



KEVIN

Actuary

Age 41 - Seattle, WA
Native Language: English
Learning: Vietnamese

DOING

I study vocabulary before international travel.
I use Duolingo to study vocabulary.
I have made flashcards to study vocabulary.
I study 15-20 minutes a day at home.

THINKING

I think knowing words & phrases of the local language is more respectful.
I think daily reminders help remind me to study.
I think writing the words helps me remember them.
I think having a departure date as a goal helps my progress.
I believe that being able to use words & phrases helps me absorb the culture.
I think seeing and hearing words help me remember them.
I think small segments of study time help me fit study into my day.

FEELING

I feel frustrated finding time to study.
I enjoy being able to communicate with the locals.



MAMATHA

Technical Account Manager

Age 49 - Seattle, WA
Native Languages: English, Telugu
Secondary Language: Spanish
Learning: Hebrew

DOING

I am casually learning Hebrew at work for work.
I work for an Israeli company.
My boss says the words and I repeat after him.
I have only used Google translate.

THINKING

I don't think I need to be to be fluent, but to understand conversational Hebrew.
I think it's easier to see and hear the words.
I think it would be nice to communicate with more people in my company.
I think an app should have written and audio elements, and show words in context.

FEELING

I feel like I am making progress.
I feel motivated when I understand or recognize a word.



GLORIA

Missionary

Age 74 - Marrakesh, Morocco
Native Language: English
Learning: Spanish

DOING

I am trying to learn Spanish.
I study with Pimsleur one hour every day. I study with Duolingo a half hour every day.
I study first thing in the morning.
I learn something new every day.

THINKING

I think learning Spanish will help me blend in and understand more while living in Spain.
I think to learn effectively I have to do it every day.
I think studying in the morning is best because the brain is fresh.
I think it is important to exercise the brain to combat aging.
I think Pimsleur doesn't allow advancement as quickly. I have to decide for myself if I'm progressing.
I think learning a language is a good use of screen time.

FEELING

I feel motivated to study every day because of the motivational points and programs in Duolingo.
I enjoy the time spent in the app.
I try not to feel discouraged, stressed or pressured.
I enjoy the validation Duolingo gives me.