

You can learn another language! (Matt 24:14; 9:38; okm 07/5; Awake! 2007 3 p10-12)

- * attitude / effort+perseverance / some ways easier & more fun / fine results / need your help
- * master some basics - how to build sentences
- * gather a beginner's vocabulary & key phrases - use word lists
- can speak like a child - express simple thoughts ['pictures'] joined by link words
- be adaptable - open mind to different form of expression - say it their way
- practise - a little and often - immersion - eat, drink, sleep it [6 days at start?]
- a rut or a step up? - set manageable portions to apply immediately

Let's use Mandarin Chinese as an example here.

1 (Word list, key phrases up - to 10 words at a time)

I	wǒ	we	wǒmen
you	nǐ	YOU	nǐmen
he, she, it	tā	they	tāmen
speak	shuō	Hi! Hello! Howdy!	Nǐ hǎo!

2 (Simple thoughts)

I		wǒ	
you		nǐ	
he, she,		tā	
it	speak	wǒmen	shuō
we		nǐmen	
YOU		tāmen	
they			

3 (Ask questions)

Mandarin pǔtōnghuà is it so? ma?

4 (How to build sentences)

You	nǐ
You speak	nǐ shuō
You speak Mandarin	nǐ shuō pǔtōnghuà
You speak Mandarin, is it so? [=do you?]	nǐ shuō pǔtōnghuà ma?

5 (Be ready for answers)

correct! duì! I do speak it shuō
 no, not bù [or bú] I do not speak it bù shuō

6 (Suitable for immediate use in field or meetings)

xīwàng would like míngbai understand
 to
 bāngzhù help Shèngjīng the Bible [Holy Scriptures]

7 (Adapt your use of different words)

You understand	Nǐ míngbai
You understand, do you? [= is it so?]	Nǐ míngbai ma?
You understand the Bible , do you?	Nǐ míngbai Shèngjīng ma?

8 (Build up sentences gradually)

We	Wǒmen
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We would like	Wǒmen xīwàng
We would like to help	Wǒmen xīwàng bāngzhù
We would like to help you	Wǒmen xīwàng bāngzhù nǐ
We would like to help you to understand	Wǒmen xīwàng bāngzhù nǐ míngbai
We would like to help you to understand the Bible	Wǒmen xīwàng bāngzhù nǐ míngbai Shèngjīng

