


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)
- ☐ 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)
- ☐ 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)
- ☐ Excelerate Spanish
- ☐ First Start French (Memoria Press)
- ☐ La Clase Divertida (Sp)
- ☐ Speedy Spanish
- ☐ Complete Book of Spanish
- ☐ Bilingual Flashcards (Ch, Sp)
- ☐ The Cat in the Hat (Fr, Sp)
- ☐ Foreign Language Number Dice (Ch, Fr, Ge, Sp)
- ☐ Bananagrams (Fr, 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
- ☐ Asterix Omnibus (Fr)
- ☐ Adventures of Tintin (Fr)
- ☐ SparkCharts for Quick Reference (Fr, Ge, Sp)
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____



Age 14-18 years:

Novice Ideas

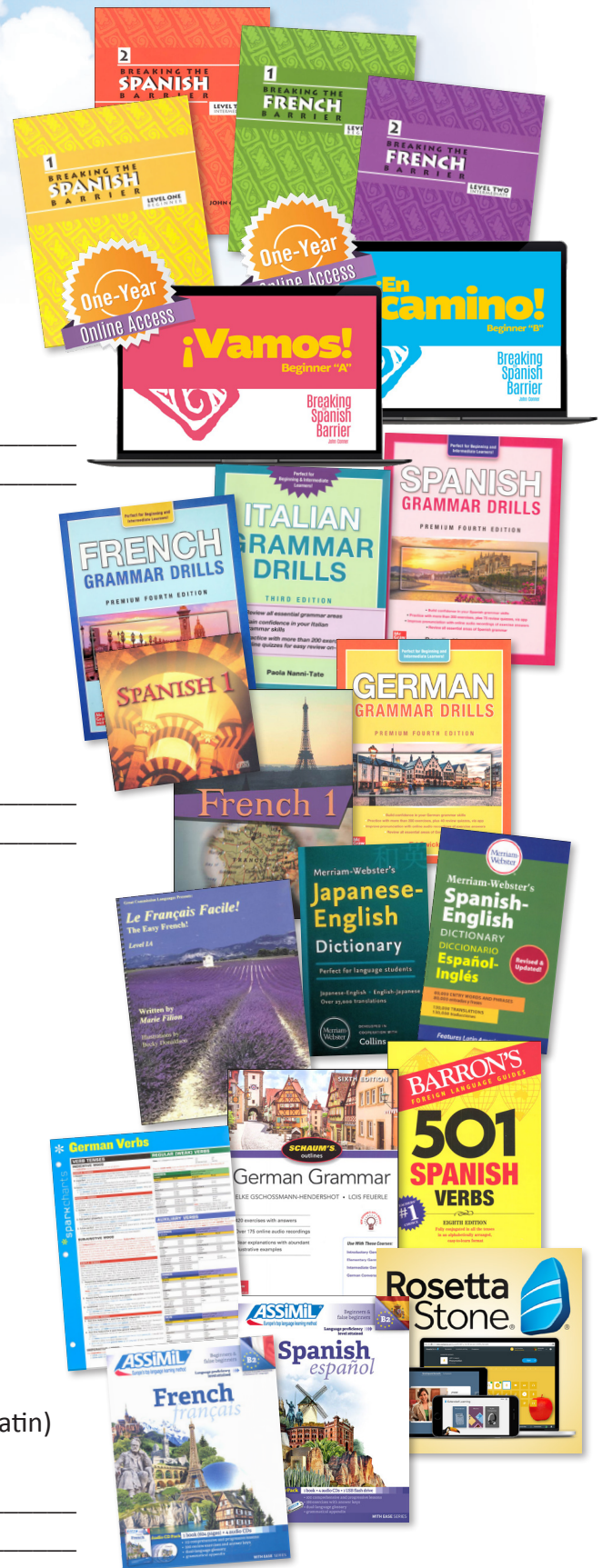
- ☐ Program with audio and writing
- ☐ Dictionary
- ☐ Grammar workbook
- ☐ Flash cards
- ☐ Short lessons every day to start
- ☐ Repeat same lesson until it clicks
- ☐ Keep a vocabulary notebook
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____

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
- ☐ BJU Language (Sp)
- ☐ Getting Started with ____ (Fr, Ge, Sp)
- ☐ Assimil (Fr, Ge, Sp)
- ☐ Elementary Mandarin Chinese
- ☐ ____ Demysified (Fr, Ge, Sp)
- ☐ Language Grammar Drills (Fr, Ge, It, Sp)
- ☐ Schaum's Guide to German Grammar
- ☐ Collins Complete German Grammar
- ☐ A Good Bilingual Dictionary
- ☐ 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.	Song School	•				•		•		•		•			•
4.	La Clase Divertida	•	•	•		•			•			•			•
5.	Brilliant! Languages	•	•			•	•	•		•		•			•
6.	Sing2Learn	•	•			•		•		•	•			•	
7.	See It/Say It Flip Flop Spanish	•	•	•		•				•		•			•
8.	Speedy Spanish		•	•		•			•			•		•	
9.	First Start French			•			•		•			•		•	
10.	Classical Academic Press ____ for Children		•	•		•	•	•		•		•		•	
11.	Excelerate Spanish		•	•		•				•		•			•
12.	Getting Started with...		•	•	•	•	•	•		•		•	•		
13.	Ecoutez! Parlez!		•	•			•			•		•	•		
14.	Easy French/Spanish (Great Commission)		•	•		•	•		•			•	•		
15.	Element. Greek/1st & 2nd Form Greek (MP)		•	•	•			•	•			•		•	
16.	Elementary Mandarin Chinese*			•	•			•		•		•	•		
17.	15- Minute Language Lessons			•	•	•	•	•		•		•	•		
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.	____ for Everyone Junior	•	•			•	•	•		•		•	•		
3.	Skill Builders Spanish	•	•	•		•	•			•		•	•		
4.	501 Spanish Verbs			•	•	•				•	•		•		
5.	Language Grammar Drills series			•	•	•	•	•		•		•	•		
6.	DeMystified series			•	•	•	•	•		•		•	•		
7.	Teach Them Spanish		•			•				•		•			•
8.	Easy... Step by Step			•	•	•	•			•		•	•		

*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 group option. Monthly themes.
3.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				Also: Latin & Greek. Video streaming available.
4.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•	3 levels available. Integrates crafts.
5.	•		•	•	•			•	•			•	Also: German & Italian.
6.	•		•		•	•		•	•			•	Requires a fluent teacher. Also in Chinese.
7.	•	•						•	•	•			Picture cards. Good family option.
8.		•	•	•	•			•	•		•	•	Missions focused.
9.	•	•	•	•	•			•	•	•	•	•	2 levels available.
10.	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	2 levels available. Also in Latin. Video streaming.
11.	•	•	•	•		•		•	•	•			Kinesthetic program.
12.			•				•	•	•				Audio files online. Also: German, Latin, Anc. Greek.
13.			•	•	•			•	•				4 levels available.
14.				•	•			•	•	•	•	•	Answer keys available. Missions focused.
15.		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		
16.			•	•			•	•	•	•	•	•	Can write in Pinyin & characters.
17.			•					•	•				Also: German, Italian, Japanese, Mandarin Chinese.
18.			•				•	•	•		•	•	
19.							•	•	•	•	•		3-5 levels. 25 language options all work online.
20.	•	•	•	•	•			•	•		•	•	Also: German.
21.	•	•	•		•			•	•	•	•		2 levels available.
22.		•	•	•						•	•		Pronunciation guide available from publisher.
23.	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	3rd Ed. includes online audio.
24.	•	•	•				•	•	•	•	•	•	Requires workbook and online.
1.					•			•	•				
2.			•				•	•	•		•		Also: German & Italian.
3.				•						•	•		
4.			•				•			•	•		
5.				•						•	•		Also: German & Italian.
6.				•			•	•		•	•		Also in German.
7.		•						•	•				Prior Spanish knowledge required to teach.
8.			•				•	•	•		•		

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