

Learning in your 2nd language

Connect with your community



Connect with others who are also learning in a second language. You can share your strategies for success and learn from each other!

The [ISS Buddy Program](#) can help with linguistic support, cultural guidance, and information about life at McGill.

[McGill International Student Network](#) plans events and trips and offers opportunities for language sharing.

Utilize cooperative learning



Cooperative learning is when you work with others in a collaborative, supportive environment to practice language or other learning activities, give and receive feedback, and problem-solve together.

Peer tutoring: learn with the intent to teach others the material; you will help others with the material and understand it better yourself.

Jigsaw technique: split up into small groups or pairs where each member assumes responsibility for a task, then come back together to share what you have learned.



Practice effective learning strategies

When you study individually, use [active learning strategies](#) to engage yourself in your learning process.



Questioning: ask yourself what/how/why questions about the material and answer them to confirm your understanding. Doing this supports your comprehension of the material.

Elaboration: connect new knowledge to prior knowledge on the subject by talking through the material aloud or in writing; this supports longer-term retention of the material.

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