

# Anyone Can Speak 7 Languages!

A natural approach to multilingual learning in a fun and supportive environment!



## Mission

LEX is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded with the mission of assisting individuals to develop their full human potential through multilingual and multicultural activities. LEX provides unique immersion-style multilingual language learning programs, cultural exchange programs and educational publishing. To make these programs as accessible as possible, we offer the Paros-Owada Membership Scholarship and the Harold H. Brown "Brownie" Exchange Travel Scholarship. LEX members participate as individuals and families, host visitors of various nationalities, and enjoy many languages along the way to new friendships. LEX programs emphasize acceptance of others and communication with people from all over the world.

## Audio Materials

Our audio materials are recorded by native speakers and include stories about everyday life. We create a natural immersion environment for ourselves by listening to these like background music as often as possible while doing other activities at home, in the car, etc. We also spend some time listening more intentionally and mimicking along with the materials, catching the natural rhythm and melody of the language. As we listen to the audio, we absorb the sounds and patterns of the languages in context. Little by little, and with support from other club members, we develop the ability to understand and speak multiple languages.



## Singing the Sounds

The activity of "singing the sounds" is important at LEX. This is a process of mimicking the audio materials and is similar to humming or singing, or even the babbling of a baby. Emphasis is placed on maintaining the rhythm, melody, and natural patterns of a language. As we absorb the sounds through repeated listening, mimicking, and interaction with other members, we will acquire more and more language.



## Club Meetings

Language is nurtured in people-to-people connections. In addition to listening to LEX audio materials, members get together in community-based clubs at least once a week to share the sounds of language we are acquiring from the audio materials. We sing, dance, play games, listen to recorded stories and songs, and speak in various languages. We absorb new language at the club meetings, while encouraging each other to speak in a fun and supportive environment. Listening to the audio materials and participating in the club meetings are both equally important in the natural process of language development.

## Science & the Immersion Environment

Research shows that anyone - at any age - can acquire new languages, given time,

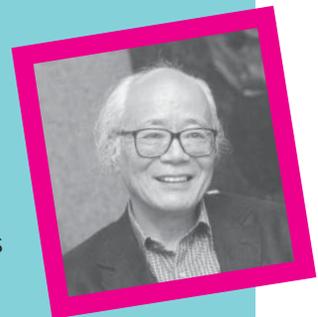
motivation, and an encouraging environment. Visit our website for more information on the cognitive benefits of multilingualism, and the science behind LEX Language Project.



## Be Natural!

Multilingualism is the norm in the world and monolingualism is an exception. Both adults and children can learn to speak any number of languages when they use a process similar to the one they used to acquire their own native languages.

The late founder and president of LEX, Mr. Yo Sakakibara, researched how humans acquire languages for over 40 years. Based on this research, LEX has developed LEX Language Project (known as Hippo Family Club in other countries), a network of community based language clubs in which people of all ages and backgrounds can enjoy the successful acquisition of multiple languages in a fun, casual, and supportive environment.



# Transnational Homestay Program

Homestay exchanges offer the ideal means for you and your family to learn about a new country, to examine your own culture through new eyes, and to build lifelong friendships. There are opportunities to host, as well as to travel to Japan, Korea, Mexico, China, and other countries.



## Anyone Can Host

Host families vary greatly in size, background, occupation, and interests. What makes a good host family is a willingness to share your life with a new family member and a taste for the adventure of mutual discovery. Share your heart and home, and find out how much fun hosting can be!

## Who Is Your Visitor?

LEX offers the opportunity to host teens and adults from Japan, Korea, Mexico, and other countries on short-term homestays of ten days to one month. We also offer the chance to host a Japanese teen for a high school academic year. Delegates are eager to learn about life in North America by becoming part of a family like yours.

## Travel Overseas

LEX offers teens, adults, and whole families the chance to experience a new culture from the inside on homestays of one week to one month in Japan, China, Mexico, and other countries. The Transnational Homestay Program is open to LEX Language Project members and members of States' 4-H, Premium International Exchange, ERDT / Share, and people who become members.

## LEX Internship to Japan

Interns in the LEX offices in Japan participate in language clubs, assist with our short-term and yearlong exchange programs, and make cultural presentations in Japanese schools. This unique one-year opportunity is open to qualified youth, ages 18-25.



## World Internship Project (WIP)

An exciting new opportunity providing adults of all ages with a life-changing exchange experience in another country. WIP interns will spend 1-3 months volunteering with LEX in Japan, Korea, or Mexico while living with a host family and participating in LEX clubs. Open to qualified adults, ages 18-99.



## Adventures in Natural Science

Using LEX's unique learning method, students at the research institute Transnational College of LEX (TCL) in Tokyo approach mathematics, science, and language from a viewpoint that transcends disciplines. These books, many of them written by students going through the learning process themselves, are easy to understand, yet sophisticated enough for professionals. They have been adopted at Cornell, Dartmouth, Boston University, and other universities, technical schools, high schools, and companies in the U.S. and Japan, such as Sony. Our books are enjoyed by people of all ages.

Available at independent bookstores, Barnes & Noble, Amazon, and on our website.



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