





- **Talk a LOT!** Talk to your teacher, your classmates, or the waiter at the restaurant. Take advantage of every opportunity to practice speaking.
- **Repetition.** Try to use what you learn in class right away, and use it regularly.
- **Don't be afraid to make mistakes!** You WILL say things incorrectly in the beginning. It's all part of the learning process!
- **Practice, practice, practice!** You can practice anytime, anywhere. Even if you are not reading, writing, or doing homework, you can make a conscious effort to practice.
 - Practice saying new words out loud
 - Find a Polish radio station or look for songs on YouTube
 - Try watching a movie in Polish
 - Go to public events and experience the culture

Most importantly, **HAVE FUN**! Learning a new language opens up many new doors for both professional development and new social experiences. Take advantage of all the opportunities that this will bring your way!

Here are a few free resources for practice:

- Websites:
 - BBC Languages: <u>http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/polish/</u>
 - Polish Radio: <u>https://tunein.com/radio/languages/?attributes=filter%3Dl107</u>
 - Polish Travel Vlog: <u>https://www.youtube.com/user/HaloTurcjaBLOG</u>
 - Polish Podcasts: <u>https://www.polishpod101.com/</u>
 - University of Chicago Elementary Polish Course: <u>http://faculty.las.illinois.edu/gladney/Elementary_Polish/Start.html</u>
- Cell phone apps:
 - o <u>Duolingo</u>
 - o <u>Babbel</u>