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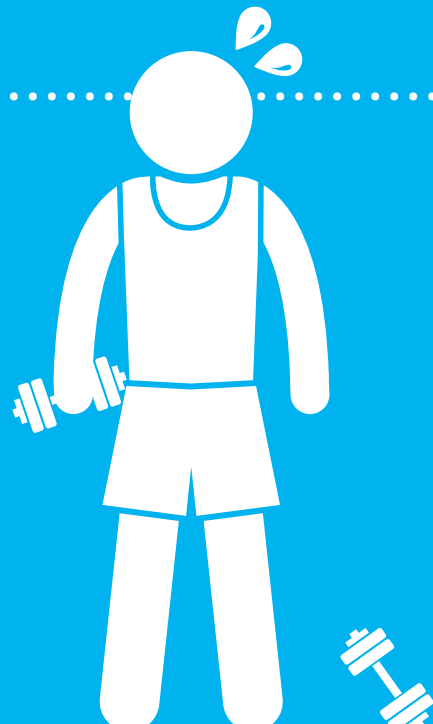
INNER CIRCLE

THIS MONTH

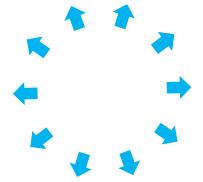
HOW TO BUILD YOUR PERSONAL
LANGUAGE LEARNING PROFILE

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Welcome to the Inner Circle, listeners.



Last time, you learned...

- About boosting your output and expanding your language learning
- And the importance of starting easy!

It's March. The year is flying by, and this is when some people start to get off track. Last month I met my goals. I did the Absolute Beginner level Extensive Reading books and perfected my self introduction with my Premium *PLUS* teacher. And I began my Language Learning Profile. What's that?

Let's jump into this Inner Circle.

BUILDING YOUR PERSONAL LANGUAGE LEARNING PROFILE

You'll learn...

1. How to Keep Language Learning Fun & Relevant
2. How I am Advancing my Language with Netflix
3. How to Create Your Language Learning Profile

Let's jump into the first part.



1

How to Keep Language Learning Fun & Relevant



Before we jump into language learning profiles...We're at the end of the third month of the year.

By now, all that New Year's Resolution excitement has worn off.

This is when most language learners fall off. If they haven't done so already.

To keep going, in month 3, in month 4 and so on... it needs to be fun. It's important to have fun learning a language.

It's so easy to set the routine that you think is "best" and then drop out because, in reality, it's so dry and strict.

You might think that you'll be waking up at 7AM to fit in 1 hour of study a day.

Sounds great, right?



But, when you actually have to stick to it, it's not motivation, it's work!

You have to keep things fun.

I watch a ton of Netflix, so I've started using Netflix to create my language learning profile.



A language learning profile is a set of words and phrases that are unique to you as a person. For example, age, gender, geography, interests, everything that makes up who you are.

They influence how you speak.

For example, someone in their 40s is probably talking about different topics than someone in their 20s. Someone in their 40s would talk about family, kids and their work.

And someone in their 20s would want to talk about going out, dating, parties, and dreams, not to mention different slang and pop culture references.

Then there's geography. I was raised in New York so there are words and some phrases that someone from another state might not fully understand, and maybe I have an accent. And because I'm from New York, I tend to talk about things in New York in other languages. The New York sports teams. The food. Locations around Manhattan. So I need to know these words.

The same goes for your interests. If you're passionate about baseball, you'd want to talk about it in the language you're learning, right?

So having this language learning profile makes language learning more relevant to you.

And let's be honest, Netflix is FUN. It's fun to take a break from the recommended lessons!

While I've been studying French, I've been revisiting Japanese.

This tactic is a little bit advanced so I'm using it to build my profile which requires a bit of proficiency in the language.

Let's get into the second part.



2

How I am Advancing my Language with Netflix

It sounds like I'm kind of cheating in a way.

The technique I'm using is actually simple. It just requires a higher level of proficiency. You use pop culture like a TV show, but it's not just learning from a TV show.

The key part here is, it should be relevant to you.

Basically, you pick a character that you identify with or like and want to talk like, and then you mimic them. I've been doing this with a show called the Mentalist. I've seen it in English. This gives me the base, and I know what's going on. Now, I'm rewatching it in Japanese.

And since I'm in Japan, all the Netflix shows are dubbed in Japanese.

I chose the main character because he's very clever and likes to provoke people. He has a very dark sense of humor. I want to know how a Japanese person would speak like him, so I listen to the Japanese.

Give it a shot. The beauty of Netflix is you can listen again and again.

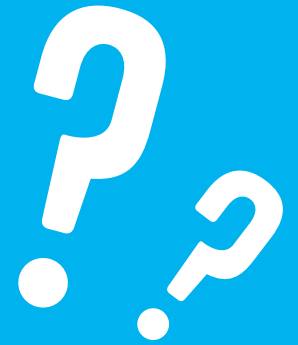
Write down things that you understand and things that you don't understand. And then you can review with a native speaker. Or, if you have Premium *PLUS*, you can message that to your Premium *PLUS* teacher.

So, let's get into this third part where we might have some further explanation there.



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How to Create Your Language Learning Profile



Listeners, last time you added language output to your learning routine, and since you're now in month 3 of learning, now is a good time to vary your routine to keep things fun by creating your language learning profile.

Remember, your language learning profile is a set of words and phrases that are unique to you as a person.

We mentioned this in part one- these are the words and phrases related to:

- Age
- Gender
- Geography
- Interests



Think about the topics that you already talk about in your native language, in your everyday life.

Geography wise, you'd want to talk about where you're from.

Then your interests. You'll want to learn the must-know vocabulary and phrases. If your hobby is learning languages, you'll want to be able to talk about learning languages in your target language.

The first thing you can do is write down a list of things in your native language: your name, your work, your school, where you grew up, your interests....

Once you've written out this list, start learning words and phrases related to these topics.

You can do this with our **audio and video lessons** or our **vocabulary lists**. For example, if you're interested in baseball... there are vocab lists on this topic. If you want to talk about where you're from, there are lessons that teach you how to introduce yourself and how to talk about your nationality.

If you're a Premium *PLUS* member, ask your teacher to help you translate some of these phrases into your target language.

The second way you can build your profile is by using TV shows... or even YouTube!

Think about a realistic character that you identify with and watch that TV show dubbed in your target language. Shadow their conversations, their speech patterns, and their phrases.



By doing this, you get to learn the language in a way that interests you and that's relevant to you as a person. That makes it fun!

My Next Goal

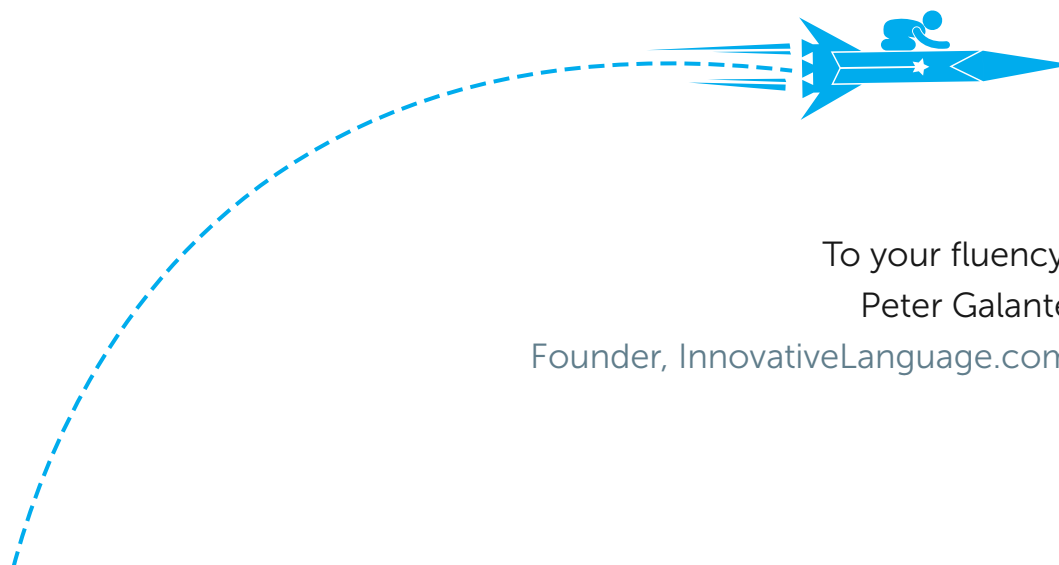
I'll aim to hit 5 minutes of French conversation by April 30th!

Listeners, how about you? What's your small, measurable monthly goal? And what's the deadline?

Let me know what your goals are for the month.

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

See you next month!



To your fluency,
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