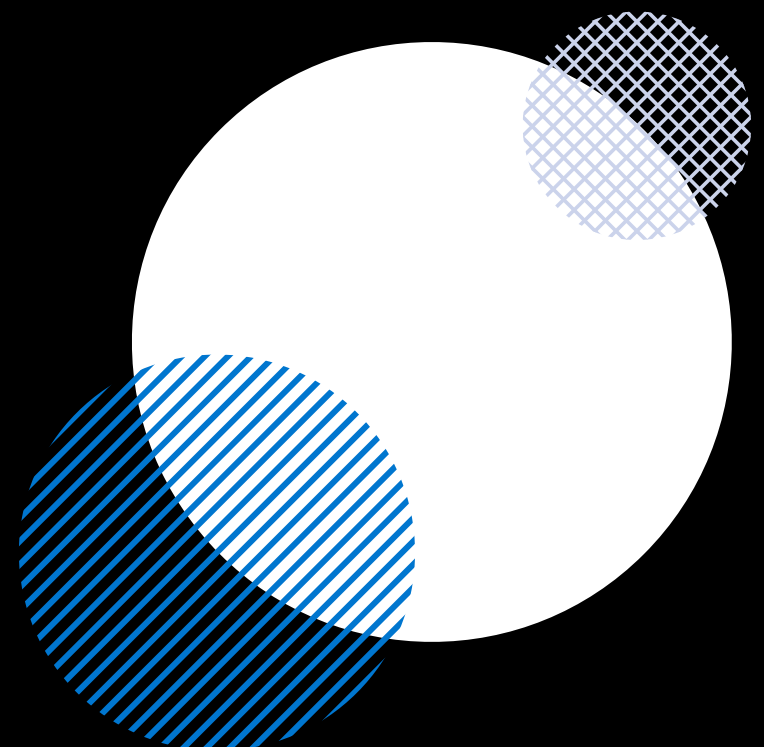
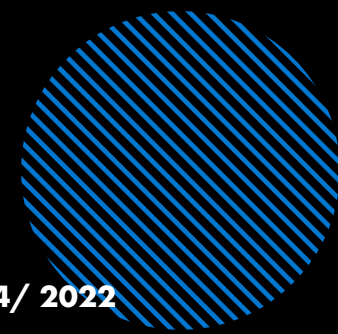




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HOW TO SPEAK MORE OF YOUR TARGET LANGUAGE WITH YOUR TEACHER

1. How to Transition From Your Native Language to Your Target Language.
2. How You Can Apply This Tactic.

Welcome back to the Inner Circle.

Last time, you learned all about tipping points... which are signs that you're on the right track with your language.

And last time, I failed my 3-minute goal... and promised to try and hit it again this month. The result? I reached it. How? Well, I've been slowly transitioning from mostly speaking in English in my lessons with my teacher... to more Hindi, and I think that helped me reach my goal. How?



HOW TO TRANSITION FROM YOUR NATIVE LANGUAGE TO YOUR TARGET LANGUAGE

If you ever looked into our past Inner circle lessons, we've talked about something called... Preparation.

It's where you prepare lines ahead of time for predictable topics and conversations.

For example, imagine having to go open a bank account in your target language. Before you do, you'd likely look up words and phrases like "bank account," "open," "I want to open a bank account," and such. That's preparation.

Or say... talking about yourself. That's a predictable conversation that you'll have again and again.

Whenever you meet someone new, you'll always have to introduce yourself and talk about where you're from and why you're learning the language, right?

So, if you want to start speaking, preparing for these conversations is a good way to start.

What I've been doing is a variation of preparation, so I can speak more in Hindi with my teacher and transition from speaking mostly in English. Our lessons used to be about 80% to 90% English and nowadays, I'm trying to speak more and more Hindi.

So, what kind of lines did I prepare ahead of time?

Well, if you were taking language lessons... What kind of questions do you think you'd ask your teacher the most? Here are a few of the examples that I've learned... and use throughout... every lesson.

- How do you say X in Hindi?
- Can you say that again?

- Can you say that slowly?
- What does X mean?
- I have a question.
- What's the difference between X and Y?
- Can you give me an example sentence?
- Did I say that correctly?
- Can you also say... "X"?
- What should I practice for the next lesson?

On top of those, it's also good to learn how to say "noun," "adjective," "verb," and other grammar terms.

But, how does it help me speak more Hindi?

Simple. Every learner wants to speak more of their target language, right?

But it can be hard if you can't create your own sentences just yet. Of course, you should learn how to do so... but in the meantime, knowing lines like this gives you an easy way to speak now and speak more because you have ready-made lines to use.

Also, with preparation, the goal is to prepare lines for conversations ahead of time because many conversations are predictable to a degree.

If you're learning with a teacher, there are questions that you will ask all the time, for example, "What does this word mean?" So it makes sense to learn these ahead of time and come prepared.

In my case, I use these to extend the conversation time. I'd ask. Then the teacher would reply. At the same time, I'd get to speak more Hindi, I'd get exposed to more Hindi... hear how my teacher replied, the sentence pattern she used, and I get used to the language.

Plus, our lessons are done more so in Hindi than in English... which will help me improve more down the line.

Now, what about you?

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HOW YOU CAN APPLY THIS TACTIC.

Since you're learning a language... It's normal for lessons to be predominantly in your native language.

For example, if you're brand new to Japanese, Korean, or Spanish...

Then you'll want English explanations.

But eventually, you'll want to rely less on your native language and learn in your target language. And one easy way to do this is... to prepare ahead of time. So, here's what you can do.

One: Learn the most common phrases and questions to use with your teacher.

For example, here are my most commonly used ones.

- How do you say X in Hindi?
- Can you say that again?

- Can you say that slowly?
- What does X mean?
- I have a question.
- What's the difference between X and Y?
- Can you give me an example sentence?
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If you check the Inner Circle page, you can find links to vocabulary lists called "Phrases To Use With Your Premium PLUS Teacher" and "Grammar Terms."

Two: Start using these lines with your Premium PLUS teacher, in our live classes, or with an in-person teacher... if you have one.

And this will get you speaking more of the language and relying less on your native language.

Three: Here's a bit of an advanced tip, always try to prepare a new question or two to ask your teacher at your next lesson.

For example, "I heard this word in a JapanesePod101 lesson. Can you tell me what it means?" Or, "what does this grammar point mean?"

This might be a bit harder, but by preparing new things to ask, you learn more in that lesson, and you get to practice more than you usually would. In fact, I think some of the fastest language learners are those that bring extra to the table when learning... instead of just following along with what the teacher asks.

Four: if you're a Premium user, you can leave a comment on our lessons using those phrases...

For example, "what does this word mean," or "what's the difference between this grammar point and another," and our teachers will reply to you in the target language.

NOW, LET'S GET BACK TO GOALS.

For May, I plan to aim for 4 minutes of Hindi conversation.

Deadline? May 31st.

How about you? What's your monthly goal?

Be sure to set it and stick to it.

And, let us know what your small, measurable, monthly goal is...

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