Tips and interactive ways of learning English

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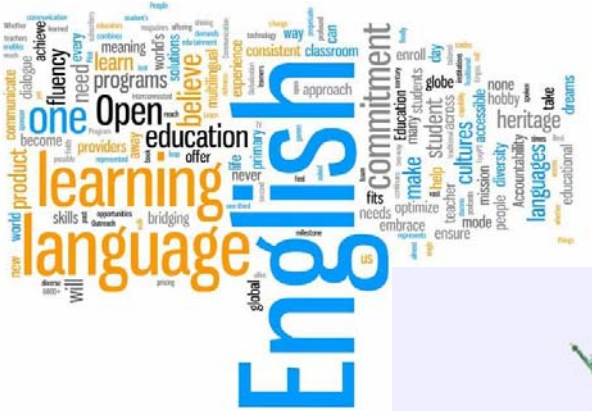

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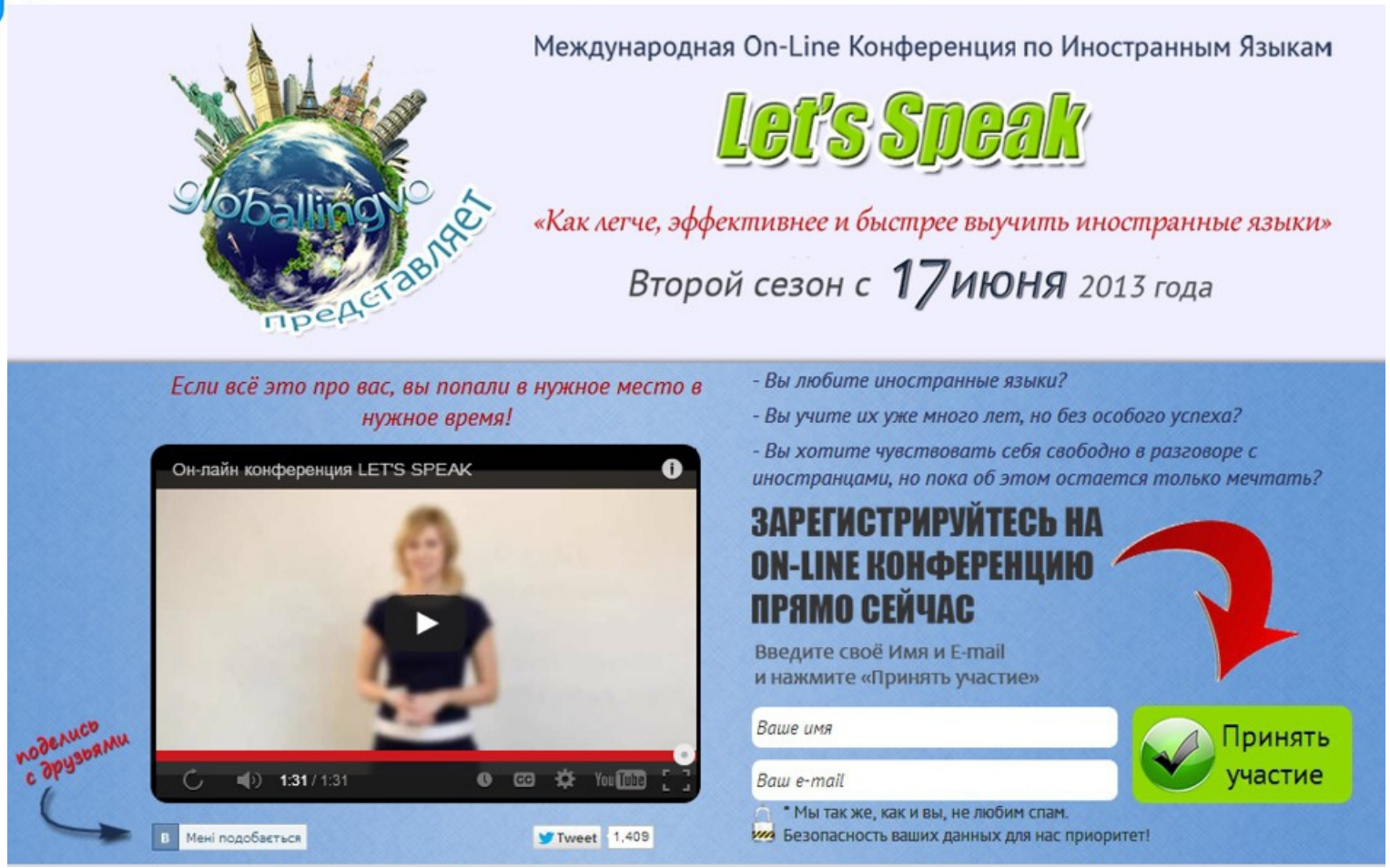
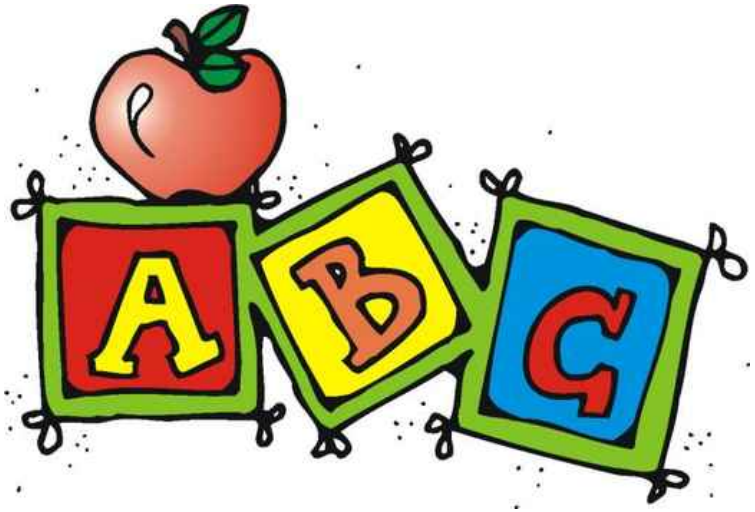




General Tips

Strong Motivation

Or where do we go?

Long term

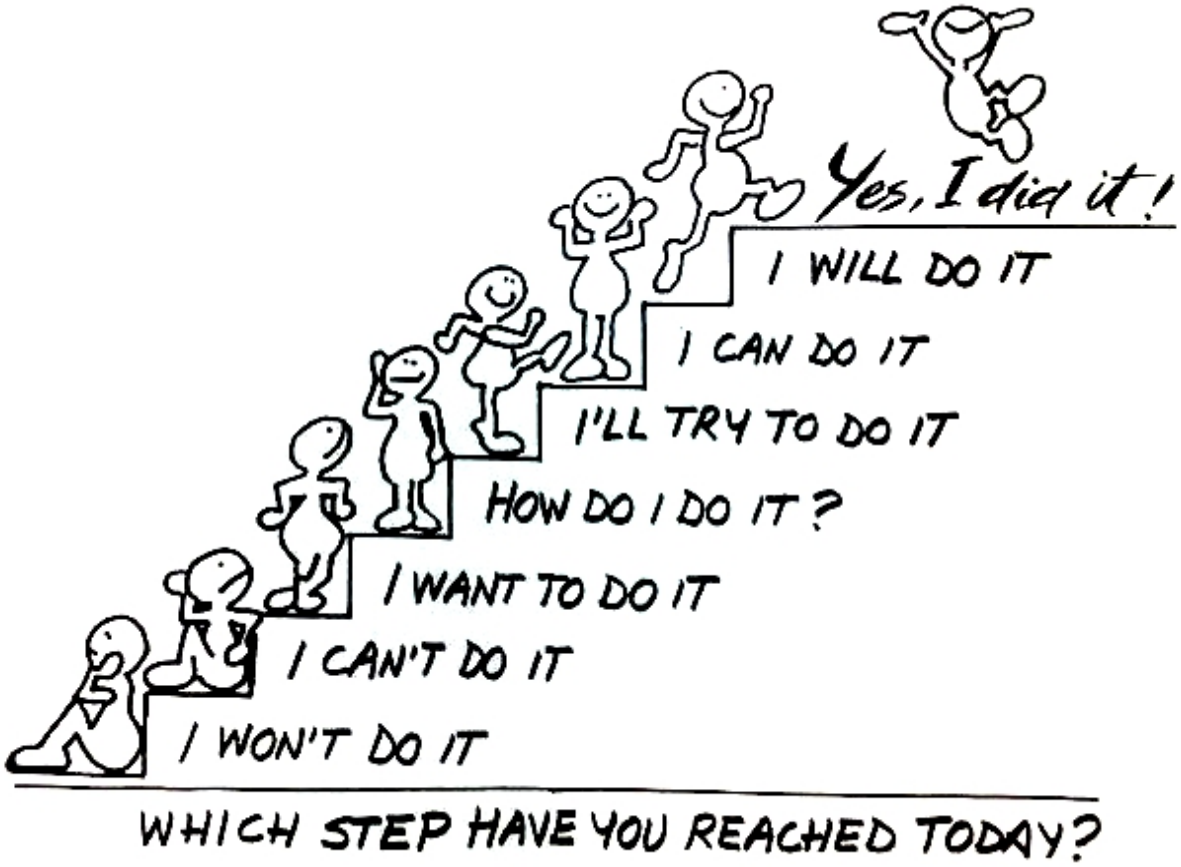
Why to learn English?

- Professional growth?
- Going abroad?
- Speaking with colleague or foreign friends?
- Beauty of the language?

Short term

A goal for 3-4 months

Self-confidence



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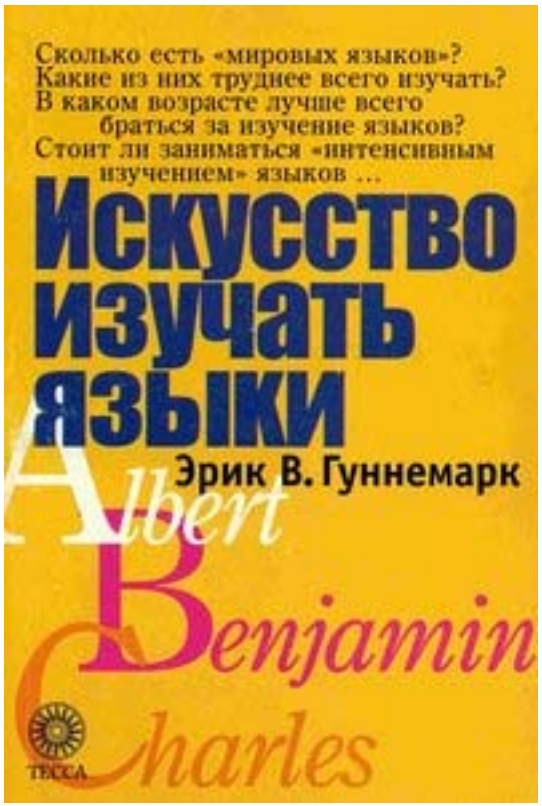

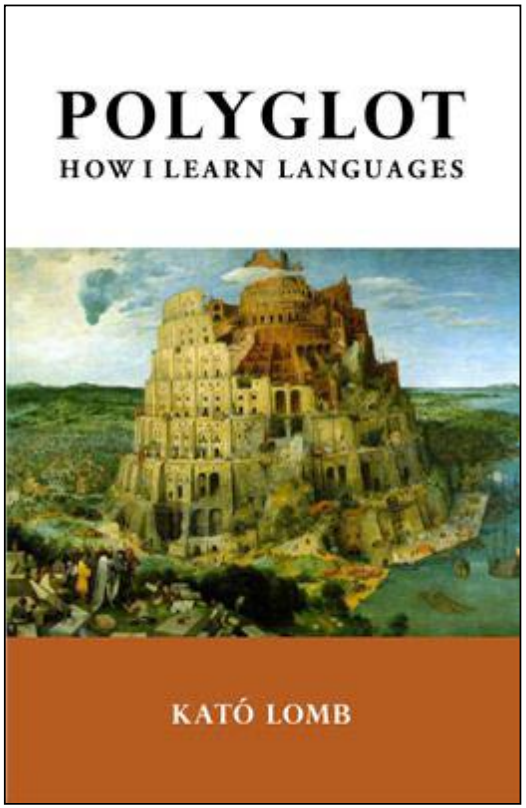

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Your work

Save your time and efforts

Organize:

- time
- activities
- materials

Involvement

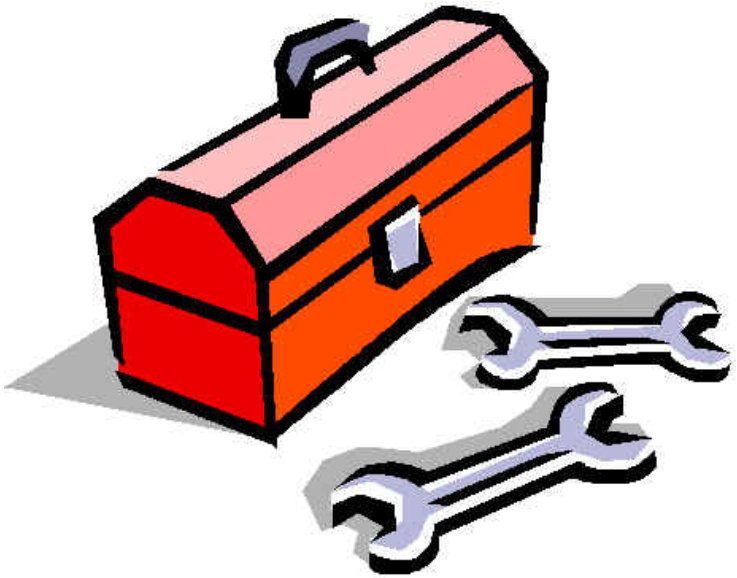
Have fun!
Find something interesting for you.

Learn English with friends!
Or find somebody to control
your progress

Intensiveness

Regular practice

Comfort, efficiency, usability

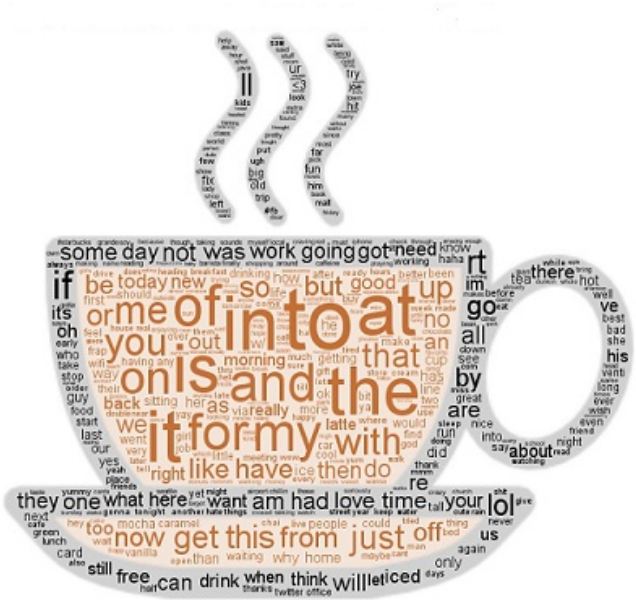


Tools and methods

Learn only modern language

I shall smite thee with my mighty blade!

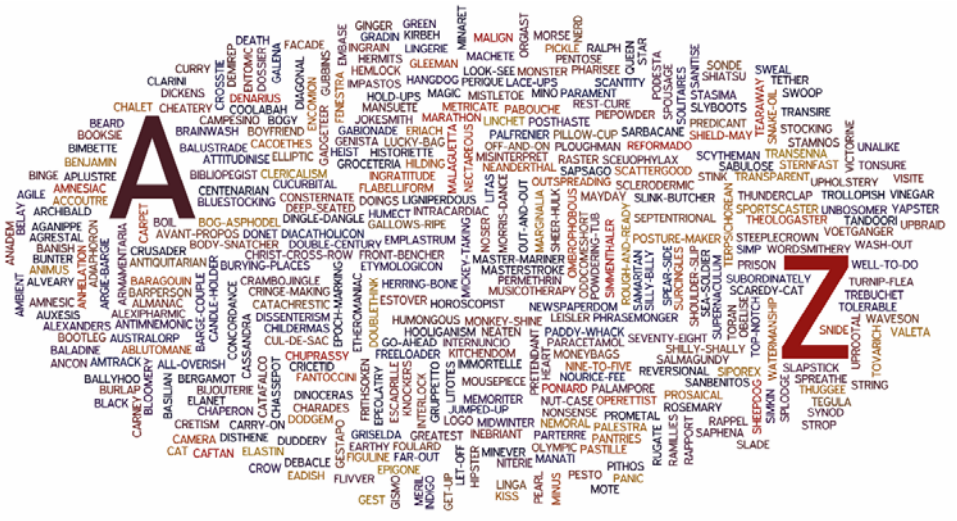
What? That’s XXI century, dudes



Active minimum

Minilex – 400-500 words
Miniphrase – 100 phrases
Minigramm – basic grammar
+ Pronunciation!

Learn not only words but also most common phrases.



Learning words

Find out meaning
Write it down
Repeat

Associations

From context
Translate (English-Russian/Ukrainian dictionaries)
Understand (English-English dictionaries)

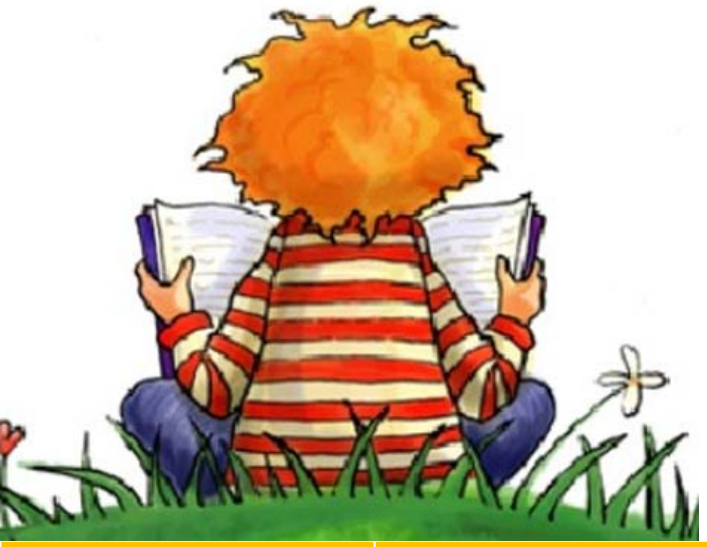
Not all, but most frequent and useful

Speaking

Do not fear
Start from basic level
Minigramm
Pronunciation!

Level	Words	Phrases
basic	400-500	100
mini	800-1000	200
medi	1500-2000	300

Listen and imitate
Learn words
Speak!



Level	Words
mini (= basic)	800-1000
medi	1500-2000
your special literature	3000-4000
prose	8000

Reading

Read a lot – 8 hours a week
Read often – every day
Read long – 2 months minimum

Writing

Memorizing via reading
Writing practice
Mistaken words
Different rules of punctuation

Listening

Listen several times
Repeat after speaker
Read the text
Listen again
Repeat from memory

Immersive learning

Listen
Read
Write
Think

in English

Journey
Native speakers
Studying abroad
Podcasts
Blogs
Films

Common mistakes

Passive knowledge
“I need no help [with pronunciation]”
Grammar Nazi
Funny words
Beautiful words
Synonyms

Lack of Organization

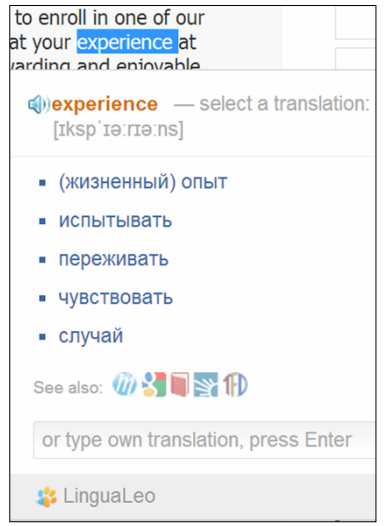
Interactive learning

LinguaLeo

Started: 2009

Aynur Abdulnasyrov

- More than 150 000 audio, video and text materials from speakers
- Personal user dictionary and more than 100 ready sets of words
- 23 courses for all levels: thematic and grammatical
- 8 fun trainings
- Ability to communicate with your friends
- On the computer and on mobile devices.



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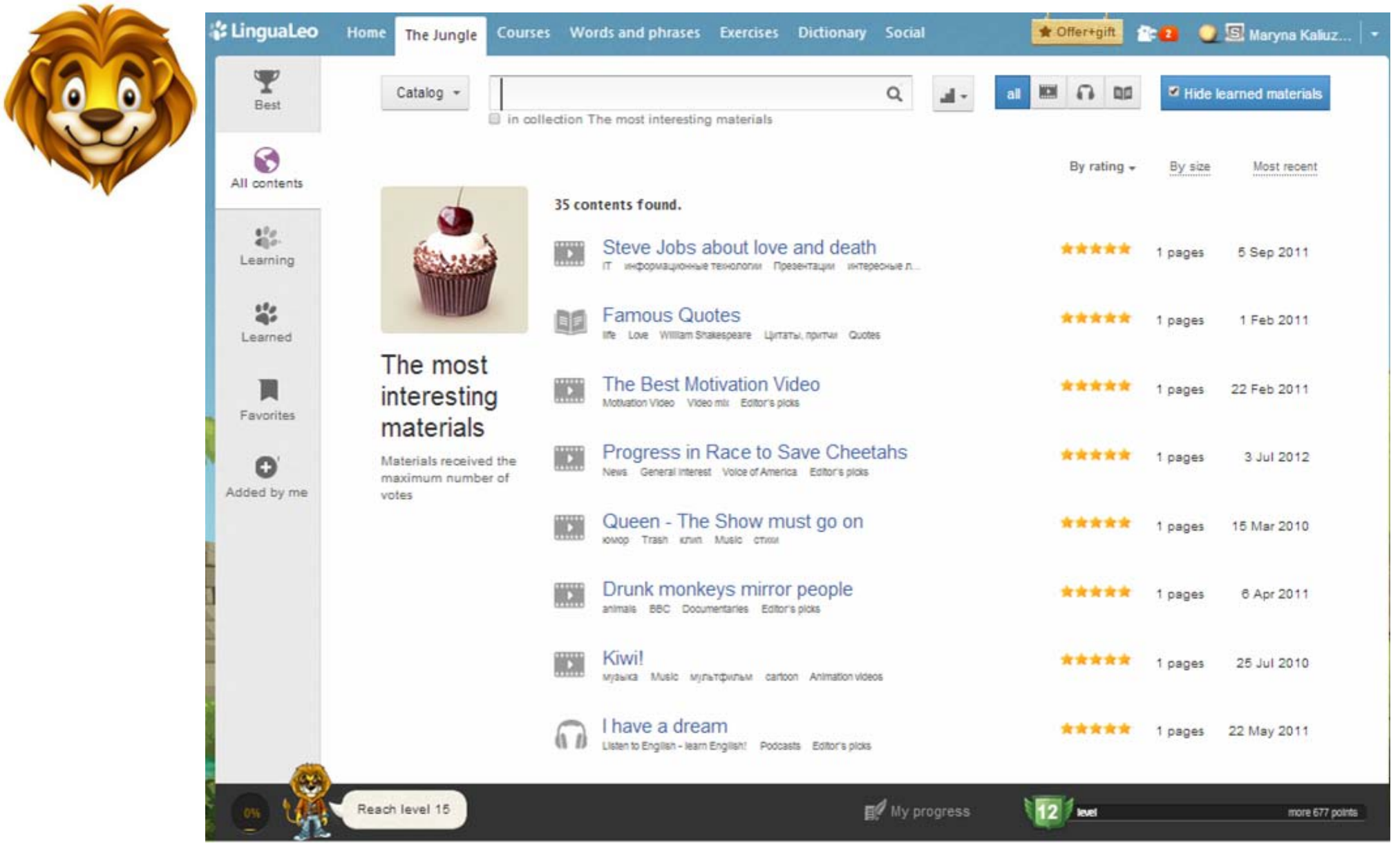
Windows Phone

- In your browser (Mozilla, Chrome)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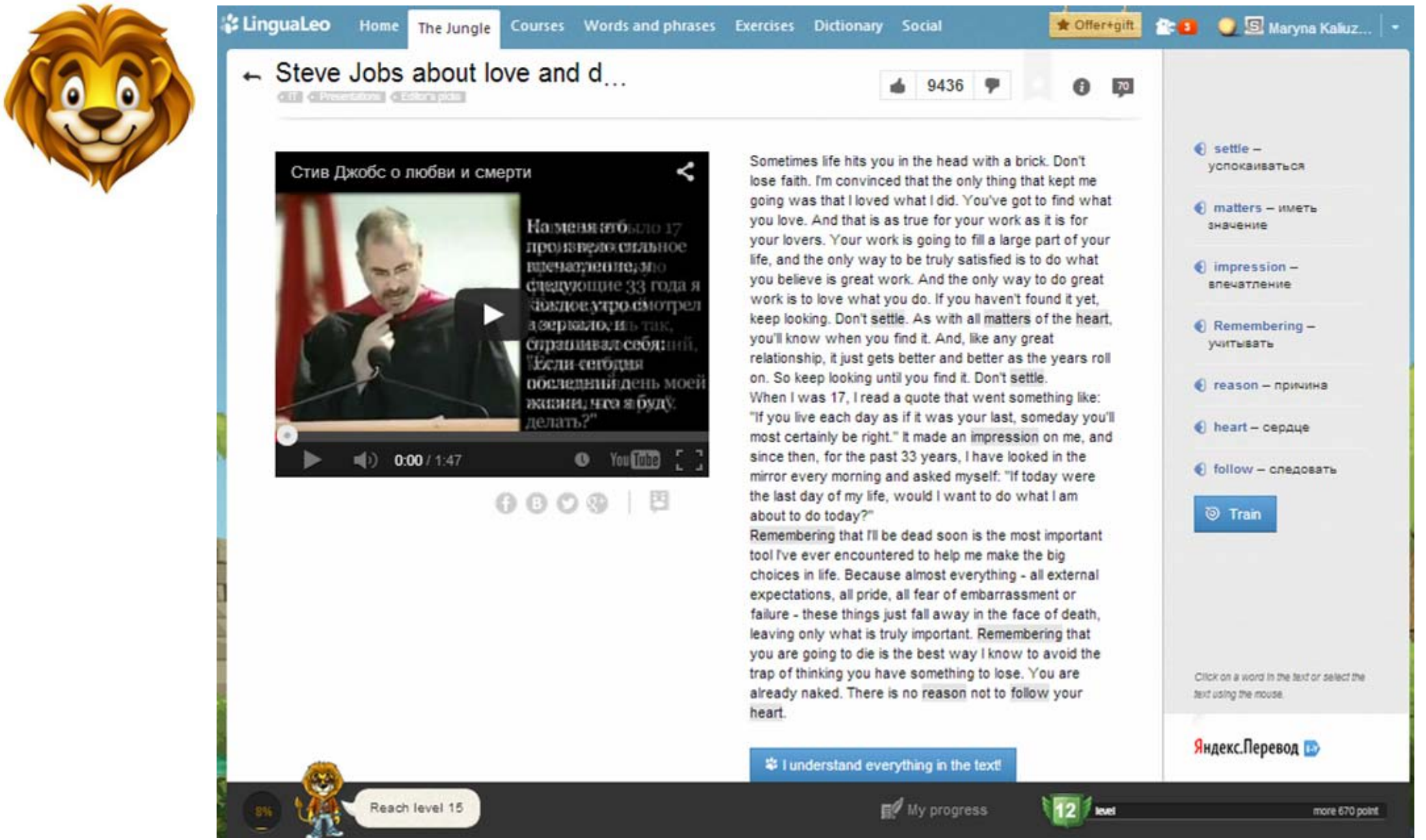
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Стив Джобс о любви и смерти
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Sometimes life hits you in the head with a brick. Don't lose faith. I'm convinced that the only thing that kept me going was that I loved what I did. You've got to find what you love. And that is as true for your work as it is for your lovers. Your work is going to fill a large part of your life, and the only way to be truly satisfied is to do what you believe is great work. And the only way to do great work is to love what you do. If you haven't found it yet, keep looking. Don't settle. As with all matters of the heart, you'll know when you find it. And, like any great relationship, it just gets better and better as the years roll on. So keep looking until you find it. Don't settle.
When I was 17, I read a quote that went something like: "If you live each day as if it was your last, someday you'll most certainly be right." It made an impression on me, and since then, for the past 33 years, I have looked in the mirror every morning and asked myself: "If today were the last day of my life, would I want to do what I am about to do today?"
Remembering that I'll be dead soon is the most important tool I've ever encountered to help me make the big choices in life. Because almost everything - all external expectations, all pride, all fear of embarrassment or failure - these things just fall away in the face of death, leaving only what is truly important. Remembering that you are going to die is the best way I know to avoid the trap of thinking you have something to lose. You are already naked. There is no reason not to follow your heart.
I understand everything in the text!
settle – успокаиваться
matters – иметь значение
impression – впечатление
Remembering – учитывать
reason – причина
heart – сердце
follow – следовать
Train
Click on a word in the text or select the text using the mouse.
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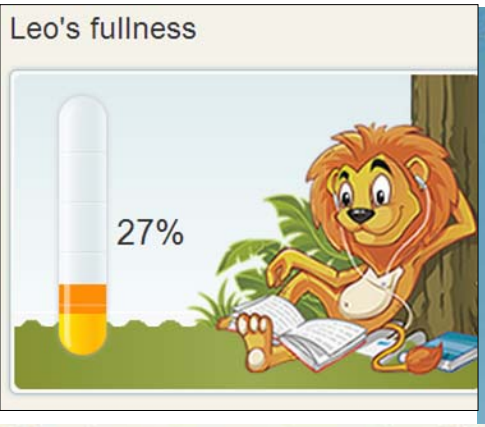
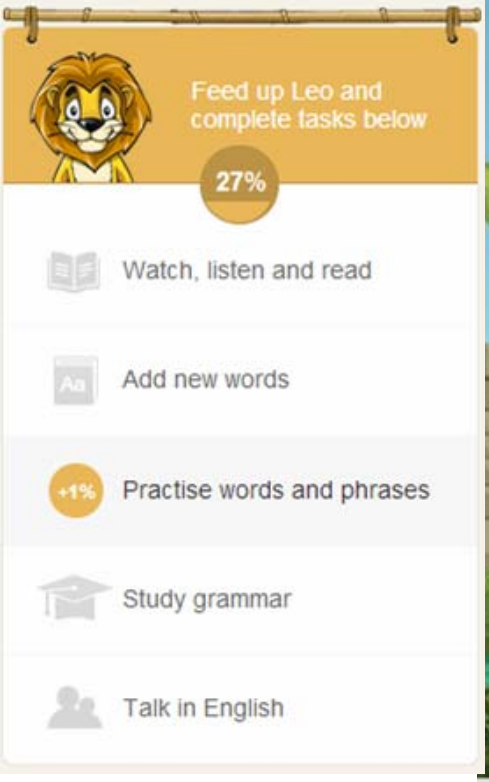
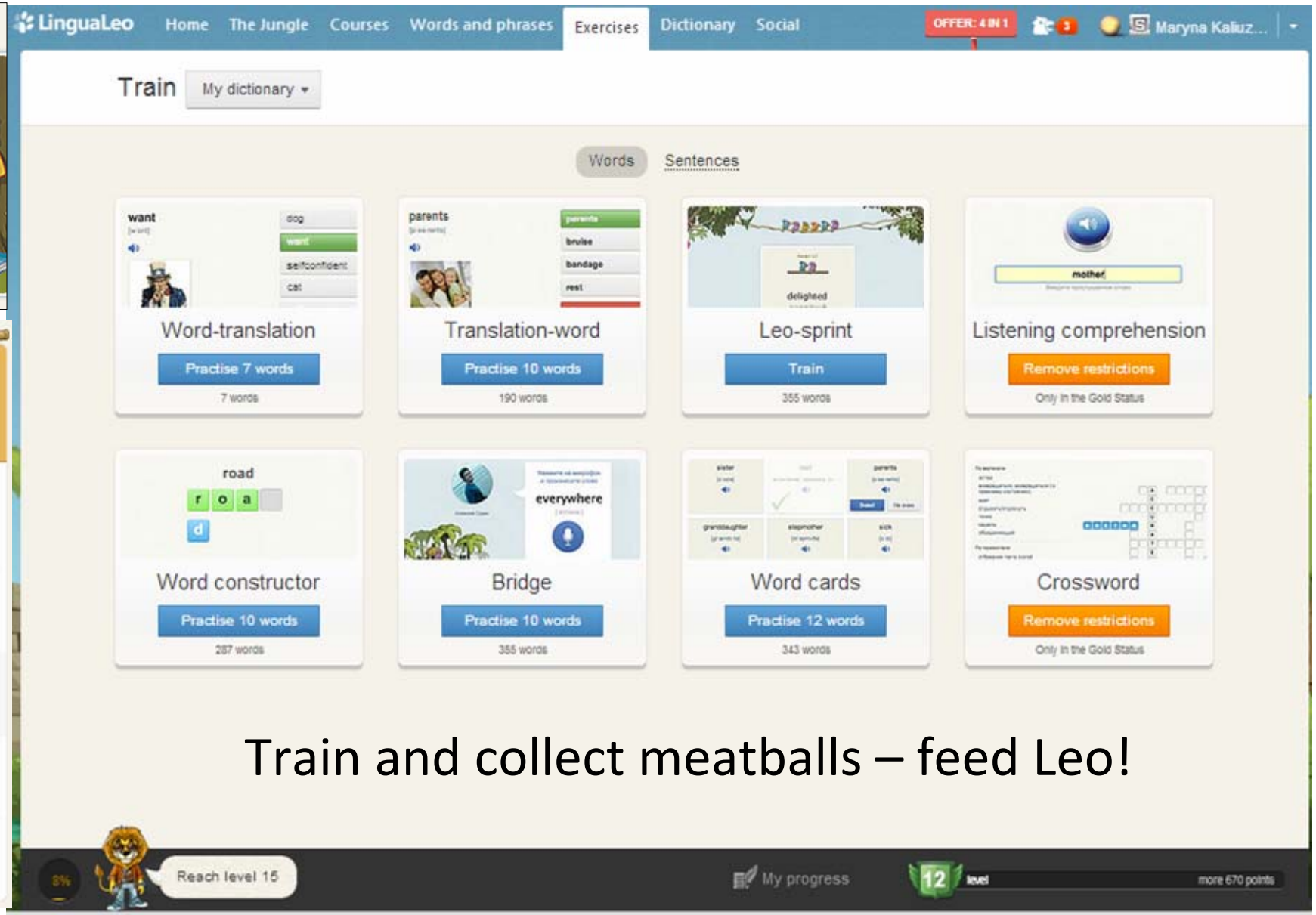
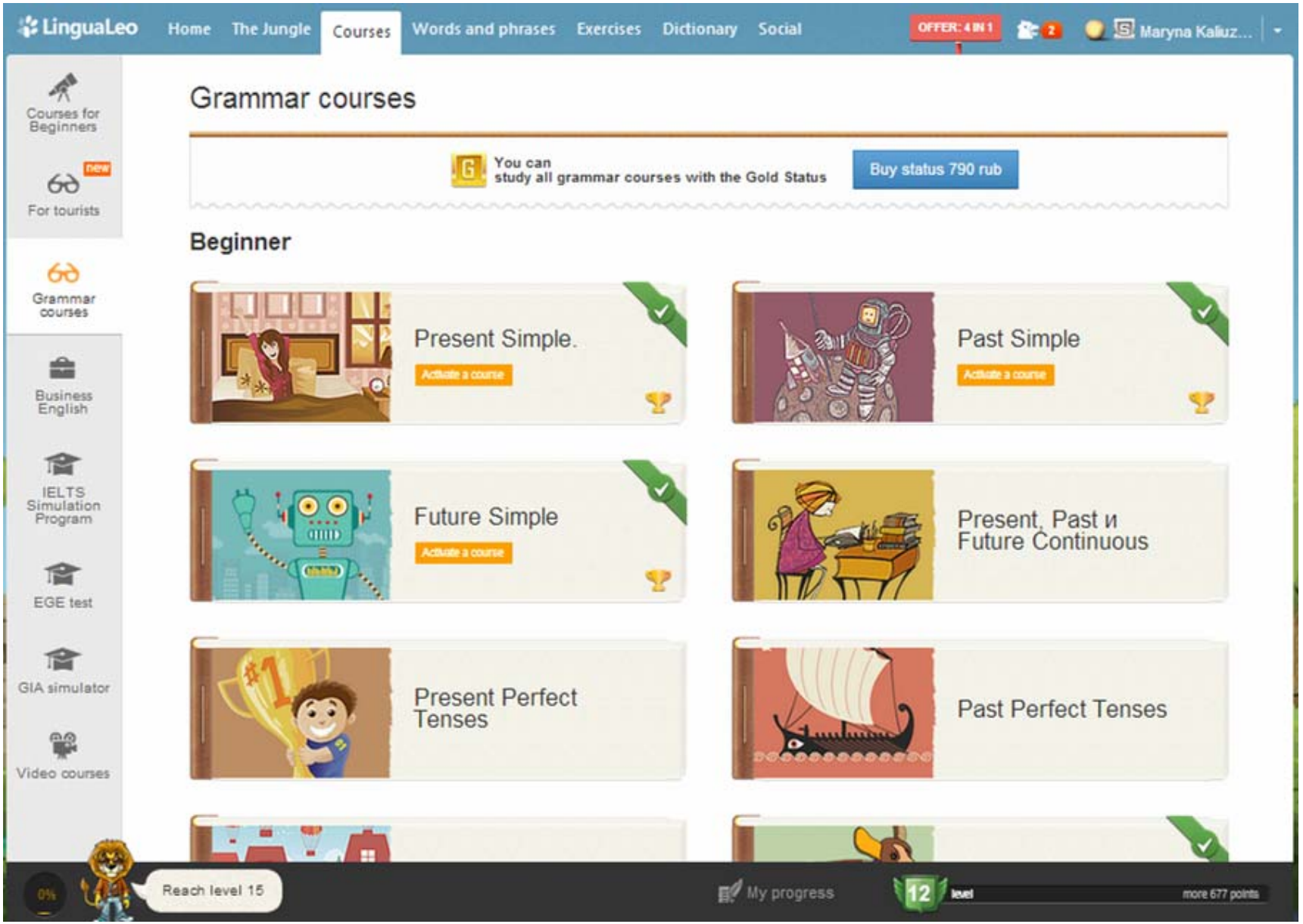






Train and collect meatballs – feed Leo!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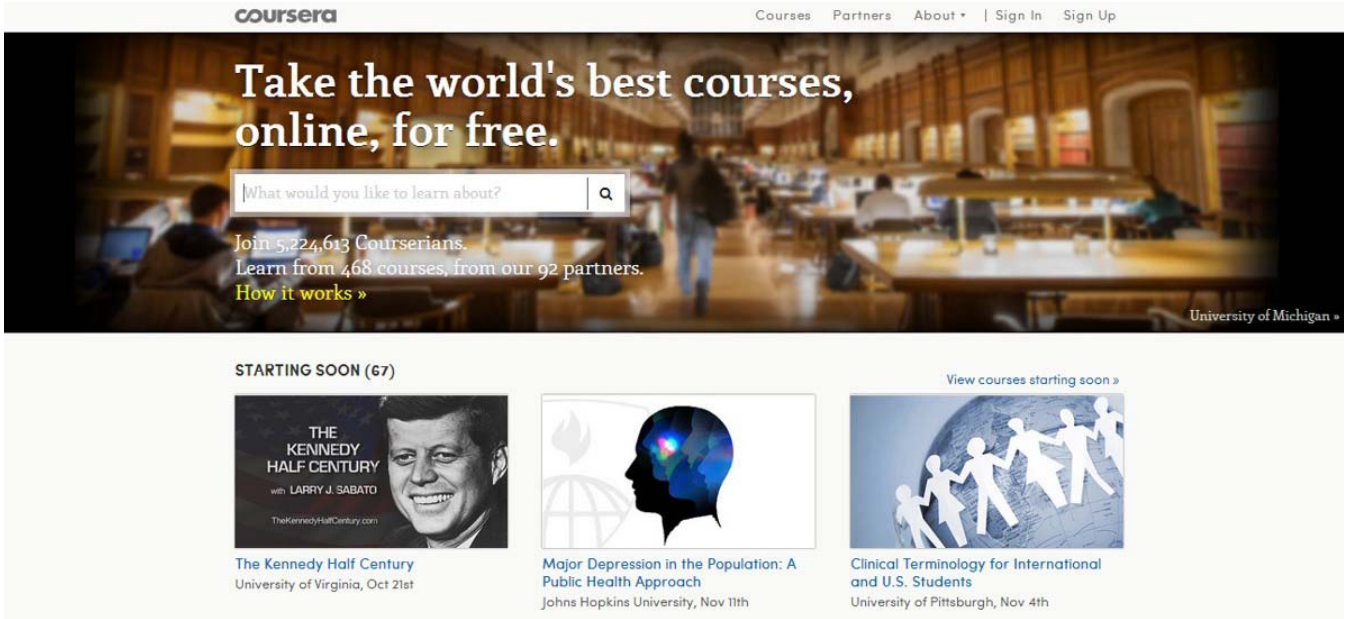

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Cost: Free

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Introductory Human Physiology

University of Maryland
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Bioinformatics Algorithms

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Think Again: How to Reason and Argue

by Walter Sinnott-Armstrong, Ram Neta

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Announcements

Reminder: argument submissions must be posted today

Greetings Courserians! A brief reminder that, if you are interested in having us devote some of our week 12 lectures to discussing the arguments that you submit, then please submit them today, within 15 hours of the time of this announcement. Also, we encourage those who are interested to suggest revisions to submitted arguments, and to vote up the arguments that you would like us to see us discuss. But please do not vote down any arguments.

We look forward to reading and discussing the arguments that you submit!
With best wishes,
Walter and Ram

Mon 21 Oct 2013 4:20 PM EEST (UTC +0300)

Welcome to Unit 4 (week 9) of Think Again!

Hello again Think Againers!

Welcome to the fourth and final unit of our course. In the first three units of the course, you learned what arguments are, how they work, and the rules for good deductive and inductive arguments. In this final unit of the course, you will learn about commonly occurring errors of argumentation, and you will also, at long last, learn some of the nasty names to use for people who commit these errors.

This final unit of the course concerns fallacies, arguments in which the premises do not support the conclusion. In Week 9 of the course we will learn about various fallacies that result from the vagueness and the ambiguity of expressions in ordinary language. More specifically, we will learn what vagueness and ambiguity are, why they occur so commonly in ordinary language, and how it is that they give rise to fallacies. We hope that, by learning about these phenomena, you will be better able to avoid making such fallacies or being persuaded by them when other people make them.

For those who are interested: we very much look forward to receiving your argument submissions on the course discussion forum this week, and to discussing your submissions in our week 12 videos.

Upcoming Deadlines

New Lectures

Lecture 9-1 - Introduction to Fallacies (6:52)

Lecture 9-2 - Argument from the Heap (7:13)

Lecture 9-3 - Vagueness (8:24)

Lecture 9-4 - Conceptual Slippery Slopes (6:52)

Lecture 9-5 - Fairness Slippery Slopes (6:42)

Lecture 9-6 - Causal Slippery Slopes (6:58)

Lecture 9-7 - Ambiguity (8:39)

Lecture 9-8 - Semantic and Syntactic Ambiguity (13:30)

Lecture 9-9 - Fallcies of Equivocation (6:05)

Recent Discussions

Star Wars: The Rebel Alliance Were Terrorists
Last post by Wei Kee Teoh (8 minutes ago)

Question 2
Last post by Pey-Wen Shen (2 hours ago)

If God does not exist, neither do barbers

Smart Talks and Courses

- www.ted.com
- https://www.coursera.org/
- https://www.edx.org/
- https://www.udacity.com/
- https://www.khanacademy.org
- https://www.udemy.com ($)

- Purdue Online Writing Lab

https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/section/1/

- HyperGrammar (University of Ottawa's Writing Centre)

http://www.arts.uottawa.ca/writcent/hypergrammar/

Short video English lessons

- Video-lessons from American English Center
- http://americanenglish.ua/video-uroki/video-uroki/blog.html
- TheGloballingvo
- http://www.youtube.com/user/theGloballingvo

Learning words and speaking

- Associations for English words (in Russian)

http://www.barius.ru/english/

- Anki – program for words memorizing

http://ankisrs.net/index.html

Speak to Google!

Audacity – program for recording

Interact and have Fun!

Questions?