

Transparent Language Online for Libraries

A guide to language learning for
your homeschool student through
your local public library



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Welcome to Transparent Language Online

Welcome! If you're homeschooling but don't speak a foreign language (or speak it well enough to teach it), you're probably looking for ways to engage your student(s) in a language and culture online—we're here to help! We are confident Transparent Language Online can provide homeschool parents and students with valuable and accessible learning materials.

We've put together this guide to help you get started today and make the most of your local public library's subscription to Transparent Language Online.

This guide serves as an introduction to Transparent Language Online, including instructions for accessing the platform, descriptions/recommendations, and solutions for tracking student activity.

But first, let us introduce our platform. We believe a language-learning platform like Transparent Language Online can be a valuable resource for homeschool parents as they help their students learn a new language, or brush up on an existing language:

- We provide learning materials in 110+ languages, including English, Spanish, French, German, Latin, Italian, Chinese, and Japanese. See the full list [here](#).
- Our **built-in curriculum**, carefully crafted by instructors and language experts, can guide your students step-by-step along an appropriate Learning Path, while a wide range of **supplemental content** allows for additional cultural enrichment and customization if desired.
- At the same time, our technology excels at the kind of **interactive exercises** that make memorizing the vocabulary and grammar concepts from this content quick, painless, and even entertaining. **Authentic native-speaker sound** is available at the touch of a button; **grammar** is both integrated into activities and available in external references. We'll even keep track of all the words and phrases your student(s) learns, prompting the them to **refresh** those learned items as needed.
- Finally, the My Transcript Report allows students to **run reports** that can be provided to homeschool parents, and even school districts*, to monitor progress.

** These materials have been used to support instructional programs delivered by Transparent Language and other schools and have been accepted by various states and school districts for grade appropriate credit. However, such requirements are subject to change and interpretation, so Transparent Language cannot guarantee that all school districts will accept these courses for the intended credits. If your district requires additional support or information about these materials before accepting for credit, please let us know and we will work with you to collect and submit such materials.*

How to Access Transparent Language Online Free Through Your Library

Thousands of public libraries around the world subscribe to Transparent Language Online. You can contact your local library directly, or search by zip code [here](#) (U.S. and Canada only) to see if your library participates.

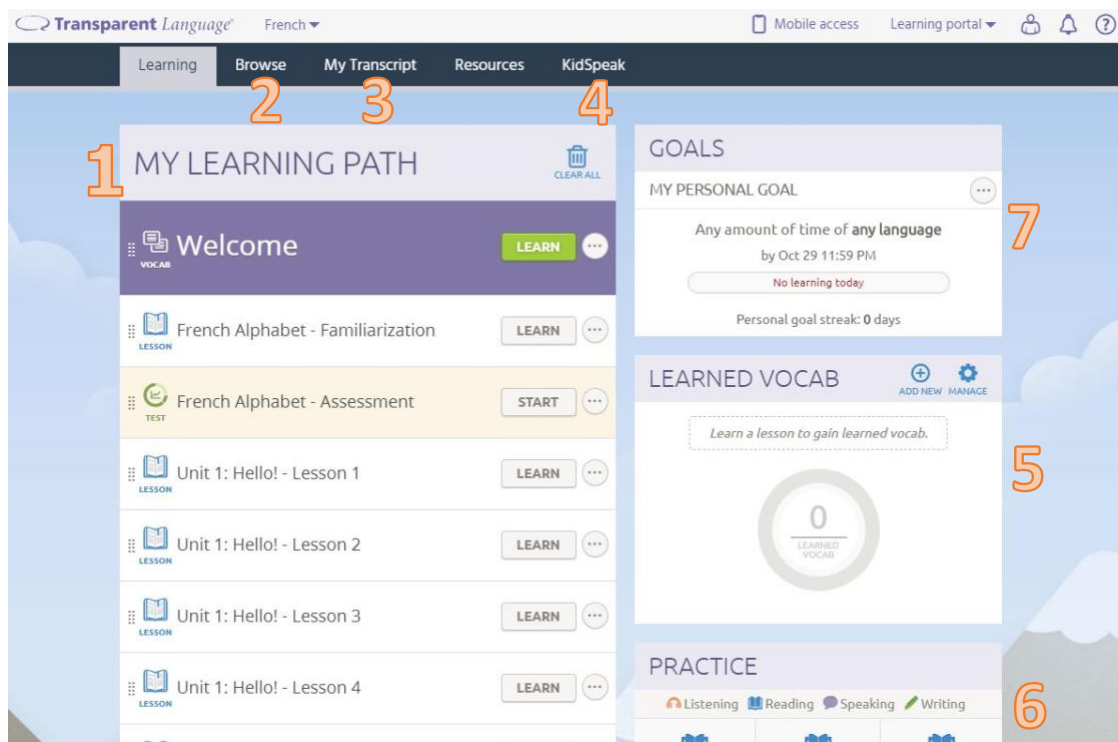
If your library subscribes to Transparent Language Online, follow their sign-up instructions on the library's website to create an account, and provide the instructions to your students so they too can get access. On many library sites, Transparent Language Online will be listed under the "e-resources" or "databases" section.

Note: most libraries will not require an email address for sign-up but may require a library card number. If you or your students do not yet have a library card, give your library a call or send them an email!

Once your user account is created, it can be accessed again at any time through the library's website, or via <https://www.transparent.com/login/>.

Navigating Transparent Language Online

Below is the learning dashboard in Transparent Language Online. We'll point out a few of the features that will help you and your student(s) and provide a brief overview.



1. My Learning Path

When your student(s) log in and select their learning language, the first place they should look is the Learning Path. This is a customizable set of lessons and learning materials. We typically recommend beginner-level content in the Learning Path by default, such as the alphabet course and the Essentials course (more about these in the next section). If there's nothing in the Learning Path, or the materials in the Learning Path are not the right level/fit, your student(s) can find other materials in Browse.

2. Browse

This is a treasure chest of content in the language! Anything found in Browse can be added to the Learning Path by clicking the three horizontal dots next to the lesson name and clicking "Add to My Path".

3. My Transcript

Your student(s) can run a report on all of their learning activity in the platform during a specified time period. So, for example, your student(s) could run a My Transcript Report at the end of each week and download it as a PDF.

4. KidSpeak™

KidSpeak™ is our language learning experience designed for learners age 6 and up. They'll work their way through fun activities and 700+ words with their cartoon "friend" and his or her playful pet. Available in Chinese, English, French, German, Italian, and Spanish.

5. Learned Vocab

Looking for extra ways to engage your student(s)? The Learned Vocab refresh system will keep track of all the words and phrases they learn in Transparent Language Online. Tell them to warm up each day by refreshing their stale vocabulary items (words or phrases they are at risk of forgetting).

6. Practice

For even more practice, we recommend Practice! Choose from *any* learning content in the program and practice any individual skill, including listening, speaking, reading, and writing. This helps students master the skills they struggle with most.

7. Goals

Set a daily goal in just a few clicks. We recommend choosing a goal that feels reasonable, rather than overwhelming. Start with 15 minutes per day and challenge your student to get into a solid daily routine, then build on it when they're ready! The progress bar in the Goals panel will help students monitor their progress, tracking the number of minutes learned and remaining to reach their goal.

If you have any questions or need any help navigating Transparent Language Online, please reach out to us at support@transparent.com. We are here to help!

Popular Learning Materials in Transparent Language Online

Below is a list of some of our popular courses, though offerings differ by language. Next to each course name is the range of grades for whom we think the course is most appropriate.

Alphabet Course (All Grades)

As you might expect, the Alphabet Course teaches the alphabet! Intended for true beginners, these are full-length courses that teach letter names, shapes, and sounds. **Currently available in 20+ languages**; you can learn more about our alphabet courses on our blog [here](#).

Elementary Vocabulary Course (Grades 3-5)

The Elementary Vocabulary Course contains three-levels of content for learners in grades 3-5. The lists offer a sequence of learning steps, presented through a series of small “chunks” that elementary learners can easily master in a short period of time. Each level exposes learners to common, age-appropriate vocabulary topics such as classroom objects, family members, holidays, and hobbies. **Currently available in [English](#), [French](#), and [Spanish](#).**

Teen Voices Course (Grades 6-9)

Teen Voices is intended for learners who are in middle school and high school. The course follows the lives and stories of a series of native speakers and includes culturally rich reading passages in each unit. The course contains common vocabulary topics, functional grammar, and integrated culture. Topics covered include typical school days, chores, and organizing events. **Currently available in [Spanish](#) and [French](#).**

Essentials Course (Grades 9+)

The Essentials course takes high school students on a travel adventure. This course is organized around common situations faced when traveling to a foreign country, such as: getting around the city, eating out, shopping, dealing with money, getting to know each other, and dealing with emergencies. Each lesson contains engaging and increasingly challenging activities that lead towards mastery of the words, phrases, and expressions required to understand and convey the basics for survival and to participate in everyday conversations. **Currently available in 70+ languages, including Spanish, French, German, Italian, Latin, Chinese, and Japanese.**

Conversations Courses (Grades 9+)

The Conversations Courses are perfect for high school learners at the beginner and intermediate levels. These courses focus on daily interactions and dialogues between native speakers, with each unit centering on an authentic conversation, providing meaningful context to the course, introducing the scene, illustrating social and cultural settings, and establishing the framework for the vocabulary and conversations to come. **Currently available in English, French, and Spanish.**

General Vocabulary (All Grades)

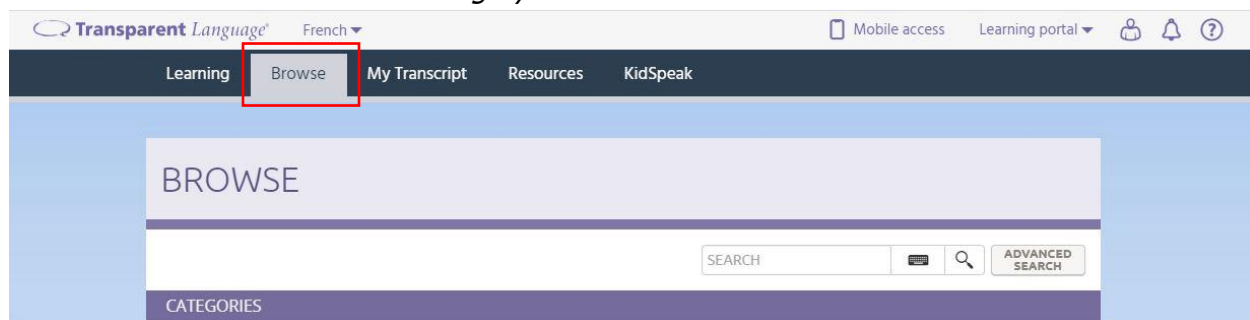
Up to 80+ topical vocabulary lists are available for additional study and to fill in specific gaps in

vocabulary. Topics cover everything from adjectives and animals to weather and verbs.
Currently available in 70+ languages.

Grammar Reference and Grammar Tips (Grades 6+)

Many languages also include a Grammar Reference and Grammar Tips with written and video-based grammar instruction. These materials cover fundamental grammar concepts such as noun gender, adjective agreement, pluralization, conjugation, and case. **Currently available in 30+ languages including Spanish, French, German, Italian, Latin, Chinese, and Japanese.**

Note: All materials/courses, including the grammar resources section, can be accessed through Browse. To find the grammar resources, click the "Browse" tab, and then scroll down to the "Grammar & More References" category.



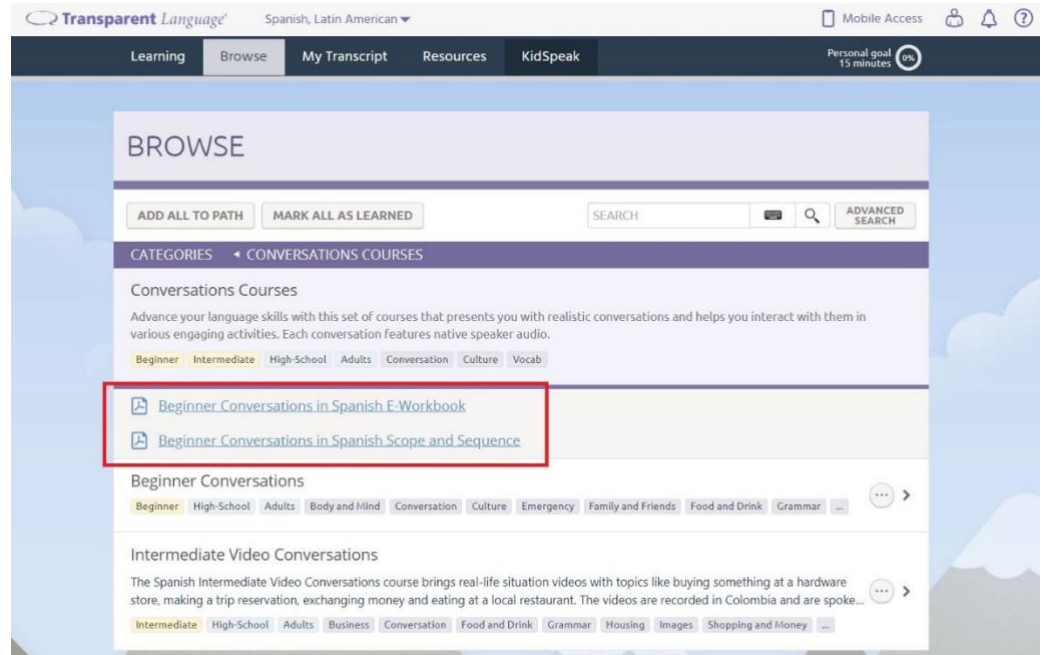
Companion Workbooks & Documents

Note that some of the courses listed above come with downloadable companion workbooks for your student(s), as well as handbooks and Scope & Sequence documents for you.

The **student workbooks** include vocabulary lists and associated activities, such as fill in the blank questions. Downloading/printing these workbooks could be a solution for learners who don't have reliable Internet access at home.

The **instructor handbooks** provide an in-depth overview of course materials, including unit-by-unit breakdowns of what students will learn.

The **scope & sequence** documents provide a very high-level overview of what is covered in each unit (vocabulary, grammar concepts, culture concepts), presented in a quickly skimmable chart.



Other Courses

Certain languages also contain other special courses, including an [Introduction to Latin](#) course that covers 1,200+ vocabulary items and 16 units of grammar. Just check the "Browse" tab to see what's available!

If you have any questions about available materials, please reach out to us at libraries@transparent.com.

Reporting on Student Activity

We know how important visibility is for homeschool parents. Let's dig a bit deeper into the "My Transcript Report" we mentioned above. Below you'll see a sample report.

GENERATED REPORT

MY TRANSCRIPT ◀ GENERATED REPORT

(Print) | (PDF) | (CSV)

Start date: 01/01/2019
 End date: 03/19/2020
 Language(s): French for English

Time on Task *- is as of report end date

Username (Full Name)	Sessions	Assignment Time	Learned Vocab Time	Other Time	Total Time
lauren (Lauren G.)	160	00h 00m 00s	00h 13m 22s	04h 42m 16s	04h 55m 38s

- Assigned
- Total Learned Vocab
- Other

Title (Language)	Status *	Other Time	Assessment Status *
Practice Mode (French for English)	-	00h 03m 55s	-
Adjectives 1 (French for English)	In Progress	00h 09m 47s	Passed - 100%
Adjectives 2 (French for English)	Marked as Learned	00h 07m 11s	Passed - 92%

As you can see, the report includes learning time in Transparent Language Online, broken down by lesson. You'll also see assessment scores and in progress lessons.

Students can run this report in just a few clicks by clicking "My Transcript" at the top of their learning dashboard and selecting a date range and learning language. After generating the report, students can download it as a PDF or CSV, or print it.

Free Resources: Language & Culture Blogs

Transparent Language publishes language and culture blogs in more than two dozen languages. These are freely accessible to everyone, whether you have Transparent Language Online or not.

The blogs cover everything from basic to advanced grammar, current events, holidays, and specialized vocabulary. You can explore the blogs [here](#) and use the search bar to look through 8-10+ years of posts to find what you need and have your student(s) read it. (Note that the blogs do contain some blog posts with adult-level content like curse words or alcohol-related vocabulary. If you are concerned about age-appropriateness, we recommend you link directly to the blog posts you would like your student(s) to read.)

French Language Blog

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French Building Vocabulary

Posted by [Tim Hildreth](#) on Mar 9, 2021



Last week's post got me thinking about French building vocabulary. The buildings people live in, the lives they live there. This week let's look at the language of building. French Building Vocabulary Les immeubles le bâtiment the building, also construction la tour the tower le gratte-ciel the skyscraper le bureau the office, also the desk...

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How else can we help?

If you have questions or need advice, reach out to us at libraries@transparent.com.