


Srpski for Serbs



What are foreigners struggling with?

- Serbs speaking too fast,
 - Serbs not having the patience to listen,
 - Serbs speaking in slang and wanting to teach slang and swear words because it is funny,
 - When they hear a word that is not familiar, they concentrate on that word and lose track of the rest of the sentence,
 - Insecurity,
 - Fear,
 - Serbian temperament,
 - Mumbling, words not being enunciated well.
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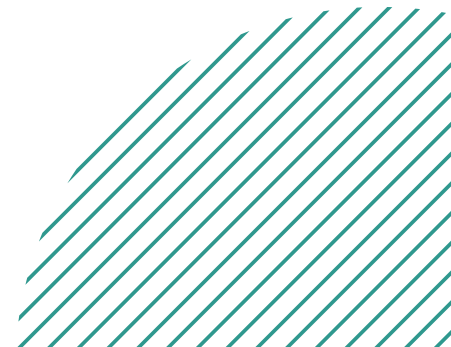
What are Serbs struggling with?

- Not enough time to say something quickly in everyday conversation,
- Impatience,
- Their own wish to practice English,
- Belief that by speaking English they are doing their foreigner friends a favor,
- Not being able to understand what the foreigner is saying in Serbian.



How to bridge the gap?

I teach foreigners that every beginning is hard, that they should learn "Molim, polako", "Molim, ponovo". I also tell them that if Serbs speak in English, that is no reason for foreigners not to speak in Serbian. Also, if Serbs are too loud or grumpy, it is not personal.





And now us!

1. No need to use full sentences in Serbian, you can add commonly used words, and keep adding more and more with time.
2. "Speak loudly and everyone will understand!" That doesn't work :-)
Speak slowly and enunciate!

ADD INDIVIDUAL WORDS, PRONOUNCE EACH SOUND



There is more!

3. Don't use slang unless the foreigner is very advanced in Serbian.
4. Use a couple of different ways to say a sentence, describe.
5. Make short sentences, without unnecessary words.
6. Encourage them, it is not easy, remember how did you feel learning a foreign language!





And more...



LAZY?

7. Of course you will speak in English if you are in a hurry, but otherwise, no excuses. It is hard the first week, but it gets much easier and the results are wonderful!



BETTER ENGLISH?

8. If you want to practice your English, make a schedule, which days will be English only, and which days Serbian only.




Almost finished!

GIVE THEM A CHANCE

9. If a foreigner begins a conversation in Serbian, please join them, it means they want to speak in Serbian. After all, isn't it great they want to learn our language?

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10. If the foreigner cannot think of a word immediately, don't let them translate to English, help them describe in Serbian. Imagine you don't speak any other language but Serbian!





**Govori srpski da te
ceo svet razume!**

Stara srpska mudrost



THANK YOU!

LET ME KNOW OF YOUR PROGRESS!