

Now it's your turn to make your ideal language learning environment. Can you come up with an even mix of cultural and linguistic ideas that'll make you feel immersed? I'll give you an example and then you can fill out the rest to your liking!

Target Language _____

Target Language Country _____

Personal Interests From Country: _____

Here's my example of balancing culture and language.

Cultural Aspect	Language Aspect
Eating Japanese style breakfast when I can	Reading Japanese cooking recipes in Japanese.
Practice Japanese Greetings	Speaking in the formal language
Practicing Different Japanese Sitting Styles	Learning the language for tea ceremonies
Decorating My Room With Traditional Art	Reading traditional literature
Practicing the Japanese art of silence	Thinking in Japanese while on the train or riding my bike
Showing my respects at shrines and temples	Talking to the natives at the shrines

If you've got a general idea of the method, try making your own table on the next page.

Try doing the same! Whether you live in the country or not there are countless ways in which you can implement this strategy into your language learning routine.

Balancing Language and Culture

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