

Broaden your horizons

learn a language

Good morning!
=
dobroye utro!
(russian)

Shumi wa dokusho
desu
=
My hobby is
reading
(japanese)

hello
=
bonjour (french)

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The earliest account of how languages were differentiated is the biblical account of a united humanity of the generations following the Great Flood. They spoke a single language and migrated from the east, coming to the land of Shinar; where they resolved to build a city 'with a tower that reaches to the heavens ... and not be, scattered over the face of the whole Earth. But the Lord came down to see [what they did] and said: 'If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other.' So the Lord scattered them [upon the face of the earth], and confused their languages, and they left off building the city, [which] was called Babel because there the Lord confused the language of the whole world.' (Genesis 11:5-8.)

It is amazing that people speak and think differently. There is so much to learn in this world and it would probably be a dull world if we all spoke the same language ... or ate the same food ... looked the same ... dressed the same ... or shared the same opinions ... We should try to embrace different cultures and languages instead of being confused by it.

Learning a language can be fun! It will be especially rewarding when you visit the native country of the language you have chosen to study. But whether for pleasure, business, or just the satisfaction of being able to enjoy a bilingual experience, learning a language will be one of the most useful tools you can have.

The following is a selection of CDs that are available in Central Collection.

Everyday Tswana phrases

This audio CD and booklet helps you chat in Tswana with no fuss, no lessons and no delay. There are 86 tracks covering some information about pronunciation and grammar. It includes greetings and pleasantries, what to say when you have tea, complimenting, congratulating, sympathising and special occasions. The booklet includes interesting facts about the language and the CD helps you with pronunciation.

Hindi travel pack

This CD pack includes a phrase book and dictionary. The pack contains phrases relating to pronunciations, exclamations, accommodation, eating out, travel, sightseeing, leisure, making friends, stores and services, health, a Hindi-English glossary and a reference section.

Swahili = Kingereza. Level One

This collection includes four CDs and a booklet. Each audio CD contains a specific word type, that is, nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs, or expressions. These groupings are then divided into two sections: the first half of each side gives the English word/ expression first, followed by the Swahili equivalent. The second half is reversed with the Swahili word/ expression heard first, followed by its English equivalent. This format allows the listener to practice translating both into, and out of, the Swahili language. The words and expressions are presented in a random order as would occur in actual conversation. This arrangement makes it more challenging, promotes faster learning and increases word retention.

Russian

This collection includes two CDs and a course book and is ideal for beginners. Designed for adults learning at home or in class, this course covers the basic phrases you'll need in everyday situations. The booklet includes a pronunciation guide as well as headlines, covering everything from saying hello to saying what you like and don't like (chapter headers are written in Russian). Its step-by-step approach assumes no prior knowledge of the language, and encourages

you to make genuine progress right from the start. This will help you make the most of your visit from the moment you arrive!

15-minute Chinese

This pack includes two CDs with a manual that provides a 15-minute lesson for 12 weeks. It gradually builds your confidence and vocabulary in Mandarin Chinese. The last lesson of each week is a review – and a repeat-lesson to help you consolidate everything you have already learned. The manual contains colour pictures. This package is a complete course and excellent for travelling.

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Language courses on CD were recently ordered for the following languages:

- ✦ Afrikaans
- ✦ Arabic
- ✦ Chinese Cantonese
- ✦ Chinese Mandarin
- ✦ Croatian
- ✦ Czech
- ✦ Danish
- ✦ Dutch
- ✦ English
- ✦ Filipino
- ✦ Finnish
- ✦ French
- ✦ German
- ✦ Greek
- ✦ Hebrew
- ✦ Hindi
- ✦ Indonesian
- ✦ Italian
- ✦ Japanese
- ✦ Korean
- ✦ Latin American Spanish

- ✦ Norwegian
- ✦ Polish
- ✦ Portuguese
- ✦ Russian
- ✦ Spanish
- ✦ Swahili
- ✦ Swedish
- ✦ Thai
- ✦ Turkish
- ✦ Vietnamese
- ✦ Xhosa (Basic and Advanced)
- ✦ Xhosa (Complete)
- ✦ Zulu.

