

Six Keys to Studying Language B



Manage Your Time

Make a plan to study nightly even if it is only for 5 or 10 minutes. Use “to-do” lists, your agenda, a calendar (digital or regular), or a notebook to record assignments. Plan study time around social, family, and extra-curricular commitments. Make effective use of your time!



Concentrate on Your Study Skills

Use your notes, memory aids, and review questions to study for a test. Review any information from the teacher submitted on review guides, practice questions, and “big picture” content. Use completed projects and activities as practice sessions.



Practice Speaking Skills

Make flashcards, use online vocabulary games, play games with flashcards, and review vocabulary activities. Learn more than just the term and definition. Be able to match the English and world language definition. Use pronunciation cues to properly speak using the world language vocabulary. Make sure that you practice asking and answering questions using vocabulary terms. Listen to world language television shows and try to answer the questions.



Practice Reading Skills

Read aloud or using Audacity or another voice program to hear your phrasing and pronunciation. Quickly correct any mispronunciations before they become a bad habit. Practice reading the textbook, signs, and magazines in your chosen world language.



Practice Writing Skills

Practice writing world language vocabulary terms by making flashcards and study guides. Write notes to friends and try to translate the notes into your chosen world language format. Make your best effort when completing writing assignments. Remember, you need to know Language A writing skills to be successful with Language B writing skills.



Use Your Resources

Study guides, study games, links to resources, practice sheets, tutoring, and practice sessions. Listen to the teacher, identify areas the teacher stresses or repeats often. Make a study group. Have parents or siblings help you study in the car or during periods of waiting.