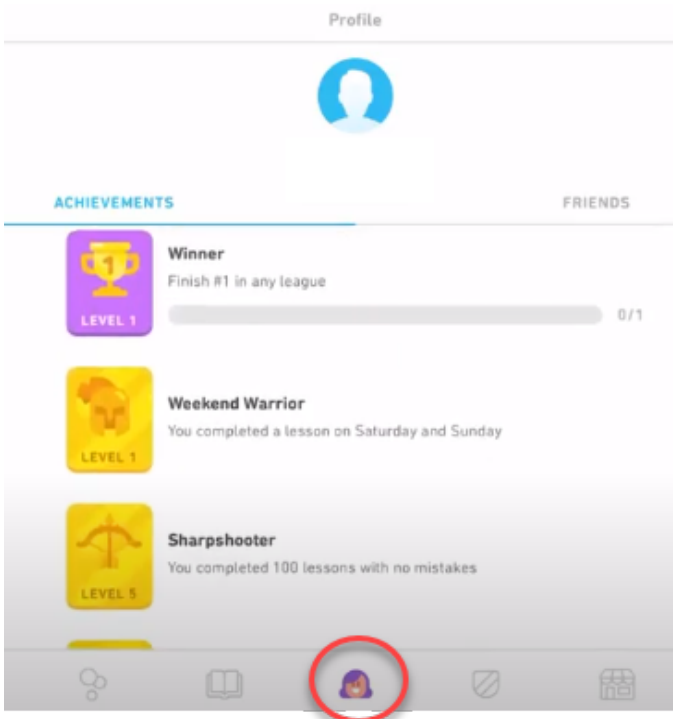


Figure 24: Duolingo: User guide - Face button

Go to face button to see setting and your achievements. Here you have sort of game interface that can help to enhance your profile.

Shield button

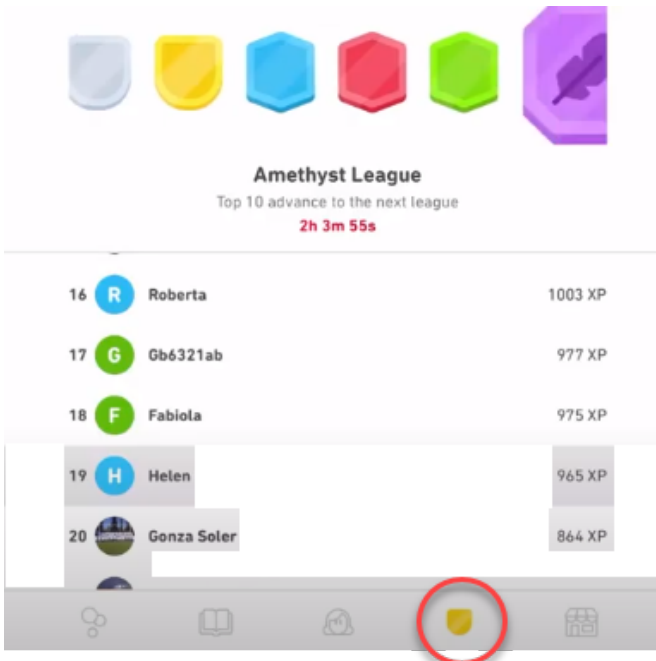


Figure 25: Duolingo: User guide - Shield button

Go to shield button to see your level. You are put into a group of 50 people

- if you are in top 10, you are promoted to another level
- if you are in the middle 10 you stay at the same level as you are
- if you are in the lowest 5, you get back to the previous level

House button

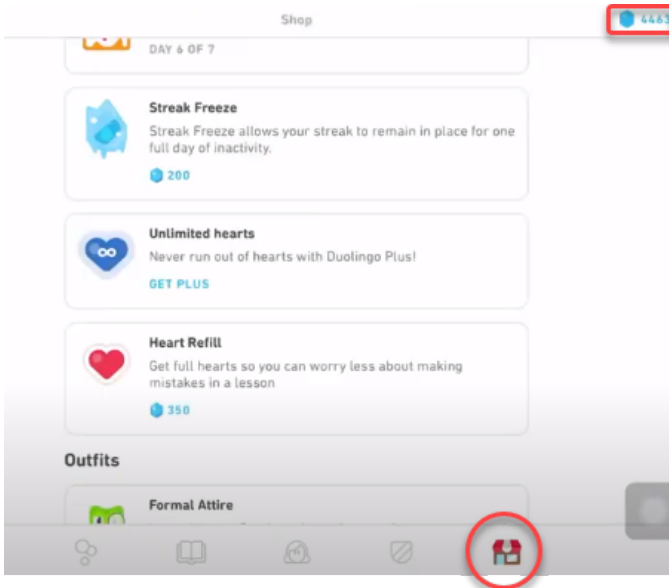


Figure 26: Duolingo: User guide - House button

Click on the house button to enter the shop where you can see how many gems you have collected.

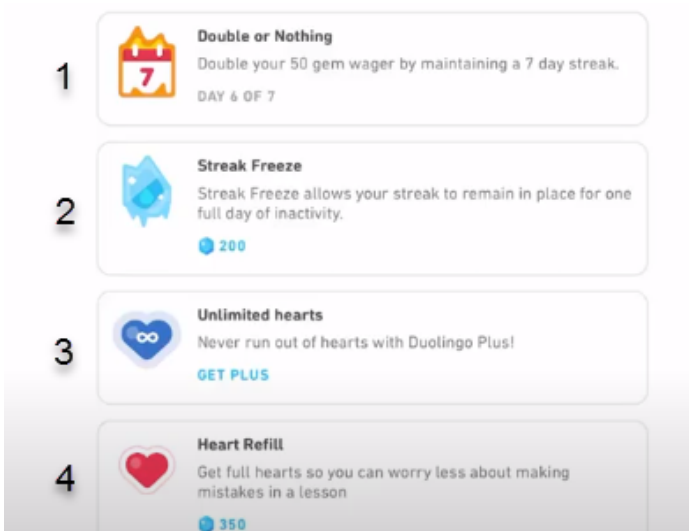


Figure 27: Duolingo: View after clicking house button

1. Double or nothing. You can increase your gem wage by two if you maintain streak 7 days in a row.
2. Streak Freeze. It will allow you to skip one day of practising and still keep your streak.
3. Unlimited hearts. You have to buy Duolingo Plus to get that.
4. Heart Refill. If you are down with your hearts you can buy 5 hearts for 350 gems.

Troubleshooting

Tree

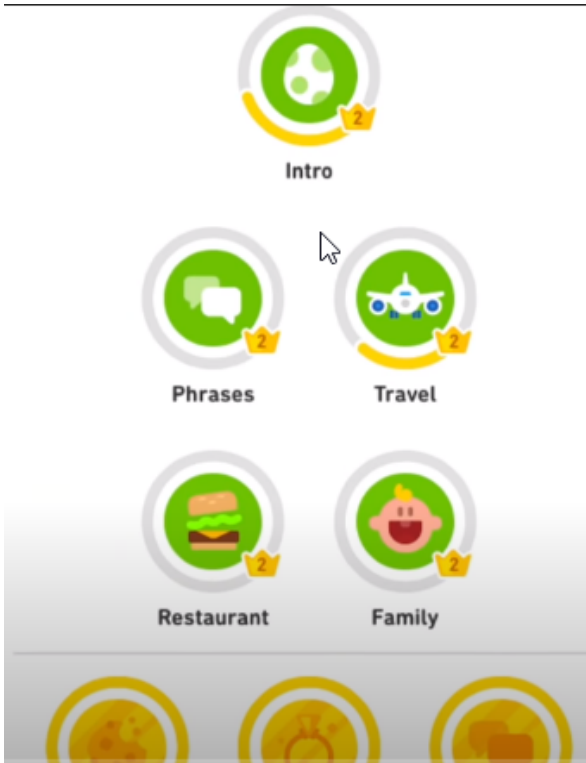


Figure 28: Tree-like shape of learning blocks

All units in Duolingo are in tree-like shape. This is where you are going to start when learning a language in this application, going from the top to the bottom. It is a basic structure that makes navigation easier. Each circle stands for one learning block/subject that includes six lessons on six different levels. Once you quit application and enter after some time, it will open at the subject you left.

Tips



Figure 29: Tips function

Before starting a new lesson use Tips function. First click on the circle and then on **Tips**

It gives you explanation of what you are going to learn, oftentimes it covers grammar and a little bit more of context about what the concept or the topic of the class is all about.

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START LESSON

You have to use haber

In English, if we want to say what we've done recently, we use **to have** followed by another verb ending in **-ed**. For example, I **have played** football today.

In Spanish it's the same! You'd use **haber** followed by a verb ending in **-ado** or **-ido**.

subject	verb (haber)
yo	he
tú	has
él / ella / usted	ha
nosotros / nosotras	hemos
ellos / ellas / ustedes	han

Figure 30: Example of what user can find in Tips

Discuss option

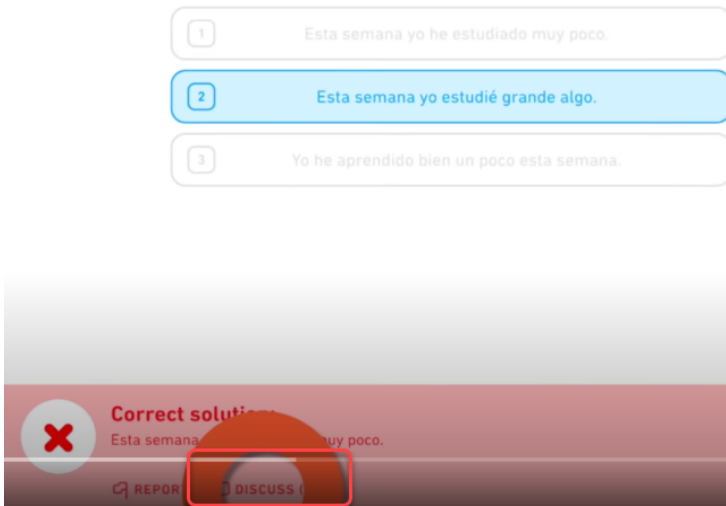


Figure 31: Duolingo: Discuss option


Click **Discuss** option if you have doubts why your answer was marked wrong by Duolingo despite you thought it is correct. This option shows a discussion where you can find rationale about wrong answer. There is a possibility that your answer be correct

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
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3 Comments

SORTED BY TOP THREAD



dELuIR0

 25  403

January 21 2020 I did not put "yo" in this sentence and was marked wrong. I thought that it was acceptable to not put it in.

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REPLY



GIVE LINGOT

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5 MONTHS AGO



Zrjco

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Always post your whole sentence. We often miss something else.

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
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



GIVE LINGOT

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4 MONTHS AGO



Howard859853

 25  8  7  2  488

Mine was marked wrong too. "Esta semana he estudiado muy poco."

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REPLY

GIVE LINGOT

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4 WEEKS AGO

Stories

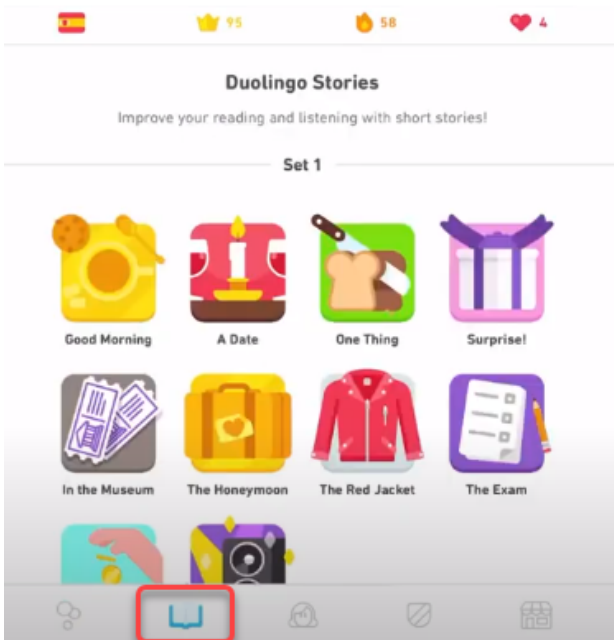


Figure 32: Duolingo: Stories option

Once you get part way through the tree and you start feeling more confident with the language use feature called **Stories**. Stories are unlocked once you complete 10 levels or receive 10 crowns. Stories are conversations where you are asked questions regarding the vocabulary used in the conversation.



Figure 33: What stories screen look like

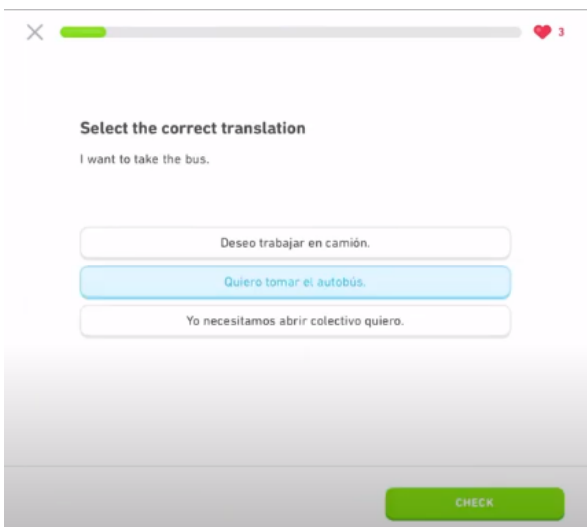
You can stop the recording at any moment and repeat the phrases after the speaker. It is especially helpful for beginners to get used to natural rhythm and intonation of a foreign language.

Best practices

Lesson

This short user guide will lead you through one of the lessons to show what you can expect to find in **Duolingo** and what types of exercises you will find.

1. Select the right translation, only one is correct. After selecting, click check to verify if your choice was good.



The screenshot shows a Duolingo exercise interface. At the top, there is a progress bar with a green segment on the left and a red heart icon with the number 3 on the right. Below the progress bar, the text "Select the correct translation" is displayed. Underneath, the English sentence "I want to take the bus." is shown. Three Spanish translation options are presented in rounded rectangular buttons: "Deseo trabajar en camión.", "Quiero tomar el autobús.", and "Yo necesitamos abrir colectivo quiero.". The middle option, "Quiero tomar el autobús.", is highlighted with a blue background. At the bottom right of the interface, there is a green button labeled "CHECK".

Figure 34: Example of translation exercise - Select the right sentence

2. Listen to the sentence spoken and translate it into English using words provided below with drag and drop. If you are not sure about meaning of one word you can check it by clicking on it. Press **Check** to move further.

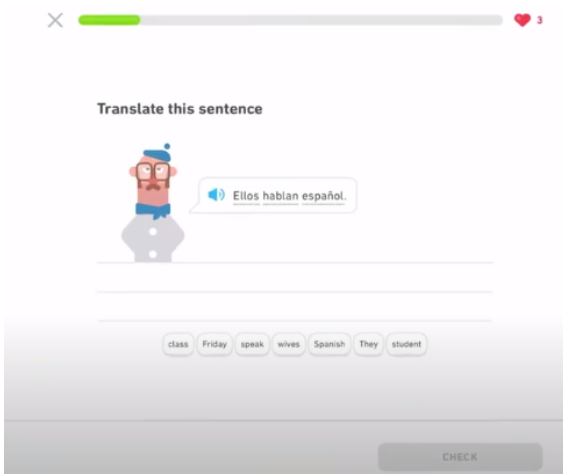


Figure 35: Example of translation exercise - translate the sentence using word puzzles

3. Tap what you hear. You need to have access to speaker in order to hear what is spoken

a) If you tap the bigger icon on the loef you are going to hear the sentence in the normal, natural speed

b) If you tap the smaller icon (with a tortoise) you are goind to hear one word spoken at a time

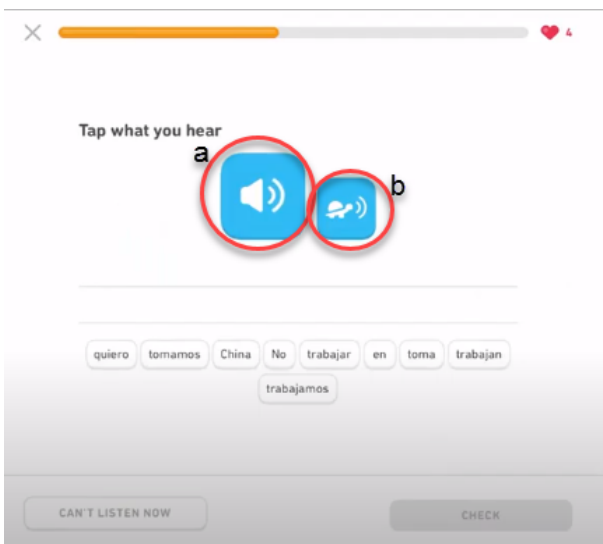


Figure 36: Example of listening exercise - Tap what you hear

4. Speak this sentence. First hear the sentence spoken by native speaker then click **Tap to speak** and try to repeat it. If you make a mistake you just speak the word again. If you can't speak right now click the button **Can't speak right now** in the left corner.

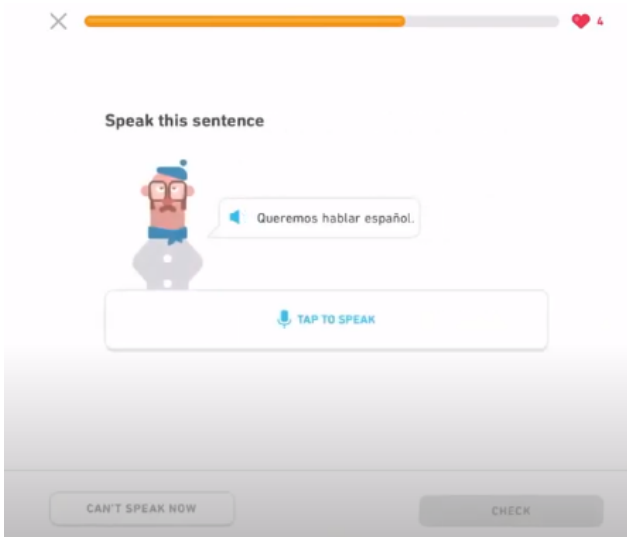


Figure 37: Example of speaking exercise - Say what you hear

5. Translate this sentence using Spanish

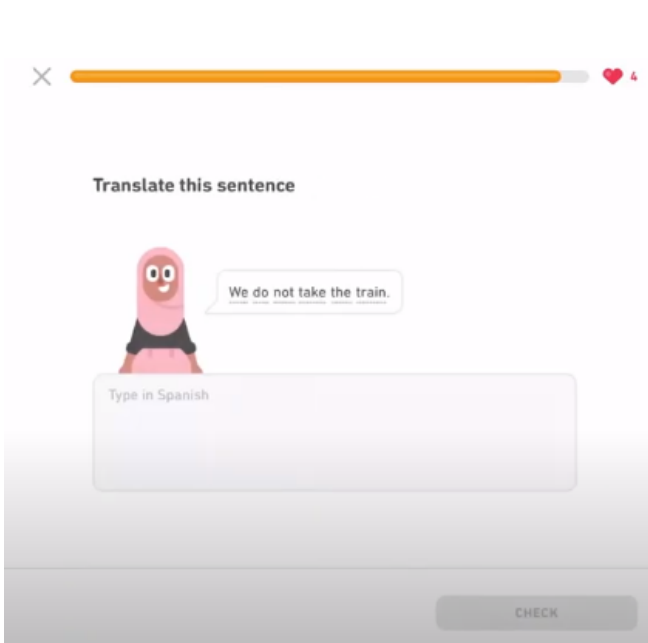


Figure 38: Example of translation exercise - Translate yourself sentence shown

Advanced

Additional features

1. In a shop it is possible to buy an outfit for Duolingo's owl.

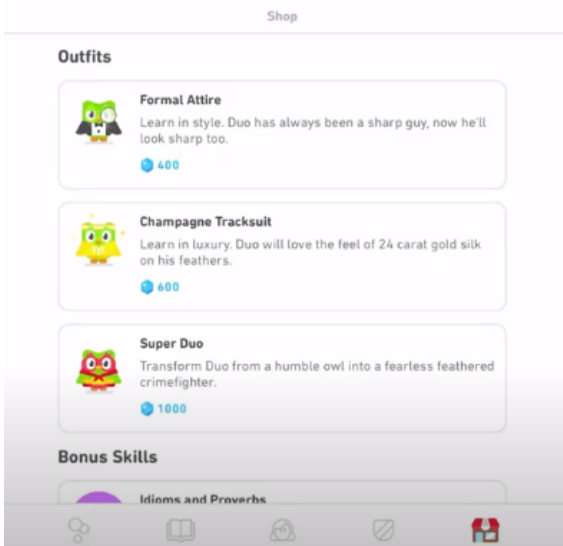


Figure 39: Examples of outfits for owl character available in Duolingo shop

2. Once you get to Unit 5 everything turns gold

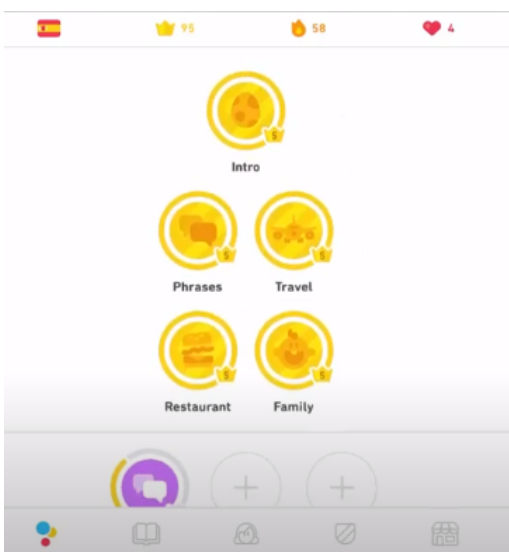


Figure 40: Icons change into gold after Unit 5

3. Broken icon means that you should get back to this particular lesson and revise.

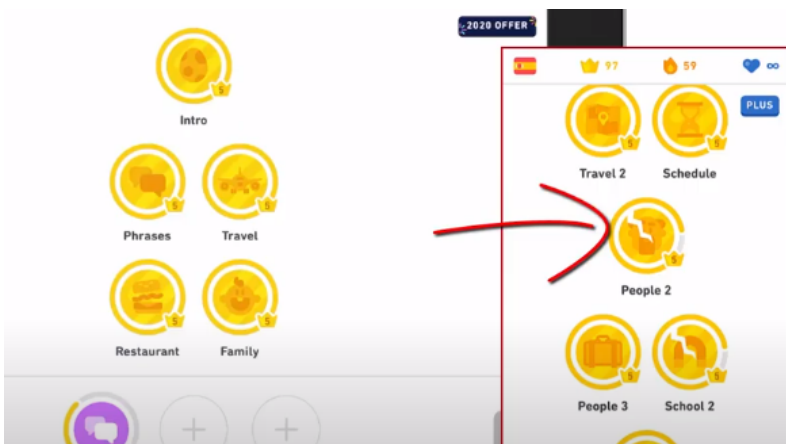


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