

Read and listen a lot!

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When studying Czech, I was drowning in grammar. I spent long minutes with putting a normal sentence together – which was still full of mistakes. Then I started reading and listening a lot. I put full sentences on my flashcards instead of words. After a while, I noticed that I don't have to think when applying grammar. E.g. I just make the accusative form instinctively! My brain recognised the patterns in the structures and successfully applied them when making my sentences.

I'm sure something very similar has already happened to you, too, even if you're a complete beginner. Think about vowel harmony and how strange it seemed first. Then in a very short period of time, you used it instinctively, right? When you accidentally said 'éteremban', it sounded wrong, and you almost immediately corrected yourself to 'éteremben'. Did you have similar experience? That can happen to more advanced grammar points if you get a lot of input, e.g. you read and listen a lot.

It's so much easier when you store the language in chunks (phrases or sentences) because these are the ones you want to use in communication. If you store words, you have to make them a sentence before saying them. You have to apply all the grammar rules needed plus to make the correct word order. It takes much more time to put them together than just saying the sentence that was ready-made in your mind. How to pick up those chunks to store? Read and listen a lot! And then use grammar instinctively!

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Reading a lot can also help you with the tricky Hungarian word order. There are some rules that are quite straightforward, e.g. word order in negative sentences or in questions. Then, there are the 'tendencies' - that's what I call them - where the order is flexible but, of course, you are not allowed to put words in any positions. The best way to acquire Hungarian word order is getting a lot of input. That means you have to read and listen a lot.

All in all, just read and listen, and read and listen, and you'll learn Hungarian in no time. 😊

What do we need?



Listen and read!



How much do we
need it?



A lot!

