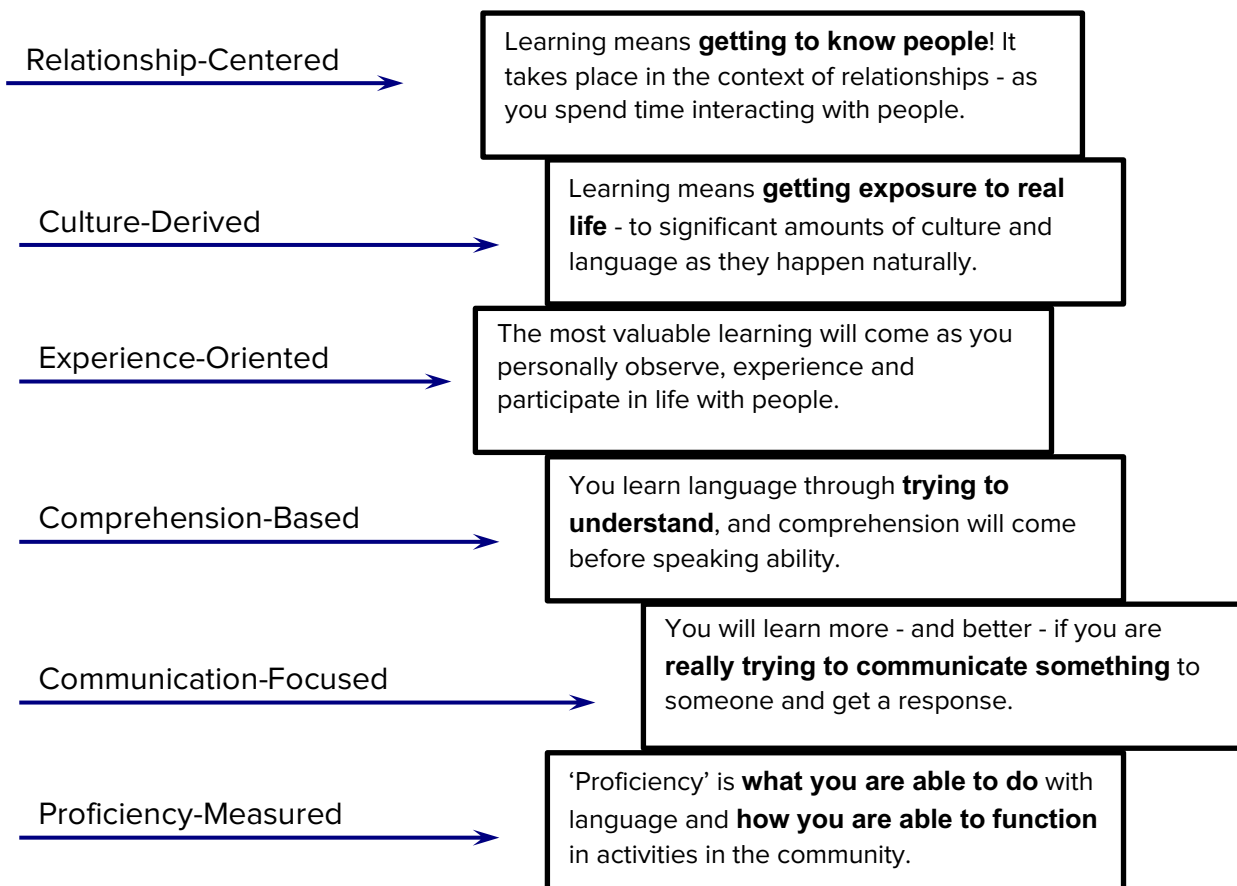**TUTORIAL**
# 6.20 Other culture/language acquisition resources

This tutorial provides some information about other helpful resources that are available for Culture/Language Acquisition.

## Introduction

There are many resources available for language and culture learning, and you will probably find some good specific helps in the particular context where you are going - relating specifically to the language and culture there. Some of your best resources may be found by speaking to others who have successfully learned the language and integrated into the culture and community.

The resources we have mentioned here are general language/culture learning materials and articles, and they are included because they are based, at least in part, on the same learning principles we value (below), and so might give you extra ideas or help.

Relationship-Centered → Learning means **getting to know people**! It takes place in the context of relationships - as you spend time interacting with people.

Culture-Derived → Learning means **getting exposure to real life** - to significant amounts of culture and language as they happen naturally.

Experience-Oriented → The most valuable learning will come as you personally observe, experience and participate in life with people.

Comprehension-Based → You learn language through **trying to understand**, and comprehension will come before speaking ability.

Communication-Focused → You will learn more - and better - if you are **really trying to communicate something** to someone and get a response.

Proficiency-Measured → 'Proficiency' is **what you are able to do** with language and **how you are able to function** in activities in the community.

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**The Growing Participator Approach**
This is a language-learning program developed by Greg Thompson, a language learner and language coach based in the USA. The Growing Participator Approach is a systematic six-phase program - you can read about it on the GPA website (A quick Google search should get you there). Have a look at the variety of articles and other materials in the Resources section as well:

Sometimes the material can be quite academic in the way it is presented and how the ideas are expressed, but there are a lot of helpful things to read and think about, plus some practical sets of pictures, and other tools for learning.

**Summer Institute of Linguistics Language Learning Pages**
Although some of the methods suggested in these pages represent a more grammar-driven approach to learning (rather than a relationship-centered, culture-driven approach), there are many useful resources and tools included here as well as links to other libraries of materials. Google "SIL Language Learning"

**Ethnologue**
Ethnologue is a site owned by SIL International, where you can find many resources to help you with general research of the world's languages.



## ACTIVITIES
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1. Look up each of the resources mentioned above, and familiarize yourself with the content and the different resources that are available.