How To Make Language Learning Comprehensible

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1. Stay in the target language.

2. Use all learning modalities (visual [seeing], auditory [hearing], kinesthetic [touching or doing]).

3. Model information.

4. Use tools such as pictures and props, or act things out.

5. Use repetition.

6. Make the lesson relevant to student's lives.

7. Use what language the learner already knows and build on it.

8. Use a series of simple questions to check for understanding (called comprehension checks).

9. Model corrections in a gentle, non-threatening way.

10. Break down complicated language into smaller, more simple vocabulary parts.