

Objective

By the end of this lesson, the student will be able to navigate the Duolingo Swedish course, understand basic Swedish vocabulary and grammar, and engage in simple conversations in Swedish.

Materials and Prep

- A computer or mobile device with internet access
- A Duolingo account with the Swedish course activated
- A quiet study space
- No prior knowledge of Swedish required

Activities

- Complete the Duolingo Swedish placement test to determine the student's current level of proficiency.
- Begin with the Duolingo Basics section to learn the foundations of Swedish pronunciation, greetings, and basic phrases.
- Progress through the Duolingo lessons, practicing vocabulary, grammar, and sentence structure.
- Engage in the Duolingo speaking exercises to practice pronunciation and conversation skills.
- Supplement the Duolingo lessons with additional Swedish language resources, such as Swedish movies, music, or online articles.

Talking Points

- Art: "Learning Swedish can open doors to exploring Swedish art and culture. For example, you can learn about famous Swedish painters like Carl Larsson or Anders Zorn. What other Swedish artists would you like to discover?"
- English: "Studying Swedish can enhance your English skills too. Did you know that English and Swedish share many common words? Can you think of any Swedish-origin words used in English?"
- History: "Sweden has a rich history, from the Vikings to modern times. Learning Swedish can help you understand historical documents and explore primary sources. What historical events or figures from Sweden interest you?"
- Math: "Swedish mathematicians have made significant contributions to the field. Can you research and share a famous Swedish mathematician and their achievements?"
- Music: "Swedish music is known worldwide, from ABBA to Avicii. Learning Swedish can help you appreciate Swedish lyrics and understand the cultural context of Swedish songs. Can you find a Swedish song you enjoy and share the lyrics in both Swedish and English?"
- Physical Education: "Swedish culture values physical activity and outdoor pursuits. Can you research and describe a popular Swedish sport or outdoor activity?"
- Science: "Sweden is at the forefront of scientific research. Can you find a Swedish scientist who has made significant contributions to a scientific field and share their discoveries?"
- Social Studies: "Explore Swedish society and its values. What are some key aspects of Swedish culture, traditions, or social norms that you find interesting?"