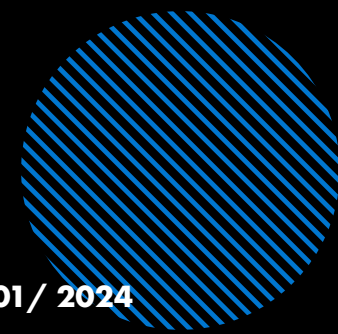


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WELCOME TO THE INNER CIRCLE

This is the monthly, no-holds-barred series giving you tried and tested learning methods to help you reach your language goals this year.

Last year, I took on learning French with Kyejin.

This year? We're changing things around with the Inner Circle. I'll be learning Korean... from Kyejin. And, of course, revealing learning methods along the way. But now, we also have a teacher's point of view in terms of how I'm learning and progressing. So, if you want to learn a language in 2024, don't miss this first Inner Circle for January 2024.

How to use this PDF: This PDF provides you with tips, takeaways, and resources mentioned in the lessons. You can review it for a quick recap after watching the video.

IS YOUR LEARNING INTEGRATED?

The way most language learners learn is... they'll learn words with this app, grammar with that app or book... and maybe practice with a teacher who has their own resources.

The result? Your learning is disjointed; you're spread too thin, and you may not learn as much.

That's why our learning system and live classes are integrated — meaning, what you learn on your own time with the lessons, you can practice with a teacher (whether Premium PLUS or Live Classes.)

SHOULD YOU LEARN WITH A TEACHER?

This time, I am learning Korean with KoreanClass101's Live Private Classes. In fact, I always get a teacher when taking on any language. But, it's very likely that many of you may not be learning with one. Should you?

Yes. Whether you're learning with us or someone else, it's best to get a teacher. Why? Practice. Learning is $\frac{1}{2}$ taking in new information and $\frac{1}{2}$ practice. Without the practice, you won't retain as much.

If you're a Premium user, you can still practice with study tools like Multiple-Choice Assessments, Pronunciation Practice Tools, Flashcards, and asking questions in the Lesson comments.

If you're a Premium PLUS user, you can also get in contact with your teacher via the My Teacher messenger.

3X THE PREPARATION FOR EVERY MINUTE OF CLASS-TIME

If you do go on to learn with a teacher, keep this rule in mind — for every minute of class time, you should put in 3 times the preparation (i.e., 1 hour of class requires 3 hours of practice.)

Why?

If you prepare and learn ahead of time for the class, you can spend that class actually practicing and getting feedback. And this is the best use of your time and money.

However, if you don't, then... that class time is spent on learning (that you could've done on your own), you won't get enough practice, and you won't learn as much.

YOUR STARTING POINT FOR LEARNING A LANGUAGE

While a lot of these are good tips to keep in mind, you may be wondering — what's something I can do right now to help me learn a language in 2024?

Just like a GPS guides you from A to B, your best bet to learn a language is having a clear, laid-out pathway to follow. So, you can see what to do and how soon until you level up from Absolute Beginner to Beginner and all the way up to Advanced.

It's much easier to stay on track when you know where you're going instead of feeling your way through in the dark.

But, that's how most learners jump in. They download an app. Subscribe to a few YouTube channels. And weeks and months after... they still don't feel like they can speak much.

So, that's where the Learning Pathway comes in. All learners get a Learning Pathway of lessons to follow based on their learning level. This is your starting point and your step-by-step pathway.

To do now: You'll find your assigned Learning Pathway and lesson waiting for you on your Dashboard. Just follow the path, take the lessons, and take the assessments for practice.

LANGUAGE TOOLS & RESOURCES MENTIONED

Premium Plan:

Access to lessons and 15+ study tools for self-learners.

Premium PLUS Plan:

Includes everything in the Premium plan, plus your own teacher via the My Teacher Messenger.

Recommended Pathway:

All members get a recommended learning pathway based on their level. This is a linear pathway of lessons and assessments you can take to learn and practice the language. Also mentioned in this episode:

- With Live Classes (see below), teachers create and assign custom pathways as homework and preparation for the classes.
- Can-Do pathways: These are pathways focused on teaching you the language via “Can-Do” statements (for ex., can introduce yourself, can talk about the weather, etc.)

Assessments: Multiple-Choice and Hand-Graded Assessments

Assessments are peppered throughout your learning pathway and test you on what you’ve learned in the last few lessons. That way, you get to test and assess your language skills as you learn.

Multiple Choice Assessments test vocabulary and grammar

Hand-Graded Assessments test speaking and writing

Live Group Classes

japanesepod101.com/live-group-classes

A 10-week program with weekly, live 1-hour classes with up to 5 students and 1 teacher. Open 3 times a year — in January, May and September.

- Available on JapanesePod101, KoreanClass101, ItalianPod101, GermanPod101, ChineseClass101, EnglishClass101, SpanishPod101, ThaiPod101 and PortuguesePod101.

Live Private Classes

japanesepod101.com/live-private-classes

A brand new program, similar to Live Group Classes, except with private 1-on-1 lessons. Unlike Live Group Classes, which have 10-week semesters, you can take classes for as long as you want.

- Available on JapanesePod101, KoreanClass101, ItalianPod101, GermanPod101, ChineseClass101, EnglishClass101, SpanishPod101, ThaiPod101 and PortuguesePod101.

HAVE QUESTIONS?

Shoot us an email at inner.circle@innovativelanguage.com

See you next month!