

Why should you learn Norwegian?



For mange mennesker er det å lære flere språk ganske viktig for å koble til ulike kulturer, enten de er etnisk/rasemessig adskilt fra dem eller ikke. Her skal vi se på hvorfor norsk – spesifikt – er viktig å lære!

Følgende svar kommer fra intervjuer med personer direkte fra Norge, samt ny-tilnorsktalende!

For many people, learning multiple languages is quite important to connect to different cultures whether they be ethnically/racially apart of them or not. Here we'll take a look as to why Norwegian - specifically - is important to learn!

The following responses come from interviews with people directly from Norway, as well as new-to-Norwegian speakers!

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Summary

Reasons	Explanation
Jobben (Job)	One interviewee expressed how one of his main reasons for learning Norwegian was his job. Part of his company is connected to Norway and one of his colleagues is Norwegian, thus, he often has to travel there. So, to connect with the locals and be more understandable, learning Norwegian is a good asset!
	To Norwegians, while most know English and can speak it quite well, to ensure common ground in the workplace, as well as emphasize respect, knowing Norwegian is important to connect to colleagues. Furthermore, if one is in a business of domestic trade, to completely ensure that both parties of trade are getting equal benefit, a common language is crucial!
Interesting	Norwegian, itself, is an interesting language. While derived from Danish, it's not a common language that many people even know about. While it can be difficult when starting out due to the lack of speakers in certain areas of the world, once you find another person who speaks the language, there is an instant connection through language commonality!
Travel	The two main ways to connect to any person anywhere in the world is through food and language. While many Norwegians are proficient in the English languages, taking historical tours are much more fulfilling in the native language of the locals. Some words in Norwegian don't have a solid direct translation into English, so by knowing the language, the understanding of the history, culture, and social aspects of the country come more fluidly.

Tips til deg som skal lære norsk

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Tips when learning Norwegian

Tips from a beginner Norwegian speaker!

"Speak as much as you can!" |" Snakk så mye du kan!"

The best way to learn a language is to use it a much as you can even if you're wrong. Making mistakes is how we learn! Understandably, it can be hard to find people who speak your language, but lucky for us, this new internet age provides us with plenty of apps, online books, and forums to talk to people from across the world!

"Use primary sources!" |"Bruk primærkilder!"

One of the ways you can be in tune with the Norwegian language, as well as connecting with the culture is reading articles in Norwegian, as well as keeping up with Norwegian news! Especially in our chaotic political climate today, lots of Norwegian news stations like NRK Tv have been keeping up what is happening in the US, so not only can you improve your language skills, you can also see how other parts of the world view you! Use that knowledge as a marker of discussion and talking points; think about whether you agree or disagree!