HOW DO I FIND POWERSPEAK LANGUAGES?

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DESCRIPTION:

Powerspeak Languages is an online interactive language learning tool tailored specifically to each language and its culture to use whether you want to learn a language for school, business, personal enrichment, or to get ready to travel abroad. Based on the methods of linguist Dr. Robert Blair, a gradual immersion will take the user from their native language to a new one through a series of stories, activities and innovative learning tools. The languages covered are: Spanish, French, German, Italian, Russian, Mandarin, Japanese, Korean, Inglés (ESL), and Mandarin (ESL). Speakers or earphones are necessary.

The format is user-friendly and you can always go back or change course at any time. Learners can check their answers, track their progress; stop, skip, or replay. The range of learning styles engages users of all ages and skill levels in an informal manner while giving images and cultural notes. Information and activities are spoken and in text form. The exercises are varied, some require putting your cursor on the answer and simply moving it into the correct slot. If a word or phrase is shown in blue in the script, you can click on it to get the translation. Everything is provided with no software to download.

Activities include visual activities, listening exercises, speaking practice, drag and drop games, stories and various other techniques to empower the student in their learning practice.

How to Begin:

As you move your cursor down the list of languages, a picture characteristic of the country will appear. Stop at the language you want and under the picture Click to begin. The next page will begin the first unit of the course and you can start by clicking on the (int) introduction under Lesson to begin your journey. Moving your cursor down the lessons will show you the number of activities and content that are included in each activity of the unit.

Throughout the course, you can click the ? icon (in the upper right corner) for instructions anytime you are not sure how to complete an activity.
After you begin, at the bottom of each page, you will see this bar with four options that will help you to do what you want to do. **Previous Activity** will take you back to the activity just before this one. **Restart** will restart you at the beginning of the activity you are working on. **Autocomplete** will place the answers in the correct positions if you are having difficulty. **Next Activity** will move you on to the activity next in line. You can login to save your information.

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