



OPENING THE WINDOW TO FOREIGN LANGUAGE



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Vocabulary Terms:

Target language (TL): the language you are studying.

Native language (NL): your own natural language.

Language window: a metaphor referring to how easily it is to learn a second language.

Exposure: an introduction of the sounds and concepts of the target language.

Fluency: the ability to communicate in the target language.

Immersion: a style of learning a target language without using any of your native language.

Partial immersion: a style of learning a target language that uses your native language as a bridge to learn the target language.

Weave: a style of learning that gradually introduces the target language into the native language and adds more of the TL as student increase fluency.

Novice: someone new to learning a language.

Formal assessment: objective methods to show what students know or do not know, such as a written exam.

Informal assessment: casually determining what your student does or does not know, such as in a conversation.

Notes: _____

Age 0-7 years:

Novice Ideas

- Full immersion
- 5 minutes of exposure time a day
- Songs and videos
- Repeat same lesson for a week and assess learning
- Imitate sounds
- _____
- _____

Advanced Ideas

- Songs and videos
- Flash cards
- Simple vocabulary workbook with pictures
- Repetition
- Imitate sounds
- _____
- _____

Products

- Teach & Learn Spanish (Monthly)
- Whistlefritz (Fr, Sp)
- Sing 2 Learn (Ch, Sp)
- La Clase Divertida (Sp)
- Languages for Children (McGraw-Hill) (Fr, Ge, Sp)
- Beth Manners' Language CDs (Fr, Sp)
- ABC Rhyming Books (Ch, Hi, Ja, Ko, Ta, Vi)
- My First __ Lesson (Fr, Ge, It, Sp)
- Bilingual Picture Dictionaries (Ar, Ge, Ja, Po, Ru)
- My French Sticker Dictionary
- Language Learning Blocks (Fr, Sp)
- Complete Book of Starter Spanish
- _____
- _____

Notes: _____



Age 7-11 years:

Novice Ideas

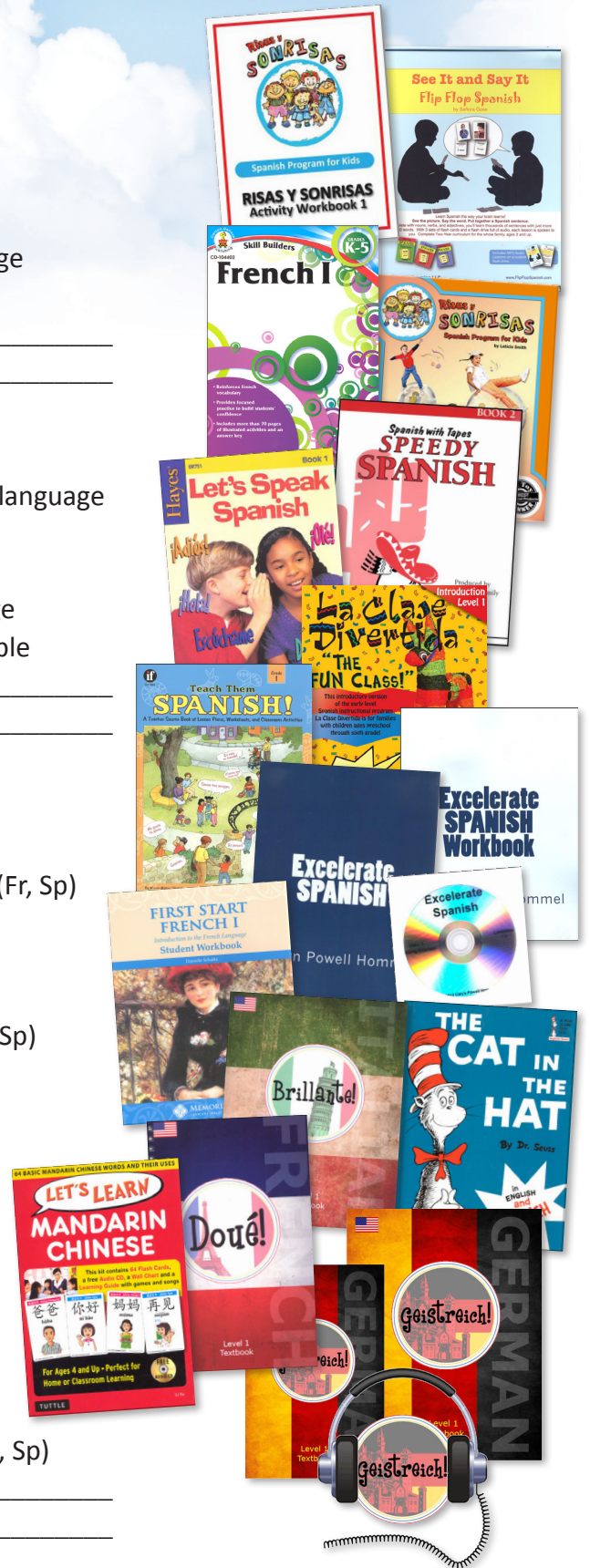
- Exposure
- Imitate sounds
- Compare native language to target language
- Look at map/globe
- _____
- _____

Advanced Ideas

- Talk about where people speak the target language
- Add written component (workbook)
- Settle on daily lesson length/time
- Make flash cards using only target language
- Listen to native speakers as much as possible
- _____
- _____

Products

- Skill Builders (Fr, Sp)
- ___ for Children (Classical Academic Press) (Fr, Sp)
- See it and Say it, Flip-Flop Spanish
- Brilliant! Foreign Languages (Fr, Ge, It, Sp)
- Let's Learn Mandarin Chinese Kit
- Escucha Y Hablemos!/Ecoutez, Parlez! (Fr, Sp)
- Exceletrate Spanish
- First Start French (Memoria Press)
- Risas y Sonrisas (Sp)
- La Clase Divertida (Sp)
- Speedy Spanish
- Complete Book of Spanish
- Bilingual Flashcards (Ch, Sp)
- Let's Speak Spanish Workbooks
- Teach Them Spanish! Workbooks
- The Cat in the Hat (Fr, Sp)
- Foreign Language Number Dice (Ch, Fr, Ge, Sp)
- _____
- _____
- _____



Age 11-14 years:

Novice Ideas

- Exposure and more
- Audio component with writing component
- Short lessons every day
- Flash cards
- _____
- _____

Advanced Ideas

- Program with audio and writing
- Daily lessons
- Flash cards
- Language dice
- _____
- _____



Products

- Easy ___ Step by Step (Fr, Sp)
- First Start French (Memoria Press)
- ___ for Children (Classical Academic Press) (Fr, Sp)
- Rosetta Stone® Subscription
- Elementary Mandarin Chinese
- Getting Started with ___ (Fr, Ge, Sp)
- Assimil (Fr, Ge, Sp)
- ___ Demystified (Fr, Ge, Sp)
- AOP Lifepacs (Fr, Sp)
- Easy ___ Reader (Fr, Sp)
- A Good Bilingual Dictionary (Larousse/Cassels)
- Asterix Omnibus (Fr)
- Adventures of Tintin (Fr)
- SparkCharts for Quick Reference (Fr, Ge, Sp)
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____



Age 14-18 years:

Novice Ideas

- Program with audio and writing
- Dictionary
- Grammar workbook
- Flash cards
- Short lessons every day to start
- Repeat same lesson until it clicks
- Keep a vocabulary notebook
- _____
- _____

Advanced Ideas

- Serious program done daily
- Listening and writing daily
- Choose a goal
- Vocabulary notebook
- Weekly parent/student conferences
- _____
- _____

Products

- Rosetta Stone® Subscription
- Breaking the Barrier (Fr, Sp)
- Rosetta Stone® Subscription (Fr, Sp)
- BJU Language (Fr, Sp)
- Getting Started with ____ (Fr, Ge, Sp)
- Assimil (Fr, Ge, Sp)
- Elementary Mandarin Chinese
- ____ Demystified (Fr, Ge, Sp)
- Language Grammar Drills (Fr, Ge, It, Sp)
- Schaum's Guide to German Grammar
- Collin's Complete German Grammar
- A Good Bilingual Dictionary (Larousse/Cassels)
- SparkCharts for Quick Reference (Fr, Ge, Sp, Latin)
- 501 Spanish Verbs
- _____
- _____
- _____



FOREIGN LANGUAGE COMPARISON CHART

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	FOREIGN LANGUAGE Programs	Grades				Languages			Religious Content		Immersion		Teacher Involve		
		K-3	3-6	6-8	9-12	Spanish	French	Other	Christian	N/Secular	Full	Partial	Low	Med	High
1.	Whistlefritz Educator's Collection	•				•	•			•	•			•	
2.	Teach & Learn Spanish	•				•				•		•			•
3.	Risas y Sonrisas	•	•			•				•		•		•	
4.	Song School	•				•		•		•		•			•
5.	McGraw Hill Languages for Children	•	•			•	•	•		•		•		•	
6.	La Clase Divertida	•	•	•		•			•			•			•
7.	Brilliant! Languages	•	•			•	•	•		•		•			•
8.	Sing2Learn	•	•			•		•		•	•			•	
9.	See It/Say It Flip Flop Spanish	•	•			•				•		•			•
10.	Speedy Spanish		•	•		•			•			•		•	
11.	First Start French			•			•		•			•		•	
12.	Classical Academic Press ___ for Children		•	•		•	•	•		•		•		•	
13.	Excelerate Spanish		•	•		•				•		•			•
14.	Getting Started with...		•	•	•	•	•	•		•		•	•		
15.	Ecoutez! Parlez!		•	•		•	•			•		•	•		
16.	Easy French/Spanish (Great Commission)		•	•		•	•		•			•	•		
17.	Elementary Mandarin Chinese*			•	•			•		•		•	•		
18.	Read & Think			•	•	•				•		•	•		
19.	Rosetta Stone*			•	•	•	•	•		•	•		•		
20.	Assimil*			•	•	•	•	•		•		•	•		
21.	AOP Lifepacs*				•	•			•			•	•		
22.	Abeka Spanish*				•	•			•			•			•
23.	Bob Jones High School*				•	•	•		•			•			•
24.	Breaking the Barrier*			•	•	•	•			•		•	•		
Foreign Language Supplements															
1.	Beth Manners Language CDs	•				•	•			•		•	•		
2.	Pasaporte (BJU)	•	•			•			•			•			•
3.	___ for Everyone		•			•	•	•		•		•	•		
4.	Skill Builders Spanish	•	•	•		•	•			•		•	•		
5.	501 Spanish Verbs			•	•	•				•	•		•		
6.	Schaum's Guides to Grammar			•	•	•		•		•		•	•		
7.	Language Grammar Drills series			•	•	•	•	•		•		•	•		
8.	DeMystified series			•	•	•	•	•		•		•	•		
9.	Teach Them Spanish	•	•			•				•		•			•
10.	Easy... Step by Step			•	•	•	•			•		•	•		

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*High School credit. Full Immersion: no English used. Partial Immersion: some English.

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	Components							Focus					Notes
	Kits	TM	Text	Workbook	CDs	DVDs	Online	Listen	Speak	Write	Read	Culture	
1.	•				•	•		•	•				
2.	•							•	•			•	Good option for groups.
3.	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	Online lessons.
4.	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•				Also: Latin & Greek.
5.				•	•			•	•		•		Also: German.
6.	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•			•	3 levels available. Integrates crafts.
7.	•		•	•	•			•	•			•	Also: German & Italian.
8.	•		•		•	•		•	•			•	Requires a fluent teacher. Also: Chinese.
9.	•	•											2 year set. Audio now on flash drive.
10.		•	•	•	•			•	•		•	•	New Ed. (Christian Light Education) available.
11.	•	•	•	•	•			•	•	•	•	•	2 levels available.
12.	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	2 levels available. Also: Latin.
13.	•	•	•	•		•		•	•	•			Kinesthetic program.
14.			•				•	•	•				Audio files online. Also: German & Latin.
15.			•	•	•			•	•				4 levels available.
16.				•	•			•	•	•	•	•	Answer Keys available.
17.			•	•			•	•	•	•	•	•	Can write in Pinyin & characters.
18.			•				•	•	•		•	•	
19.							•	•	•	•	•	•	Up to 4 levels. Numerous language options.
20.	•	•	•	•	•			•	•		•	•	Also: German.
21.	•	•	•		•			•	•	•	•	•	2 levels available.
22.		•	•	•						•	•		Pronunciation guide available from publisher.
23.	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	3rd Ed. includes online audio.
24.	•	•	•		•		•	•	•	•	•	•	Online component with audio & visuals.
1.					•			•	•				
2.				•						•	•		Worktexts only.
3.			•				•	•	•	•			Also: German & Italian.
4.				•						•	•		
5.			•				•			•	•		
6.				•			•			•	•		Also: German.
7.				•						•	•		Also: German & Italian.
8.				•			•	•		•	•		
9.		•						•	•				Prior Spanish knowledge required to teach.
10.			•				•	•			•		

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