

Introduction to Comprehencia

The screenshot shows the Comprehencia website interface. At the top left is the logo 'COMPREHENCIA' with a globe icon. At the top right are language flags for 'eng' and 'de'. Below the logo is a navigation menu with items: '<<', 'Home', 'Word Lists', 'Study', 'Test', 'Pool', 'Datasets', 'Groups', 'My Account', 'Feedback', 'Help', and 'logout'. The main content area starts with 'Welcome, Marc!'. Below this is the heading 'Learn a language for life!'. The question 'What language would you like to learn?' is followed by a dropdown menu showing 'German' and a 'select' button. A 'skip »' link is also present. Two yellow callout boxes provide instructions: one points to the 'select' button, and another points to the 'skip »' link. The footer contains the copyright notice 'Copyright © Dr.M.Busch (2007-2008)'.

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Welcome, Marc!

Learn a language for life!

What language would you like to learn? German

skip »

You can add more languages anytime later. Under **Word Lists** in the menu bar you will find more free content to study. And of course, you can also import and practice your own data sets.

You can skip this step and start to import your own word lists, instead.

On your first login to Comprehencia you can choose a language to learn. A small data set with words of that language is automatically generated to help you get started.

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Your first pool

This is the automatically generated data set.

The screenshot shows the 'My Pools' interface. At the top, there is a header 'My Pools' with a link 'add new pool >>'. Below this, a pool for 'French' is displayed, containing 140 entries and 0% in the learning history. A row of buttons includes 'Study', 'Test', 'Edit', 'Statistics', and 'Delete'. Underneath, there is a section for 'Comprehencia: Start' with a link 'add new dataset >>'. A yellow callout box points to the 'French' pool header, and another points to the 'Comprehencia: Start' section.

This user studies multiple languages: Japanese, English, Spanish, and French. She generated a pool for each language.

The pool "English" contains multiple data sets.

The screenshot shows the 'My Pools' interface with multiple pools. At the top, there is a header 'My Pools' with a link 'add new pool >>'. Below this, several pools are listed: '日本語', 'Französisch', and 'Spanisch'. The 'English' pool is expanded, showing 567 entries and 17% in the learning history. It has buttons for 'Study', 'Test', 'Edit', 'Statistics', and 'Delete'. Underneath, there are three data sets: 'Comprehencia: Start', 'Comprehencia: unregelmäßige Verben', and 'Challenge: Englisch', each with a link 'add new dataset >>'. A yellow callout box points to the 'English' pool header, and another points to the three data sets. A mouse cursor is hovering over the 'add new dataset >>' link for the 'Challenge: Englisch' data set.

The "Pool" is your unique vocabulary in Comprehencia. During a study break you will forget some of the words. But don't worry, Comprehencia helps you get back on track quickly.

There are many more **word lists** you can choose from. Check it out...



Click on „Word Lists“ in the menu bar.

The **Challenge Datasets** for example are large vocabulary lists each with more than 1100 words and example sentences. The entries are divided into levels that are unlocked by passing vocabulary tests.

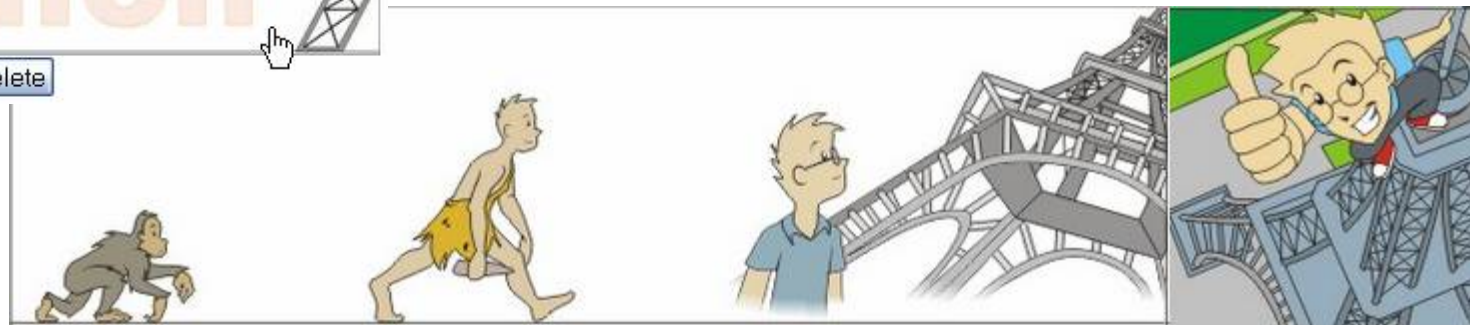
Generate a new pool.



You start a Challenge by importing the words for level 1 into your Pool. Then, study the new vocabulary and when you feel ready, go back to the challenge and try to unlock the next level.

Do you reach the final stage?

The interface shows two columns. The left column is for 'comparer' (French) and 'Deutsch' (German). It has buttons for 'OK' and 'weiß nicht'. Below it is the sentence 'Je compare toujours avant d'acheter.' with a '(bearbeiten)' link and icons for audio and text. The right column is for 'gros' (French) and 'groß' (German). It has a 'nicht gewusst' button and a 'Kommentar' button. Below it is the sentence 'L'éléphant est un gros animal. - Der Elefant ist ein großes Tier.' with a '(bearbeiten)' link and an audio icon. At the top, there are tabs for 'Französisch' and 'Deutsch'. At the bottom, there is a link 'Sätze: verstecken / anzeigen'.



Study with Comprensencia

The image shows a screenshot of the Comprensencia website interface, divided into two columns. The left column displays the word "twelve" with "OK" and "don't know" buttons below it. The right column displays the word "vuelo" with "flight" and "didn't know" buttons below it, and a "comment" button at the bottom. Below the word cards, there are example sentences: "There are twelve months in a year." and "¿Tu vuelo fue agradable? - Did you have a pleasant flight?". A "Sences: hide / show" link is visible between the sentences. A play button icon is located below the second sentence. Several yellow callout boxes provide instructions: "Change the study direction here." points to the "Spanisch / Englisch" language selector; "The words are reviewed one by one. Do you know the translation (OK) or not (don't know)?" points to the word cards; "Here, the correct answer is presented. In case you clicked „OK“ but your answer turned out to be wrong, click „didn't know“." points to the "didn't know" button; "Try to translate the example sentence. Learn other words in context." points to the first example sentence; "Show example sentences" points to the "Sences: hide / show" link; "Listen to a native speaker reading the sentence." points to the play button; and "You can add a comment to each entry, e.g. a mnemonic or a hint on proper use. Simply click on „comment“." points to the "comment" button.

Change the study direction here.

The words are reviewed one by one. Do you know the translation (OK) or not (don't know)?

Here, the correct answer is presented. In case you clicked „OK“ but your answer turned out to be wrong, click „didn't know“.

Spanisch English

twelve

OK don't know

vuelo

flight

didn't know

comment

Sences: hide / show

There are twelve months in a year. (edit)

¿Tu vuelo fue agradable? - Did you have a pleasant flight? (edit)

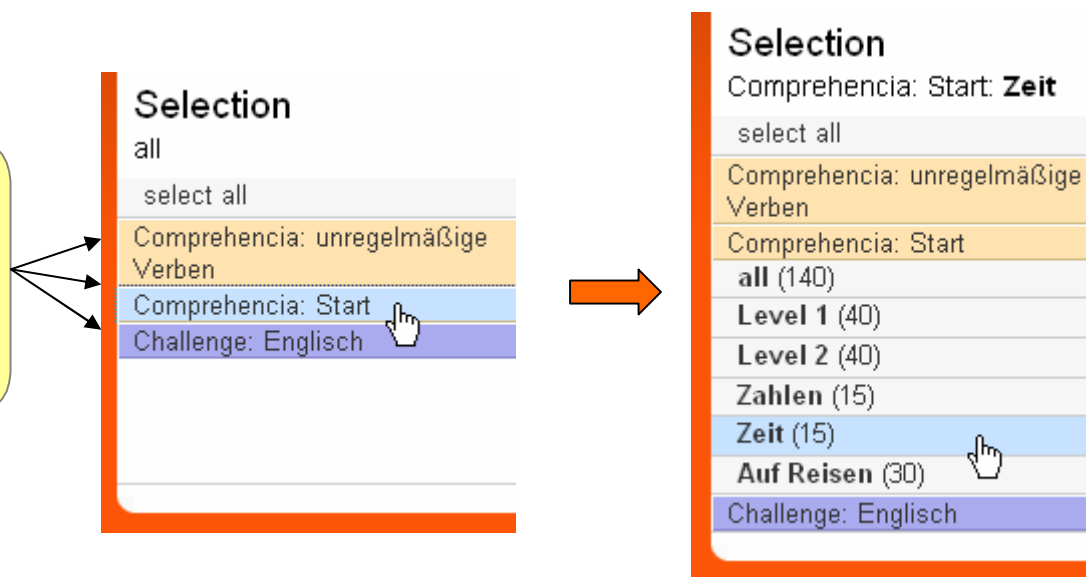
Try to translate the example sentence. Learn other words in context.

Show example sentences

Listen to a native speaker reading the sentence.

You can add a comment to each entry, e.g. a mnemonic or a hint on proper use. Simply click on „comment“.

You can select specific datasets or chapters in the selection area on the left side. The numbers next to the chapters indicate how many entries each chapter contains.



How often and how long should you study with Comprehencia?

When learning a new language you should look for opportunities to utilize what you have just learned. Try to make friends with native speakers, attend good language courses, travel the country or – even better – live in the country for some time. Combine your study with activities you enjoy.

Comprehencia accompanies you during your “study career” and assists you in building a consistent vocabulary, refreshing it anytime and extending your word pool efficiently. Depending on how intensive your foreign language study is just now, it may be enough to use Comprehencia once or twice a week for fifteen minutes.

If you can afford more time, you should use Comprehencia more often. And if you take a study break... Comprehencia makes it easy to pick up learning again after weeks, months or even years.

Vegetarians eat 60 kg meat per year

You don't believe this? You think that vegetarians eat no meat at all? Then have a closer look at the statistics: On average, every German eats 11 kg of chocolate, 66 kg of potatoes, drinks 115 liters of beer and consumes 60 kg of meat - per year. When this is true for the average German, then it must logically apply for the vegetarians in Germany, too.



Well, I have only little hope, that I can fool you with this - your common sense, your gut feeling, your left hemisphere, or perhaps all together tell you quite clearly: **This is utter nonsense.**

But wait, there are others who are using the same reasoning and are very successful.

The flash card system: success beyond logic

The Leitner flash card system is the most widely used method for learning vocabulary. Generations of students have already written words on flash cards, sorted them into five or more folders and studied them according to certain rules. These rules are based on studies on the human memory that the German psychologist Hermann Ebbinghaus carried out in self-experiments at the end of the 19th century. While Ebbinghaus only learned senseless combinations of syllables, his result, the forgetting curve, is now also applied to the study of meaningful vocabulary.

The Leitner flash card system is good... Comprehencia is better

Why? Because it's individually tailored to your needs. Every person is different. Some learn languages seemingly without effort while others never go beyond a basic vocabulary. Some words seem to stick in your memory while others are already forgotten the next day. Ask yourself...



Do you believe that everyone learns with the same speed?

Do you learn every language and each word with the same speed?

金钱 money 母亲 mother 音乐 music 喜 joy 常笑 laugh often

A single system for all people and all vocabulary cannot provide you with your best solution.

Comprehencia can...

10,000 learning curves are better than one

The algorithm in Comprehencia generates and maintains thousands of individual learning and forgetting curves for each user - and each vocabulary item... online and in real-time!

When you study 1,000 foreign language words, Comprehencia creates its own learning and forgetting curve... for each word. You will learn some words faster than others - and some users will learn faster than others. Comprehencia takes all this into account.

It's like you - dynamic, practical, intelligent

Comprehencia also takes into account the times in which you do not learn. If you take a longer study break - whether days, weeks or months - the forgetting curve for all of your vocabulary continues to be evaluated. After the study break, Comprehencia provides your vocabulary in an order that reflects your current state of knowledge and not - as with other learning systems - your knowledge at the beginning of the study break. This enables you to quickly refresh your knowledge and continue your study.

Comprehencia does not serve meat for vegetarians just because the average statistics says so. Your learning experience will be tailored to your individual skills. That makes Comprehencia's learning system unique - as unique as yourself.

What else?

Import your own word lists or word lists from the language courses you attend.

Videos:

<http://comprehencia.com/de/home/video/learn-your-own-vocabulary> (in English)

<http://comprehencia.com/de/home/video/2> (in German)

<http://comprehencia.com/de/home/video/1> (in German)

Are you a teacher? Do you want to share word lists with friends, classmates or your students?

Start a study group in Comprehencia

Video:

<http://comprehencia.com/de/home/video/lehrer-sprachschulen-lerngruppen> (in German)

Edit vocabulary lists online, view your learning statistics, multiple-choice tests, writing tests, group message boards...

Do you have questions, suggestions, comments? Send an email to: Marc@comprehencia.com