

A successful language learner:

1. Identifies long- term goals
2. Attends all classes, except when ill or in case of emergency.
3. Completes all assigned reading before class.
4. Brings books, paper, pencils, and other necessary materials to class.
5. Gets phone numbers of a few classmates who take good notes, in case of an unavoidable absence.
6. Arrives on time to classes.
7. Sits near the front, where it' s easier to pay attention.
8. Thinks actively during classes.
9. Participates in class by responding and asking appropriate questions.
10. Remains attentive throughout class. Avoids staring out windows, doodling, having side conversations, texting, or looking at your cell phone.
11. Takes accurate and thorough notes and reviews them soon after class to identify question areas.
12. Compares his or her class notes with the textbook soon after class, and adds detailed notes.
13. Asks questions about course content to clarify understanding.
14. Takes advantage of any extra-credit opportunities.
15. Turns in all assignments on time.
16. Does Word-process written assignments whenever possible.
17. uses a planner to keep track of assignments.
18. Devises and follows a schedule to keep up with reading and other assignments.
19. Sets specifics goals for each study session.
20. Studies where there are no distractions.
21. Varies study tasks, to avoid doing one type of activity for too long.
22. Thinks about, analyzes, and asks questions about what he or she is reading.
23. Makes appointments to see professors with questions about assignments or grades.
24. Begins assignments soon after they are assigned.
25. Begins writing assignments early enough to allow time for careful revisions and a visit to the writing center.
26. Works to increase concentration and decrease procrastination.
27. Uses available campus resources such as the Office of Academic Support and the library.

28. Devises a study plan for tests and exams.
29. Studies with a study partner or small study group, going over key points.
30. Avoids cramming.
31. Uses a variety of study techniques. Not just memorizing.
32. Always attends class when there is a quiz or test.
33. Reads and follows all directions on tests and exams.
34. Balances academic work with safe and constructive leisure activities.
35. Gets involved in at least one activity on campus, such as a club, organization, or volunteer work.
36. Gets adequate sleep.
37. Eats nutritious foods.
38. Avoids smoking, drinking alcohol, and using drugs.
39. Seeks help when needed.
40. Enjoys learning.