



# THE LANGUAGE COURSE

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My husband and I lived in an international context for a period of years in South Asia, specifically in India. And during that time, we were very, very interested in studying the language, the local language of the people that lived there. And, so, we began by studying Bengali. And because I was a homemaker, I was able to study Bengali for a full time - what Matt has just briefly explained to you the difference between full time, part time, and survival level - I was able to study at more of a full time pace. Whereas my husband, because he was working for a company and he was unable to focus and put emphasize that much time towards language learning, he was only able to study at a part time pace. So the difference there was just the amount of hours that we were able to focus on the language weekly.

And so, some of us, with whatever job that we have, we might be able to have a full time load of language learning. Others, there's no way if your job constraints do not allow for full time load, you would have to, at that point, determine a part time or survival level learning. But at any rate, if you do have time to learn, we were able to get to a certain point in the language where we could have simple conversations and interact with the local people in their language. And so this is quite a bit beyond just memorizing words and phrases.

So I want to encourage you to think through ***what is the time commitment that you have, that you can give towards learning the new language that you're thinking about.***

