

# Learning Swedish

using a smartphone.

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# Technical background

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Today **smartphones** are easily accessible.

**New tools** and affordances are found.

Language learning:

- Broadening **vocabulary**.
- Improving **grammar**.
- Enhanced **listening** and **speaking** skills.

# Refugee background

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**163 000** applied for **asylum** in Sweden 2015.

Many can **not** attend the states **Swedish classes**.

New technology, **new learning possibilities**.

This is of **interest to** the **host nation**.

# Why is learning Swedish important?

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Open doors to **employment** and to **sociocultural interaction**.

We asked ourselves: “Which smartphone tools do the refugees generally have knowledge of and use to learn Swedish?”

# Method

Qualitative **interviews.**

Restad gård, the  
municipality of  
Värnersborg.



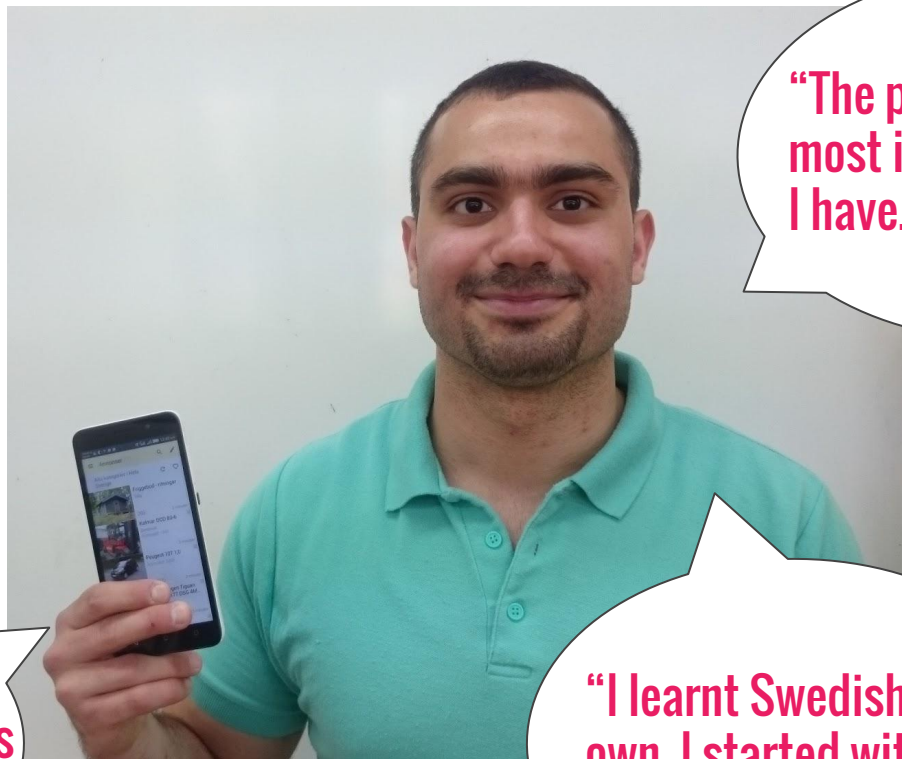
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# Juan, 26

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*From: Syria*

*In Sweden: 9 months*



**"The phone is one of the most important things I have."**

**"Without English or Swedish you have lots of difficulties."**

**"I learnt Swedish on my own, I started with Duolingo."**

# Khansaa, 44

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*From: Syria*

*In Sweden: 4 months*



**“There are not enough resources on the phone to learn a new language.”**

**“I always ask a friend for advice and recommended websites.”**

**“I use it for Swedish and Arabic translation.”**

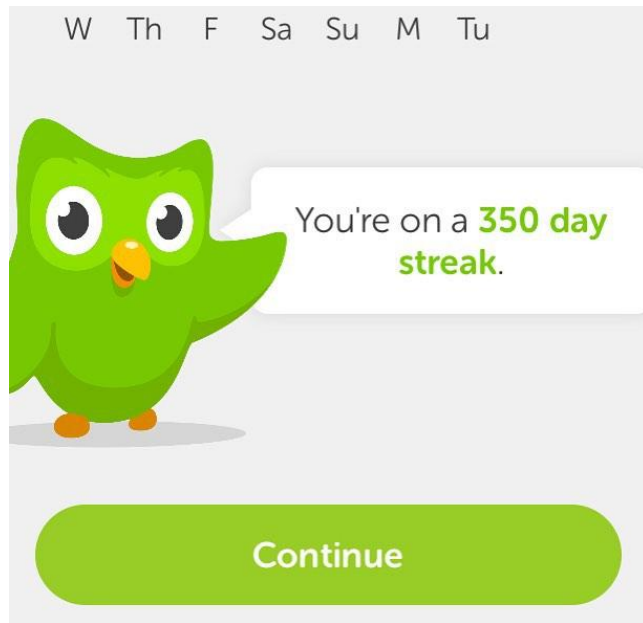
# Mentioned in interviews

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## Mentioned the most:

*Duolingo, Lexin smart.*

**Mentioned by two:** *Podcasts  
and radio.*



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# Conclusions from interviews

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- **Little information** about **language learning** provided.
- **Perception** that there are **not enough tools**.
- **Technology** perceived as **being limited**.
- **Smartphones** affordances **not taken advantage of** fully:
  - Language learning apps.
  - Media in easy Swedish.
  - Collaborative language learning platforms.

# Theory in consideration

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## Affordance:

is a combination of how something can possibly be used in relationship to someone's need to use it.

In the **smartphone** there are some **hidden affordances**.

**Information** is needed **to find use**.

# Conclusion

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**Most people** own a **smartphone**.

The smartphone is an **important device** with **great potentials** for **language learning**.

Language learning can be done for **specific purposes**.

More **information** about online tools **is needed**.

# LEARN MORE SWEDISH WITH FREE ONLINE SOURCES.

*If you'd like to improve your Swedish, check out these free online resources. If you find them useful, make sure to pass them on to other learners. Most importantly, have some fun!*

## GRAMMAR



**DUOLINGO:** [www.duolingo.com](http://www.duolingo.com). The perfect course for beginners, available in both English and Arabic. Learn basic Swedish vocabulary and grammar through fun interactive exercises! \*

**SVENSKA VERB:** [www.taipoint.org/swedish-verbs/en/](http://www.taipoint.org/swedish-verbs/en/). Practice the conjugation of Swedish verbs and learn phrasal verbs through these drill exercises.

## BROADENING VOCABULARY



**MEMRISE:** [www.memrise.com](http://www.memrise.com). The best tool to learn large amounts of vocabulary quickly and efficiently! Choose from a whole array of Swedish language courses and learn thousands of new words. \*



**ANKI:** [www.ankiweb.net](http://www.ankiweb.net). Similar to Memrise, Anki represents an efficient way of mastering new Swedish words. You can either download existing packs of vocabulary or create your own. \*



**INTERNET POLYGLOT:** [www.internetpolyglot.com](http://www.internetpolyglot.com). Internet Polyglot can teach you more than 2000 Swedish words through a variety of games. Available also in Arabic. \*



**FUN EASY LEARN: LEARN SWEDISH 6,000 WORDS.** Acquire an impressive amount of Swedish vocabulary through this very useful free app. Available also in Arabic. \*

## EASY READING, LISTENING AND WRITING



**8 SIDOR:** [www.8sidor.se](http://www.8sidor.se). In easy Swedish is ideal for complete beginners. You can listen to recordings of the articles as well. \*



**SESAM:** [www.sesam.nu](http://www.sesam.nu). Once 8 sidor gets too easy, this magazine in easy Swedish will keep you up to date.



**SVERIGES RADIO: RADIO SWEDEN PÅ LÄTT SVENSKA.** The perfect listening exercise for complete beginners. Listen to slow and carefully pronounced news which are made available as text as well.



**SVERIGES RADIO: KLARTEXT.** Another emission with daily news for Swedish language learners. Don't miss an episode!



**SVTPLAY: NYHETER PÅ LÄTT SVENSKA:** <http://www.svt.se/svt-nyheter-pa-latt-svenska/>. An excellent tool to improve your comprehension, it offers Swedish subtitles for a large part of the programs. News in easy Swedish provide subtitles in Arabic and English.



**LANG-8:** [www.lang-8.com](http://www.lang-8.com). Write a short entry in Swedish and have it corrected by native speakers. In turn, you can correct other users' entries in your native language to help them learn.

For more learning resources, visit <http://www.101languages.net/swedish/swedish-resources/> or <http://www.kreativpedagogik.se/>.

\*Available as mobile app.

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