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TODAY'S TOP QUESTION: I want to study a foreign language. Can I learn one language more easily than another?

AND THE TOP FIVE ANSWERS:



The simple answer to this question is whichever language is closer to your own. For example, if you're a Spanish speaker, you learn Italian more quickly than German.



I've studied five languages and I didn't learn English as easily as the others. I found it more difficult to learn.



Which are you motivated to learn? The more motivated you are, the easier it is to learn.



I totally agree 😊 And once you've got the basics, find a friend who speaks the language. You'll learn more quickly that way.



Don't forget that once you know two or three languages, it gets easier and easier.

Presentation

Comparison: adverbs

Comparative forms are used to compare two things or people. They are used to:

- say that one thing has more or less of a quality than the other:

You can learn Spanish more quickly than Portuguese.

- talk about change:

They're working harder this term.

We form most comparative adverbs with *more/less* + adverb (+ *than*):

*I can remember words **more quickly** than you.*

*You do homework **less often** than me!*

Some comparative adverbs are irregular and have the same spelling as comparative adjectives:

*good/well → better, bad/badly → worse, far → further,
fast → faster, hard → harder, high → higher, early → earlier,
late → later, soon → sooner.*

(not) as + adverb + as

You can also make comparisons with (*not*) *as* + adverb + *as*. *Not* normally goes with the verb.

*I forget new words **as quickly as** I learn them!*

*I didn't learn English **as easily as** the other languages.*

Comparison: patterns

You can use different patterns to add emphasis to the comparison.

- We use comparative + *and* + comparative to emphasize a process of change:

*It's getting **easier and easier**.*

*She worked **less and less** enthusiastically.*

- Use two comparative expressions with *the* to explain how one thing changes in relation to another:

***The older** you are, **the harder** it is. (= As you get older, it gets more difficult.)*

***The more confident** you feel, **the better** you learn.*

