

Category I: 23-24 weeks (575-600 hours)

Languages closely related to English

AfrikaansDanishDutchFrenchItalianNorwegianPortugueseRomanianSpanishSwedish**Category II: 30 weeks (750 hours)**

Languages similar to English

German**Category III: 36 weeks (900 hours)**

Languages with linguistic and/or cultural differences from English

IndonesianMalaysianSwahili**Category IV: 44 weeks (1100 hours)**

Languages with significant linguistic and/or cultural differences from English

AlbanianAmharicArmenianAzerbaijaniBengaliBosnianBulgarianBurmeseCroatianCzech*Estonian*Finnish*GeorgianGreekHebrewHindi*HungarianIcelandicKhmerLaoLatvianLithuanianMacedonian*MongolianNepaliPashtoPersian (Dari, Farsi, Tajik)PolishRussianSerbianSinhalaSlovakSlovenianTagalog*ThaiTurkishUkrainianUrduUzbek*VietnameseXhosaZulu**Category V: 88 weeks (2200 hours)**

Languages which are exceptionally difficult for native English speakers

ArabicCantonese (Chinese)Mandarin (Chinese)*JapaneseKorean

* Languages preceded by asterisks are usually more difficult for native English speakers to learn than other languages in the same category.