



Norwegian -- Learn the Language from Novice to Advanced

-- Section 1: from A1 to A2 --

This course is based on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) which sets standards for what it means to be competent at various levels in second languages. These standards are further elaborated in the National Curriculum for Norwegian and Social Sciences for Adult Immigrants (2012). The national curriculum provides further details to the proficiency levels.

The approach here is communicative, which is to say that learners learn by communicating in the target language from the very beginning. Our end goal is to furnish students with the tools necessary to competently communicate in Norwegian. To achieve this end the training is divided into smaller compartments, and in a communicative setting these smaller bits are referred to as functions. Such functions describe what we are supposed to be able to do with language at a certain stage: greet, make a suggestion, ask a question, write an e-mail, etc. Such functions take precedent over other ways of breaking down a language, even when grammatical markers are still present, along with vocabulary lists and guides for pronunciation.

Each lesson consists of four parts:

- (1) First we give you an introduction to the lesson's learning goals (functions, vocabulary, grammar, culture);
- (2) Then you begin working on a reading or listening assignment: read or listen as many times as you want before you complete the tasks provided with the assignment;
- (3) The third step is to work in more detail with the techniques necessary to master our learning goals: you will be asked to complete smaller tasks, such as filling in the blanks, reordering words in sentences, or answering questions;
- (4) In the final part of the lesson you will bring together your new knowledge of detail with the larger topic in a written or spoken exercise.

All course material is provided for you in your Classroom folder. Make sure that you make a separate copy of your assignment sheet before completing the task and submitting it online. You will be notified by e-mail when your assignment has been reviewed, marked and commented upon. Please study the comments you receive from your instructor carefully: they provide personal and professional guidance that can help you in speeding up your language learning. Learning a new language is useful and interesting. Let's not forget that it should also be fun! So please enjoy your time as a learner of Norwegian. Good luck!

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