

Guerrilla Language Learning Challenge

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Introduction - who, why, what?

Hello - my name is Wiktor and I'm the author of 16kinds.com.
I've always been in love with language learning, and my website is all about learning languages better. Today, I'm thrilled to announce the Guerrilla Language Learning Challenge: 3 languages learned by 1 person on a budget of 100 pounds per language.



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Rules of the challenge - p.1

1. The budget is the limit. No exceptions, no creative accounting, no special treatment. This will make me use my time, effort and imagination more wisely.

2. Concrete goals. For Spanish - the goal is DELE B1 Diploma, for German - ZD certificate. For Welsh, the CEFR B1 level is the goal. This ensures that I know when to stop, and don't stop before that!

Rules of the challenge - p.2

3. Use what you've got. The resources, materials and influence I already have - none of them count into the 100-pound number. Check below for a list of things and options available to me.

4. No time limit. I won't quit my day job. I won't become fluent in 3 months. I can't afford that, and I don't think many people can. Little and often is the way to go.

Rules of the challenge - p.3

5. Don't be evil. No illegal materials. No pirated downloads. No blackmails, dirty negotiations, unfair deals. If I negotiate a price, I will do it fairly and clearly. If I go for a non-monetary deal, I will offer what I think is fair.

6. Keep a record! You're welcome to read all about my challenge on 16kinds.com - updating you on my progress is the best way to make sure I keep at it - or live with the infamy of defeat :)

Starting conditions

Resources	Influence	Knowledge
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 1 laptop (Macbook / Mac OS X 10.7), 1 back-up laptop (HP xe 4100 / Linux)- 1 smartphone (Samsung Galaxy S II)- 1 digital sound recorder- Unlimited broadband connection- 1 Spanish-English and English-Spanish dictionary (Collins)- Several old German-Polish learning resources- Full software licences: iWork (Mac), Doggcatcher (Android), Remember The Milk (Mac / Android)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 1 year of 16kinds.com - a language-learning blog - over 20,000 views, 1,000 fans on Twitter / Facebook- 50% discount on learning materials with current employee (English language teaching publisher)- 10 years of experience in learning and teaching languages (mainly English)- living in London, in a multilingual neighbourhood- contacts: a good network of language learners and teachers, both in person and online	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Linguistics and translation background - useful for learning new rules / grammar structures- Learning and teaching theories- Polish as a mothertongue - good for comparing / translating, access to cheaper lessons- Some German knowledge (5 years of classes, initial German certificate)- Lived in Wales for one year (no formal or informal Welsh classes)

Keep up, help out, join in!



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