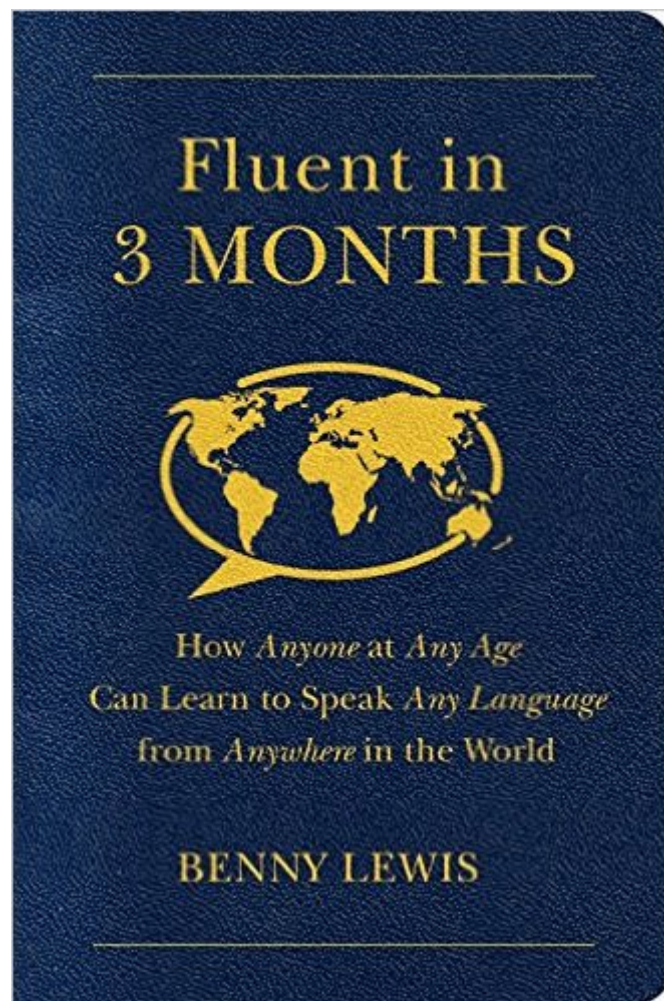


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# Fluent In 3 Months: How Anyone At Any Age Can Learn To Speak Any Language From Anywhere In The World



## Synopsis

Benny Lewis, who speaks over ten languagesâall self-taughtâruns the largest language-learning blog in the world, Fluent In 3 Months. Lewis is a full-time "language hacker," someone who devotes all of his time to finding better, faster, and more efficient ways to learn languages. *Fluent in 3 Months: How Anyone at Any Age Can Learn to Speak Any Language from Anywhere in the World* is a new blueprint for fast language learning. Lewis argues that you don't need a great memory or "the language gene" to learn a language quickly, and debunks a number of long-held beliefs, such as adults not being as good of language learners as children.

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I've studied Spanish, German and Chinese in both school and immersion environments; in both classroom settings and one on one tutoring. I've also been an English teacher to ESL students in several countries. Some things I've learned: you have to make it a primary goal, not a hobby. An hour or two a week is not enough, it should be daily. There are lots of ways to study, but you need to focus on what works best, on the learning the most used language content first. Traditional books and classroom settings are mostly outdated and you can drastically speed up learning time by "hacking" - or making use of technological shortcuts. Don't spend years studying a language and end up barely functional. Get this book, internalize the tips inside, commit to learning rapidly and using the language naturally. You won't regret it.

Benny Lewis is passionate about languages, and this book conveys that passion together with practical steps you can implement straightaway. Benny's general approach makes sense (if you want to speak a language, focus on speaking the language, not, e.g., on grammar books). But it's not just a theory. His approach is grounded in his own experience - both in unsuccessful language learning at school using traditional methods and in successful language learning as an adult. While advocating a general approach, he's not doctrinaire, but instead acknowledges that different approaches and tactics could work for different people. The whole book was compelling, including: - dispelling all the reasons why you "can't" learn a language - practical tips (e.g., word associations, modal verbs to help your conversation before you know all the verb forms, how to tell whether French words are likely to be masculine or feminine) - different tactics to use at different stages of language learning and - online and other types of resources. By the end, I understood how I can progress in learning a foreign language (while also appreciating that there will be bumps along the road and that I'll need to change my tactics from time to time). Highly recommended. The best book I have read on adult foreign language learning.

I don't mind reading this even though it's pretty much the same as his online site, but when he refers in almost every chapter to refer to his website what's the point of me buying the book?

After reading through *Fluent in 3 Months*, I can easily say that I am far more encouraged to tackle learning a second language than I have been in a very long time. After trying and giving up on 5 different languages in the past (and only getting marginally tourist ready), there were many new tips included in this book that I am excited about giving a try. I believe it is worth noting with this book that it covers the entire spectrum of language learning from the tricks to pick up new vocabulary all the way to information from famous polyglots on what it takes to become masters of several languages. Upon my first go around with the book I found myself trailing off around 2/3 of the way through because I am nowhere near the level of mastery in any language to think about those stages just yet. But you can bet if I ever get that far I'll be referencing this book over and over again. If you are having troubles learning a new language, or do not know where to begin, this one is for you. If you are actively picking up a second language and not running into any road blocks, I do not think you may get as much out of it as I did.

In this book, it covers many tips on how to learn a language. The first section of the book talks about how to approach language learning as a beginner. It talks about not learning grammar at all, but

instead, to memorize a few phrases that are specific to yourself and the situation you might find yourself in, whether as a tourist or speaking on Skype, and then using those on a real person as soon as possible. I agree that it is important to start talking and communicating as soon as possible. It is difficult sometimes, being shy, and not having very much vocabulary, but he gives great tips on how to overcome this. The second section of the book talks about how to move from an intermediate level to an advanced level. For this, it is important to study grammar, and to use media like books and TV. This book is helpful if you need a little pep talk to boost up your language learning. After reading the book, I feel renewed energy in getting my French up to an intermediate level, and to start studying Korean again for an upcoming trip, hopefully getting to an advanced beginner level.

I did extensive research before obtaining this book by reading the posts on the [fluentin3months.com](http://fluentin3months.com) blog that interested me. However, the book is nearly an EXACT repeat of his blog posts! I could not believe it! Furthermore signing up for the members area gave me access to LINKS! Just links to german dictionaries and phrase guides on other websites! Not only this, but the blog posts had the exact same links! I did enjoy about 25% of the content, but absolutely hated skipping chapter after chapter saying "I already read this for free on the blog!" Read the parts of the blog that interest you, you will learn everything Benny has to say about acquiring languages. If you have the spare coin and want to support him, then just buy the book, but it's going straight to the shelf! Disappointed in how scammy this feels.

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