Rosetta Stone® Advantage
Getting Started (Learner)
Welcome!

Welcome to the Rosetta Stone Language Learning Suite and the Rosetta Stone Advantage Program!

This document contains a number of useful suggestions for dealing with the program. Take a little time for reading - it will pay off for you!

If you need to change the language displayed on the website, just click on the right top corner “Choose an Interface language” and select the one you want to display.

Once you are in the program the interface language can be changed at any time through “Settings”.

Then click on “Continue” to accept the Terms of Use.

The First Login

When you login for the first time, make sure that the Speech Recognition System can access your microphone through the Flash Player Plug-In.

Please follow the steps described in the box to activate your microphone.

First select “Allow” and “Remember” then click on “Close”. Now you can click “Continue” and proceed to the next step.
Selecting your Course

At the beginning of the program you can choose to work on “Professional Situations” or “Everyday Situations”.

The previous selection can be changed at any time.

The Placement Test

In most cases, when you sign in for the first time, you have to take a placement test. This test allows you to assess your language level and enables you to start on the appropriate level within the Rosetta Stone Advantage program.

When you are ready to take the test, click on “Start the Test”.

HINT: You will be able to compare the results of your placement test with those of the progress test that you will take towards the end of your training period.

The placement test consists of 64 questions with increasing levels of difficulty, which are automatically customized to your language skills over the course of the test.

The placement test takes between 20 to 45 minutes to complete. Please read the instructions carefully before you start the test. Please remember that you will need the headset that you have received in order to complete the test successfully.

Take sure your headset works properly before the test starts or use speakers. During this test, you will have the possibility to listen to the audio questions twice.
Each question has a limited timeframe (a timer is located in the top right hand corner of your screen). When the set time has elapsed, you will not be able to listen to the audio or answer of the question again.

If you cannot answer a question and do not want to take a random guess click [Submit] and proceed to the next question.

Remember, you can pause the test and finish it at another time if you need to. Just close the “question window” by clicking on the “x” at the top right hand corner of the screen.

After the test, the system will determine your level based on the responses you have given. Simply select from the scenarios provided and then click continue so that you can choose which topics you wish to work on.

Here you have the opportunity to check your language level again and if necessary to adjust accordingly.

You can return to this menu at any given time.

Click on [Continue] to proceed to the next step in which you can select one or more topics you wish to work on.
Now select one or more topics of the list you are interested in. If you need further details on the modules (lesson lists, estimated duration...), simply click on the "information" icon on the right of the program or topic title.

**HINT:** We recommend to start with a small number of topics, so your course is not too extensive. The topics you pick now can be modified at any time.

At the end of this activity you will receive a topic summary and the estimated duration of your chosen training program.

Here you can adjust your selection once more or [Confirm].
Home Page

You are now on your Home Page. From here you will be able to access all the program content you have selected previously.

The navigation bar on the left will also give you access to a number of resources and additional services.

HINT: Before you start, it is highly recommended you verify that your microphone is set up correctly. This is important as the assessment of your pronunciation by the speech recognition system is closely related to the clarity of your microphone signal.

Click on the “Settings” menu on the left toolbar and select “Speech Recognition – Microphone settings”.

Follow the three steps described in detail and save your settings.

Additionally you can check the audio settings of your sound card (located in the system settings) if necessary.

Utilizing the speech recognition tool is the best way to take advantage of all the activities and improve your speaking skills. So don’t lose time and check it as soon as you start your language learning!
Language Training

By clicking on the lesson title under the “Current language training” menu on the “Home Page”, you will be able to access the first activity that has not been completed in this lesson.

Simply follow the instruction to know what to do. If you need further information about the activity, click on the “Instructions” (?) button.

**HINT**: In order to make use of the additional tools, right click on the relevant/corresponding button.

Depending on the exercise, grammar explanations, listening or pronunciation exercise, and conjugation lists are obtainable.

Please always navigate back to the overview with the [<]-Button at the top left and not the return button of your browser.
Lessons and Resources – Help

In certain activities, you may need to click on “Check My Answer”. If it’s correct you can click on the “Next Activity” button.

If it’s not correct, try again before clicking on the “Show Solution” button. If you choose to click on the “Show Solution” button, you will be provided with the correct answer, but will not receive any credit for that activity.

If needed, click on the “Sentences…” button in the menu bar above and the translation will be displayed.

When you click on the “Words” button, you can access further information to the words that are highlighted.

**HINT:** If you move your mouse over the various words of the activity you are working on, a green mouse may appear. By clicking on the right mouse button, you will get more information and details.
You can view various conjugation tables by clicking on "Conjugate" and then selecting the verb you want to work on.

To practice your pronunciation click on “Pronounce”.

The Speech Recognition Tool is one of the key components of the Rosetta Stone Advantage program. You can access it from all the activities in order to improve your speaking skills through either of the following two ways:

1. Right click on a word in the screen to access the “Pronounce” button (microphone icon).
2. Or click on the “Additional Tools”, then “Pronounce” and select the word you want to work on.

When accessing the Pronunciation Workshop, you will start by hearing a native speaker pronounce the chosen word or sentence. On the left, you will find the recording control panel. For some of the Virtual Conversation activities, the recording will start automatically. For others, you will have to click on the microphone icon to start the audio recording and move on in the exercise.
Once you have recorded yourself, your pronunciation is analyzed and you will get a score on the right of your screen. This may take a few moments.

The speech recognition threshold is set on “easy” by default, that is to say a score of 3 out of 7 will meet the standard. If your score appears in green, it means you have passed that threshold. In other words, your pronunciation is understandable and meets the “easy” criteria.

**HINT:** Remember that you can practice using this tool as many times as you wish. If you are struggling to pronounce a word or phrase correctly, feel free to move on to another word and come back later to continue practicing the word you have difficulty with.

Please always use the “Lessons” button at the top left of your screen to go back, because using the back button on your browser might cause the course to shut down.
Current Language Training

For more details on the program chosen, click on the “Language Training” tab.

Depending on the choices you made when you first accessed the program, you will see the list of the programs chosen on the left side of your screen. These are organized in a ‘tree diagram’ format.

By clicking on the name of the program, the program outcomes and the list of lessons are displayed on the right side of the screen. For each lesson, you can see how many of the lessons you have completed and got correct. It can also be helpful if you want to work on a specific topic as all you need to do is click on the lesson title to access it.

If you get more than 75% of answers correct, you can presume you have understood and passed the lesson.

You can add new topics at any time during the training. To do so, click on “Add new Lessons”.

Resources

The “Resources” tab allows you to work in a different way. Here you can focus your training on specific points of grammar or topics by selecting the exercises that are most relevant to what you want to focus on.

“Virtual Conversations” for example enables you to improve your language skills through role playing.

The “Conjugate” tab gives you access to extensive conjugation tables.

Expand your vocabulary on culture or other topics by viewing the various topic selections that are available.

These tools are a great way to improve your speaking, listening and writing skills.
Tests

All tests available to you are displayed here with your results.

Please keep in mind that gaining access to further tests can be dependent on the achievement of previous set criteria such as minimum study hours.

My Statistics (Usage and Progress)

Throughout your training, you are able to check how much time you have spent in each section of your program, as well as the distribution per week, the skills practiced and your success rate.

This information can help you decide on your next goals and objectives. By selecting “Lesson Progress Report” in the menu, you can review details for each lesson you have accessed.
Technical Support

Feel free to contact our Technical support team, available during working hours, from Monday to Friday. You can find the email address on your portal, by clicking on the bottom right corner in the “Help menu”.

The program you are currently using is called “Rosetta Stone Advantage”.

How to contact my tutor (optional)

If your language training package includes this option, you have the possibility to contact your language training tutor for questions about the exercises or grammar explanations directly out of your course page.

In order to do this, please click on the envelope symbol on the lesson page.

It is not necessary to name the exact exercise and lesson because of language trainers is automatically given a screenshot of the exercise, from which the request is carried out.

Live-Tutoring (optional)

If your language training package includes this option, you have the opportunity to attend lessons in the virtual classroom.

This hourly held online conversation classes offer you the opportunity to interact with other learners and a language trainer form Rosetta Stone about a given topic. Topics and dates, you can optionally choose directly in your course and mark the desired classes.
**Phone Courses (optional)**

If your language training package includes this option, you have the possibility to participate in a fixed number of telephone trainings. On the left hand side you will find the number of phone course, which you can take or how many you have left.

The selection of the about half-hour appointments and the download of the materials to prepare for the session is done via an in the learning software integrated booking tool.

**Mobile Learning**

*Operating System iOS:*

For Rosetta Stone Advantage there is also an app; called „RS Advantage Companion“. To download the App, just follow the easy steps below or search directly for it in the App-Store.

Note: You can access your course directly from your mobile device via the browser. In this case, the speech recognition is currently not supported.

**Installation of the Advantage app:**

1. Tap in your course on "resources".
2. Than tap on "Download from the App Store".
3. A link will appear that allows you to go to the App Store.
4. You can than download the app.
5. Login with your usual login details.

*Android operating system:*

Lerner with appropriate Smartphones / Tablets can use their course directly via the Internet browser on the device.

Note: The default browser of Android devices is currently not compatible. Please use Chrome or Firefox. The Voice recognition is currently not supported on Android devices.
Best Practices

We do have a few learning tips and best practices for making our products really work for you.

The first is to spend 20-30 minutes per day in the program. We understand your busy schedule. If this isn’t feasible for you right now, just keep in mind that the key here is consistency and frequency. If you can manage 15-20 minutes per day, 5 days a week, that’s going to be much better than just spending 1 hour on the weekends.

Just like learning anything new, the more often you can expose yourself to what you’re learning, the more you’ll be able to retain what you have learned.

Don’t hesitate to schedule your learning session on a calendar; a visual reminder can be very helpful.

Last but not least, make it fun! Your language skills will progress much quicker and more effectively if you enjoy your training!

Please keep in mind:

- Complete **regular and short sessions**, **20-30 minutes** per day is optimal
- Schedule time into your **calendar**
- Find a **language partner** to practice with
- Create opportunities to **use your new language** in your daily life
- **Make it fun!**