



BETHLEN GÁBOR
HUNGARIAN LANGUAGE SCHOOL

1. Why do you learn Hungarian?
2. Whom do you recommend the course?
3. What is your study technique?
4. What have you learned about the language/culture?

Here are the answers:

1. Why I have decided to improve my language skills in Hungarian is a combination of a few different reasons. Firstly, I am very active in the Hungarian community and have many friends within the community. My best friends are Hungarian, my worst enemies are also Hungarian. The Hungarian community has many different factions and I am associated in those micro communities in a variety of ways.

Secondly, my Father is Hungarian and has always instilled in us his children a strong emphasis in having a belonging within the community. Thirdly, I love exercising my mind and learning new languages. I can greet people in approximately 30 different languages. I can speak about 30 different phrases in punjabi for example. Anything that I can do to keep the wheels turning upstairs appeals to me, and learning more about other languages and cultures, particularly my own, is just the ticket.

The answer to question 2, whom do I recommend the course? I recommend the course to people who like myself who have Hungarian parents who for one reason or another did not learn the language through them. Secondly, I recommend the course to those who are involved in a relationship with someone who is Hungarian. Thirdly, I recommend the course to those individuals who understand the global significance of Hungary joining the EU and the wonderful English/Hungarian business opportunities that could be realized. I myself for example have entertained the possibility of dual citizenship with an eye on the bigger picture of being a citizen of Europe. I discussed this issue with Bela Balazs, the former consul approximately 15 years ago.

Question 3, my study technique: Is terrible, I basically show up for class when I can and have as much fun as possible without being arrested or thrown out of class! Beautiful, Love it, the way I have always been with whatever I do in life and no future plans to change my course.

Question 4: What have I learned? I have learned what a caring and dedicated person Eva Bezdek is and what a Gem the Hungarian community has to have such a wonderful person representing them in teaching other people this beautiful language. Secondly, I have improved my speaking and reading ability dramatically. I have a much greater understanding of some of the root Hungarian words and sentence structure.

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