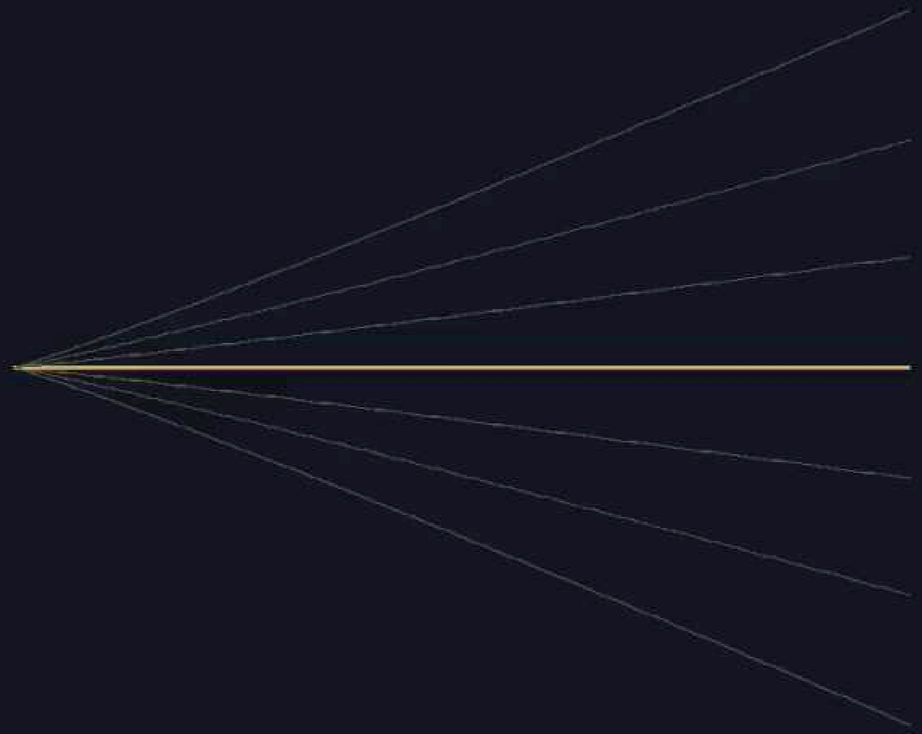
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ESPR 101 B · Introduction to Esperanto (Brief course)

**Lecture 6 · about 8 min**

# Conversation, Culture, and Reading



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## This lecture

- Greetings and phrases
- A dialogue
- Culture and community
- Reading and next steps

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We then look at the culture of Esperanto: its literature, its symbols and festivals, its congresses and travel network,

## Greetings

| Esperanto | English |
| --- | --- |
| Saluton! | Hello! |
| Bonan matenon! | Good morning! |
| Bonan vesperon! | Good evening! |
| Ĝis revido! | Goodbye! |

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Notice the accusative n: these are short for I wish you a good morning. Ĝis revido means goodbye,

## Useful phrases

| Esperanto | English |
| --- | --- |
| Kiel vi fartas? | How are you? |
| Mi fartas bone. | I am well. |
| Mi nomiĝas Gary. | My name is Gary. |
| Bonvolu. | Please. |

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Dankon means thank you, and ne dankinde, not worth thanks, means you are welcome. Bonvolu means please.

## A dialogue

- Saluton! Kiel vi nomiĝas?
- Mi nomiĝas Ana. Kaj vi?
- De kie vi venas?
- Mi venas el Brazilo.

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Jes, mi lernas ĝin jam du jarojn. Bonege!

## Notes on the dialogue

| Esperanto | English |
| --- | --- |
| de kie | from where |
| ĉu | yes or no question |
| ĝin | it, as object |
| bonege | excellent |

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Yes, I have been learning it for two years already. Excellent!

## Phrases for learners

| Esperanto | English |
| --- | --- |
| Pardonu. | Excuse me. |
| Mi ne komprenas. | I do not understand. |
| Bonvolu paroli malrapide. | Please speak slowly. |
| Kion signifas tiu vorto? | What does that word mean? |

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Kion signifas tiu vorto? means what does that word mean?

## Literature

- Zamenhof's translations: Hamlet, Andersen, the Bible
- Kalocsay and Baghy
- William Auld: La Infana Raso
- Original and translated works

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The Hungarian poets Kalman Kalocsay and Julio Baghy, and the Scottish poet William Auld, author of La Infana Raso,

## Media

- Thousands of books
- Monato news magazine
- Music of many styles
- Vikipedio and podcasts

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There is music in every style from folk to rock and rap, and there are films, podcasts,

## Esperanto culture in words

| Word | Meaning |
| --- | --- |
| krokodili | to speak your own language at an Esperanto event |
| komencanto | a beginner |
| samideano | a fellow Esperantist |

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A beginner is a komencanto, and an enthusiastic old hand may be called a samideano,

## Symbols and festivals

- The green star
- Green and white flag
- Anthem: La Espero
- Zamenhof Day, 15 December

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The anthem is La Espero, The Hope, a poem by Zamenhof.

## Meeting in person

- World Congress since 1905
- Youth congresses and courses
- Local clubs
- Pasporta Servo, since 1974

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Pasporta Servo, a hosting network founded in 1974,

## Esperanto today

- Online courses: Lernu, Duolingo
- Daily practice online
- Native speakers in some families
- A living community

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A small number of children, often called denaskuloj, grow up speaking Esperanto as a native language in mixed families.

## The debate

### Critics say

- European vocabulary
- English already dominant

### Supporters reply

- Far easier to learn
- Neutral among nations

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English, not Esperanto, has become the world's common second language.

## The propaedeutic question

- Does Esperanto help later languages?
- Some small studies say yes
- Evidence limited
- An open question

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but the evidence is limited and the studies are not conclusive.

## Rewards of Esperanto

- A worldwide network
- A unique literature
- A clear model of grammar
- Friendship across borders

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and a clear model of grammar that makes other languages easier to understand.

## A reading

- La lernejo estas granda kaj bela.
- Ĉiu lernanto havas libron.
- La instruisto parolas Esperanton bone.
- Morgaŭ ni legos novan libron kune.

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Mi ŝatas lerni, ĉar la lingvo estas facila kaj logika.

## Points to notice

### Esperanto

- lernejo, lernanto
- libron, novan libron
- ĉiu
- legos

### Grammar

- built with ej and ant
- accusative n
- correlative: every
- future in os

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Notice lernejo and lernanto, the accusative in libron, the correlative ĉiu, and the future legos.

## Three big ideas, revisited

- Regular endings
- Word building with affixes
- A living community

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and eg give a large vocabulary from a small one.

## Where to go next

- Lernu and Duolingo
- Graded readers
- Clubs and online groups
- Congresses and Pasporta Servo

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and consider attending a congress or using Pasporta Servo when you travel.

## Exercise

Write five sentences

Use is and os

Check every n

Then the quizzes

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Dankon, and thank you for studying Esperanto 101 B with Anderson Academy.

## Pay it forward

- Be of service to humanity
- Tell us how you did it
- Email or a post on X
- Full compensation

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