Lingo It's never too late to learn a new language

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What can language learning do for you?

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Did you know?

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Dementia can be delayed by up to 5 years by learning a second language! Studies show that language learning can improve attention span, concentration levels, memory and communication!

You don't have to be fluent either... These cognitive benefits begin to take effect after just one week! The power of language learning can double cognitive recovery in strokes

and delay the onset of dementia by 5 years!

It's not just good for the brain...

By putting fun first, our language classes leave behind the boring grammar, endless repetition and mindless memorisation that characterised many people's school experiences of language learning, in favour of a relaxed, informal environment in which students can connect with their classmates, have a laugh and enjoy the journey of linguistic and cultural discovery. But don't just take our word for it! Look what our students say...



Who are we?

A not-for-profit social enterprise using language learning as a therapeutic platform for older adults, including those living with dementia, in care homes, community groups and day centres across Scotland.



Why join the flock?

Accessible

At the very heart of language learning is social connection. There's room for everyone to join in the conversation in our classes, no matter your age, needs or abilities. Our tutors encourage you to enjoy learning through stories, songs, nostalgia or group work. Come and join the flock!

A Lingo Flamingo language class asks you to step into learning culture, not just language! Multi-sensory learning helps you to immerse yourself in the experience. You'll feel like one of the locals while sculpting landmarks, indulging in tasting sessions, belting out tunes in sing-a-longs, trying your hand at arts and crafts, or playing games and taking part in activities.

Interactive

Forget how you learned a language at school... This is language learning done differently! You could be doing a quiz, playing bingo or dancing Flamenco all whilst learning a brand new language: Our tutors put fun first!

Multisensory

Find your language...

Do you fancy yourself a bit of an old romantic? Perhaps you're an art lover, a cheese or wine connoisseur - or even a dedicated follower of fashion? If romance, style and indulgence are your raisons d'être, you might like our French classes! You'll feel like you're wandering the cobbled streets of Paris, ordering the plat du jour with ease in no time!

> If you enjoy sleek precision and having the perfect word for every scenario, you might find your footing in our German classes! A nation of multitude identities, you'll not only learn more about it's bustling cities and invigorating culture, but lose yourself in the soul-stirring scenery of half-timber towns, romantic charm and *Gemütlichkeit* (coziness). You'll soon know your *Bauernfrühstück* from your *Bratwurst*!

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Spain is known as Europe's most passionate country where food and wine are obsessions and landscapes lift the spirit, where music courses through the nation's soul and the good life is lived in abundance. In fact, we Scots swap the drizzle for the sizzle in Spain above anywhere else! If you're a Flamenco fanatic, or fancy yourself to be as passionate as a Spaniard, dive right in to Spanish lessons and vives la vida española...

ve Vita!

"You may have the universe if I may have Italy." So wrote Italian composer Verdi, and he may be onto something. From its food, the envy of the world, to Michelangelo's masterpieces, not to mention the grandeur of Rome, or Renaissance splendour of Florence, the country almost groans under the weight of its own beauty, incredible history and cultural cachet. If you join our Italian lessons, you'll soon know your tuscan torta from your tiramisu, learning the local lingo and giving yourself a taste of that sun-kissed slow life the Italians are famed for.

Lingo News and Developments

If you're interested in learning the ancient language of the Gaels, then Gaelic could be the right choice for you! Think misty glens and scenic islands, traditional music and festivals coupled with a large dose of Scottish heritage! If you fancy engaging in some Skye small talk, then why not give Gaelic a go?



Lingo now includes Gaelic as the latest addition to our language courses! As of 2021, we are proud to support national endeavours to revive and raise awareness for Gaelic language, culture and heritage.

SQA Accreditation

We have been granted Approved Centre Status by the SQA (Scottish Qualifications Authority) for our care home courses. This means that as well as experiencing all the cognitive benefits of language learning, our care home learners will also be able to study for a modern languages qualification in either French, Spanish or Italian at National 2 level. For many, this may be a first formal qualification, underlining our belief that it's never too late to learn!

Song activity

Ciao! Here is a song which contains some colours. Listen to the song and see if you can find them.

Volevo un gatto nero

Ciao everyone! I hope you enjoy

this song. Can you guess any o

he colours? The lyrics are on the next page. 😡

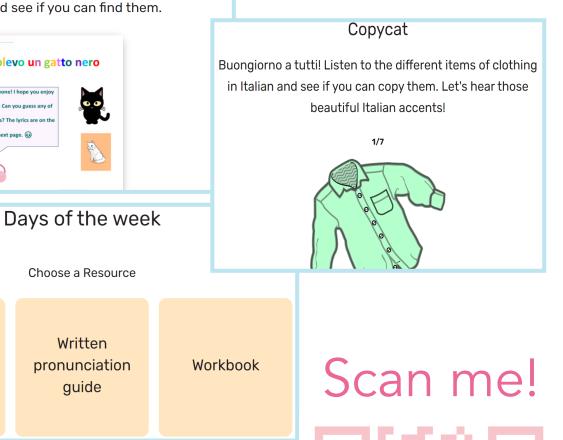
Resources

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The Carers Portal Our exciting online E-Flock Portal now gives carers access to a multitude of interactive foreign language resources. Learners can improve their pronunciation skills by copying native speakers, use our handy pronunciation guides and have fun playing online games or making use of our printable resources. Working in tandem with our bespoke workbooks, our E-Flock Portal gives learners a full, varied and engaging language learning journey!



The E-Flock is Lingo Flamingo's unique online language learning and social platform launched in 2021 to supplement and support the experience of our students in community and care home classes. A space for students to learn, connect and play beyond the classroom. To find out more about our portal, follow the QR code on the right.





Our workbooks

Lingo Flamingo's workbooks are one of a kind: in fact, the world's first tailored portfolio of language lessons designed specifically for older adults and those living with dementia.

Our books are visually engaging, interactive and accessible; full of games, activities, room for note-taking and vocabulary, providing a personal step by step guide to classes.

Gaelic Workbook Lessons 1-10 French Workbook Spanish Workbook Lessons 1-10

Italian

Workbook

Our tutors



Our tutors are speakers of foreign languages who in addition to their language skills, share their knowledge of local cultures and traditions. We provide them with specialised training about working with older adults and adults living with dementia. We teach our tutors how to tailor classes, making the workshops as accessible and engaging for older adults with different abilities and learning styles.

"The moment they tell you something back, you're really engaging... there's a connection, and you're really there with them... and you think, now it's not just me telling you things; now we are doing this together."

"My experience tutoring at the Dementia Resource Centre has been amazing. I created fun and accessible language learning by evoking different senses in a series of interactive activities. I eagerly awaited Tuesdays to go to the centre, where I had a lot of fun together with the class."

Our students say...

"At the beginning, I thought it would have been really difficult, at my age, you don't expect to be able to learn a new language. But the lessons were lovely and we got along very well. It's good to try new things. It was really nice to have our Wednesday mornings together. It was nice to chat to everybody and have something to do and something to look forward to during the week. After the first lesson I wasn't feeling shy anymore, because I knew it would be a lot of fun." "Learning a new language is fun and good exercise for your brain. You meet other people and realise you are not as old as you thought. There's plenty of life out there – go out and meet it and make the most of it."

Betty, 85, Glasgow

How to join the flock

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Visit our website at: www.lingoflamingo.co.uk to find out more information or get in touch via email at: info@lingoflamingo.co.uk You can also give us a call on 0141 328 4094! Book a free language taster class worth £40! Follow the link below to book your taster class in one of our 5 languages!

> www.lingoflamingo.co. uk/book-a-taster-class

Continue on to book your first block of classes and discover the joys of language learning, done differently!

Partners



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