



# NEWSLETTER

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## Did you know...?

- Allez voir l'exposition de Leonard de Vinci au Louvre! <https://www.louvre.fr/en/expositions/leonardo-da-vinci>
- New in the summer program: Storytelling Theater - Building Community and Global Skills. International and local students can share their stories and improve their English. Please pass on the news & stay tuned!

## A chat with ...

### Abdellatif Allatif from Syria

#### Could you introduce yourself to our newsletter readers?

My name's Abdellatif Allatif and I'm from Syria. I completed my Master's degree in Political and Islamic Studies at the University of Tübingen, and have enjoyed teaching Arabic for around 15 years.

#### Why do students learn Arabic? What is their motivation?

There's both general and individual reasons. General: Over the last 10 years, I've observed an increasing interest in people wanting to learn Arabic. On the one hand, due to political events and economic interests from the EU, the Arabic world is growing in importance. On the other hand, the students' interest in learning Arabic is often linked to their studies (Ethnology, Political or Economic Studies, Middle Eastern Studies). Individual: Some students have an Arabic partner or friends in Germany, especially since the wave of Syrian refugees in 2015. Others have relatives or friends in Arabic countries, and others are simply captured by the charm of the Orient and by the charming language.

#### What's easy and what's difficult about the Arabic language?

Many think that writing in Arabic would be difficult, but as the Arabic alphabet consists of 28 letters, it's a small obstacle that can be quickly conquered.

Some learners confuse short and long sounding vowels, and some confuse visually similar letters of the alphabet.

The logical structure of the language is simple. In my experience, learners with no prior knowledge of the language can read, write and even speak Arabic after just 14 45-minute lessons.

#### Could you share an Arabic saying with us?

العلم نور

which means "Knowledge is light".

**So readers, find out more for yourselves by registering for our [Arabic courses](#) in the summer. Thanks Abdellatif for taking the time to provide us with this insight.**



Abdellatif Allatif with his Arabic I course

Source: Hyner



## English Language Courses for Employees

Are you a Tübingen University employee looking to refresh or improve your English? Well, look no further! The Foreign Language Center offers English courses specifically tailored to your needs.

### Our employee courses:

- are taught in small groups, by trained native speaker teachers,
- have a communicative approach,
- are offered at various levels: CEFR A2-C1.

Upon request, we can also offer diverse workshops and crash courses.

**Happy & motivated employees in their English course with their teacher Marc Strain**



Source: Strain

For more detailed information, please visit our homepage:

<https://uni-tuebingen.de/16633648>

Or don't hesitate to contact the FSZ team with your inquiry:

[bsk@fsz.uni-tuebingen.de](mailto:bsk@fsz.uni-tuebingen.de)

### What the course participants have to say...

"It's very helpful for me to speak fluently with colleagues."

"The familiar atmosphere and small group size is amazing."

"I think it's great that the University of Tübingen provides the opportunity to further improve my language skills something which I didn't want to miss"

### TIP

#### Lessons and Carols

Sing beloved hymns and carols, hear the Christmas story and celebrate a traditional English Advent carol Service.

When: 18th December, 7pm

Where: Stiftskirche, Tübingen

More information:

[https://www.stiftskirche-tuebingen.de/Gottesdienst/Lessons\\_and\\_Carols.html](https://www.stiftskirche-tuebingen.de/Gottesdienst/Lessons_and_Carols.html)

### DID YOU KNOW..?

Tübingen employees can also attend courses in our regular student programme - we have courses in nine languages!



## Sei buoni motivi per studiare l'italiano

L'italiano non è solo una delle lingue più importanti fra le lingue europee, è soprattutto una delle più amate e studiate al mondo. Ecco cosa hanno risposto gli studenti del Fremdsprachenzentrum alla domanda perché studi l'italiano.



« per andare in vacanza »

Tamara Schneider  
Laureata in Giurisprudenza



« per conoscere la cultura  
e le tradizioni italiane »

Annika Schönsiegel  
Studentessa di Farmacia

« per parlare con gli  
italiani »

Sophie Engelhardt  
Studentessa di Medicina



Chiara Panicucci  
Lektorin für Italienisch am FSZ

« per piacere »



Marlene Schilling  
Studentessa di Filosofia

« per partecipare al programma  
Erasmus o a uno scambio culturale »

Selina Weiermann  
Studentessa di Musicologia e di Economia

« per motivi professionali »

Massimo Leonardi  
Studente di Economia

Andrea Bocelli - Tu Scendi Dalle Stelle

## L'Italiano che passione!

### TIP

Se volete rinfrescare le vostre conoscenze di italiano, il FSZ offre corsi intensivi durante le vacanze tra i due semestri: cliccate su

<http://www.uni-tuebingen.de/de/55423!>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IISKxHx1wfw>





## Mad Libs - The World's Greatest Word Game

(Gather words from friends. Fill in the blanks, then read the result out loud.)

1. _____ emotion	2. _____ verb (infinitive)	3. _____ woman's name	4. _____ noun	5. _____ exclamation
6. _____ adjective	7. _____ noun (plural)	8. _____ ordinal number, e.g. 1 <sup>st</sup>	9. _____ noun (plural)	10. _____ adjective
11. _____ noun (plural)	12. _____ adjective	13. _____ adverb	14. _____ noun (plural)	15. _____ verb
16. _____ noun	17. _____ noun (plural)	18. _____ verb (3rd per. sing)	19. _____ color	20. _____ color
21. _____ adjective	22. _____ number	23. _____ adjective	24. _____ adjective	25. _____ noun (plural)

### X-mas in NYC

At Christmas time we have a tradition that I (1) \_\_\_\_\_. Ever since I could (2) \_\_\_\_\_, my Aunt (3) \_\_\_\_\_ has taken us to see the Macy's Santa. We take the (4) \_\_\_\_\_ into Manhattan and everyone says (5) \_\_\_\_\_ when we see the streets and shop windows covered with (6) \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas (7) \_\_\_\_\_. Then we take the elevator up to the (8) \_\_\_\_\_ floor, to Santa-Land.

Santa-Land is decorated with giant (9) \_\_\_\_\_ and has (10) \_\_\_\_\_ music and grownups dressed up as (11) \_\_\_\_\_, who help Santa. These helpers are (12) \_\_\_\_\_, but also strict about the rules, which they tell us as we wait in line. They tell us we have to behave (13) \_\_\_\_\_ or Santa won't give us any (14) \_\_\_\_\_ for Christmas. We have only two minutes to do something for Santa—usually I (15) \_\_\_\_\_. Then I sit on his lap and can tell him what I would like for Christmas. Once I asked for a/an (16) \_\_\_\_\_, but got (17) \_\_\_\_\_ instead, but usually I get what I've asked for.

Although Santa always (18) \_\_\_\_\_, wears a (19) \_\_\_\_\_ suit and has a (20) \_\_\_\_\_ beard and (21) \_\_\_\_\_ belly, I don't think he is always the same Santa. Now that I'm (22) \_\_\_\_\_ I feel a little (23) \_\_\_\_\_ going there and sitting on his lap, but I think I'll continue this (24) \_\_\_\_\_ tradition with my own (25) \_\_\_\_\_ someday.

#### TIP

Did you have fun with this Mad Lib? Then check out the official website for more: <http://www.madlibs.com/>



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