

Beef up your vocab

If your 2024 goal is to improve your proficiency, vocab is the way.

Proficiency levels have consistently been shown to increase in tandem with vocabulary size.^{1, 2,}
³And studies show that of all factors contributing to language proficiency, vocabulary size is by far the single [most significant factor](#).^{4, 5, 6}

In most cases, you're looking at ~1,000 new words and phrases to level up on the ILR scale.

Approximate Vocab Size by Proficiency Level				
ILR	CEFR	Tschirner et al 2017	Milton 2010	Huhta 2011
3	C1	5000	5000	5000
2+	B2	4000	3500	n/a
2	B1	3000	3000	3000
1+	A2	2000	2000	2000
1	A1	1000	1500	1000

So how are you gonna learn 1,000+ new words?

That's about 20 new words and phrases per week for a year. Completing [weekly Cohort lessons](#) will take care of a good chunk of that.

But there are other ways to really beef up your vocab:

- 1. Add extra vocab from Cohort lessons.**

The vocab activities in each lesson help you master 15ish new words or phrases from the lesson source. But you can add extra vocab from that text. Or from the slide show. Or the comprehension questions. The lesson is your oyster.

Highlight any word or phrase from the lesson and right click to add it to your Learned Vocab. And if you're not sure of the meaning, you can also right click to translate first before adding.

Georgiy Bovt, публицист, политолог:

— Список «друзей и недругов» с годами не меняется. Так, по данным Pew Research Center, во Франции как 15–20 лет назад около трети относились к России положительно (5–58% относящихся негативно). Шведы нас недолюбливали что при Петре I (5–58% к симпатий на уровне 16%, хотя мы у них ничего даже не отняли за последние 20 лет). Франция (5–58% ния пережила в 2010 г. рост симпатий к России (50%), а затем — резкое с падением (5–58% ее 60% немцев относятся к нам негативно).

Многое зависит от человека — насколько он следит за политикой, смотрит политические ток-шоу. При встрече с живым русским такие люди будут находиться под влиянием услышанного по ТВ. А есть те, кому плевать на политику. Они знают про Россию только то, что там президент Путин. Некоторые, возможно, бывали в Питере и считают, что это красивый город. На этом их отношение к России

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2. Add vocab from anything else you read, watch, or listen to.

News articles. Podcast interviews. YouTube videos. Whatever authentic sources you’re consuming in the target language. Import the text into the CL-150 and add any new vocab to your Learned Vocab for future reviewing.

Tip: For audio sources, look for videos/podcasts that include transcriptions that you can paste in. Many YouTube videos include automated transcripts now that you can find in the video description.

Le résumé des annonces d'Emmanuel Macron

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Emmanuel Macron a tenu, mardi 16 janvier, un discours devant le Congrès de l'Assemblée nationale. L'action qu'il entend mettre en œuvre avec son quinquennat. Le président a multiplié les annonces: « régulation de l'usage des écrans, « refondation de la culture commune » à l'école en 2026, opérations « plan naissance » et « plan fertilité » pour relancer la natalité, « plan travail ». Le résumé en vidéo.

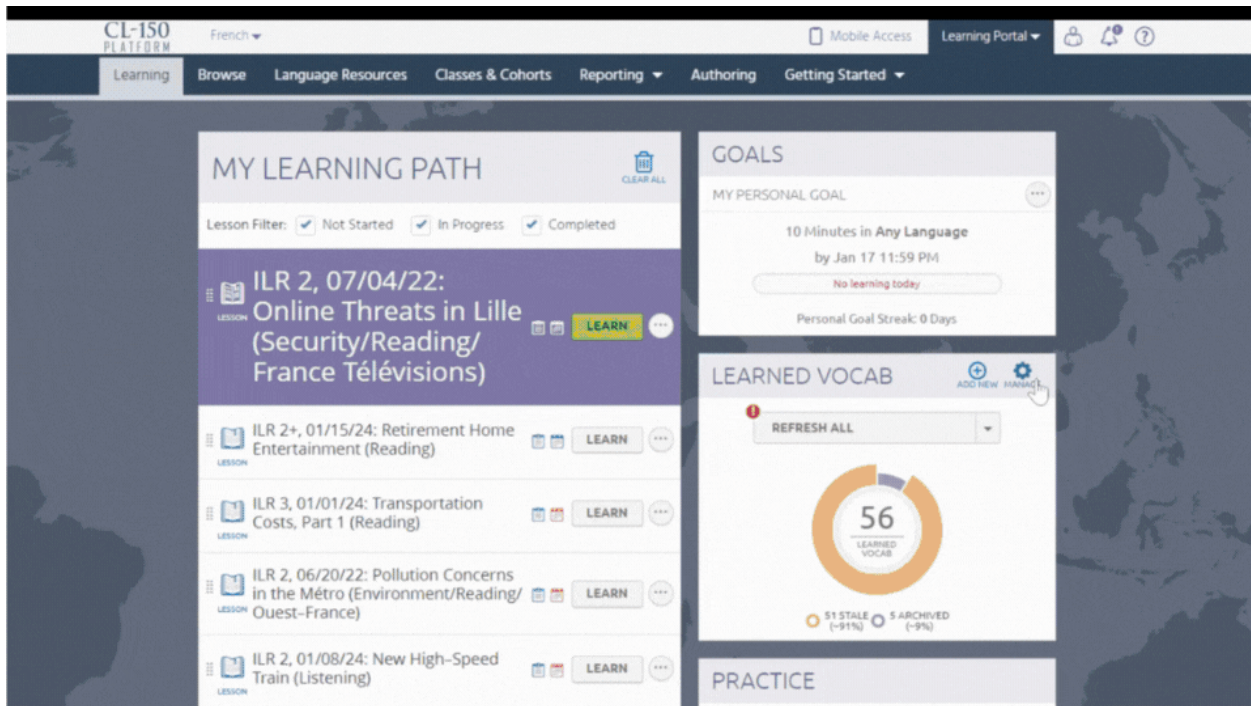
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Follow along using the transcript.

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la France sera plus forte si nous réapprenons à partager des valeurs une culture commune le sens du respect dans les salles de classe dans la rue dans les transports comme dans les

On the Add Learned Vocab screen, look for the “Add from Source” link. There, you can import a text from a URL or paste in a text. Then highlight the words and phrase you’d like to et voilà.

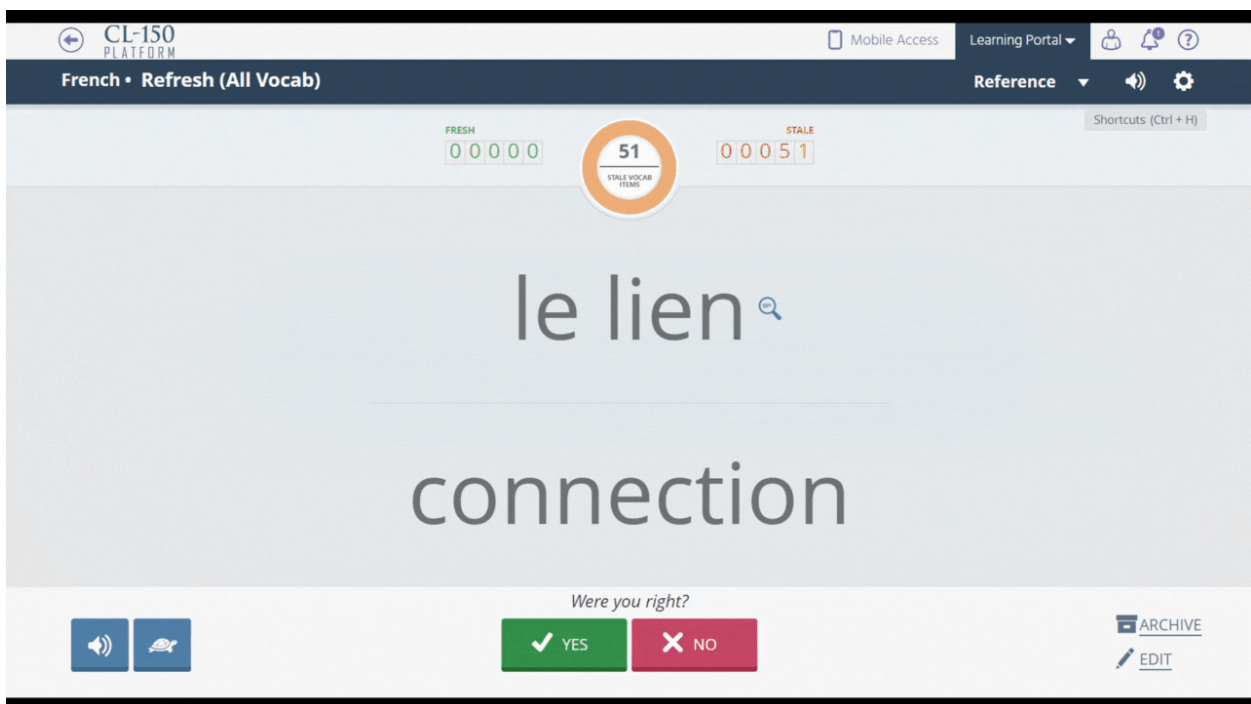


3. Add more context to your vocab.

Building vocab isn't just about adding more and more words. It's about how well you know the words you've already learned. Which is why Learned Vocab refresh exists in the first place!

You can layer on other memory aids to your Learned Vocab. Images. Example sentences. Grammar notes. Whatever helps you remember as you're refreshing.

Edit from the refresh screen by clicking the Edit button in the bottom right on any given word. Or edit via the Manage Vocab screen to edit words in bulk.



Beef up your Learned Vocab now. And stay tuned for an update soon about new and easier ways to refresh it all! 🙄

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