

MISSIONARY LANGUAGE PROGRESSION

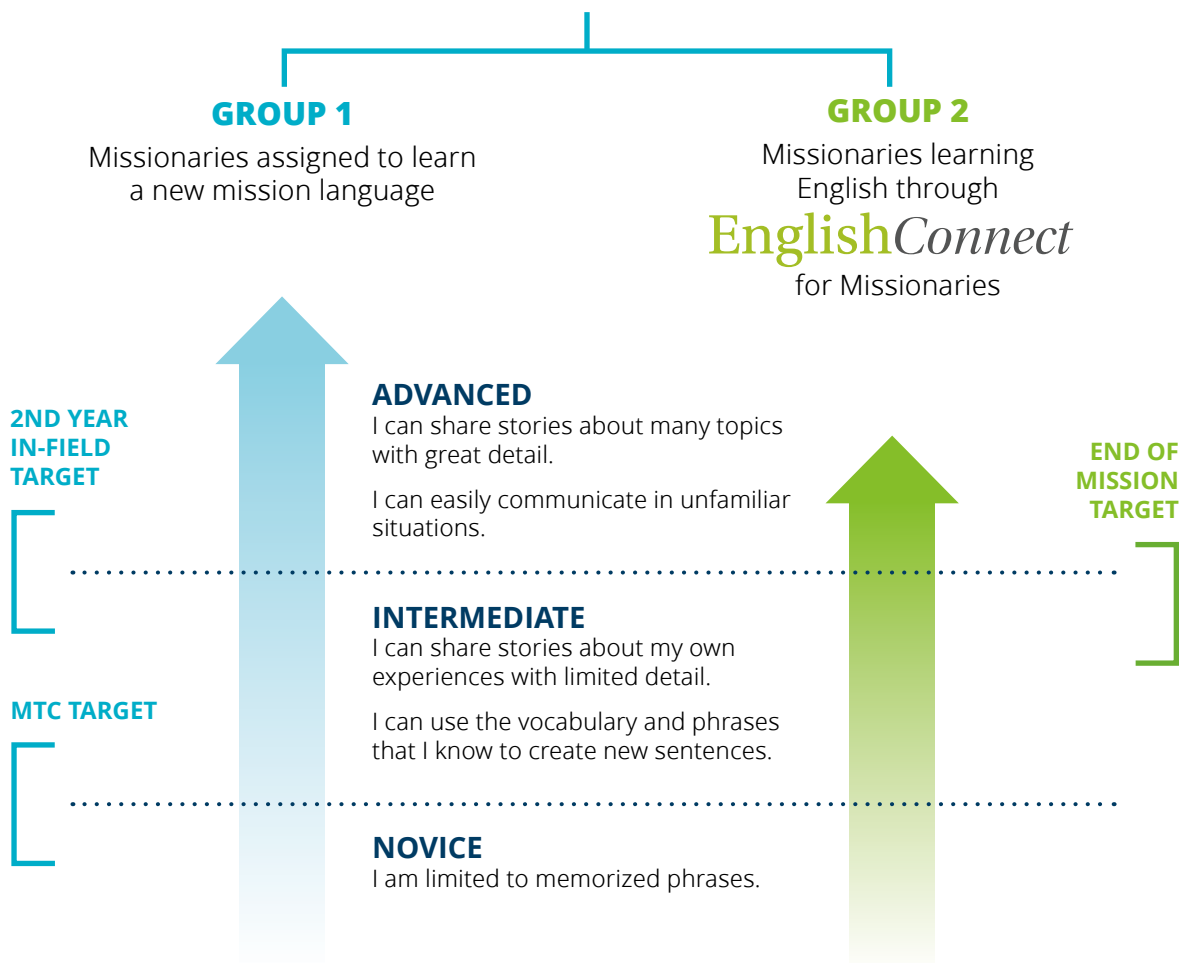
THE NUMBER ONE FACTOR IN LANGUAGE IMPROVEMENT

is time spent in intentional practice and study.

THE NUMBER ONE INFLUENCE ON MISSIONARY LANGUAGE IMPROVEMENT

is encouragement from mission leaders to protect language study time and the expectation of language excellence.

As a mission leader, you may help two groups of language learners



WHAT CAN I EXPECT FROM MISSIONARY TRAINING CENTERS?

Missionaries assigned to learn a mission language

You can expect to receive missionaries who are:

- **Purpose-centered.**
Missionaries have two weeks of *Preach My Gospel* training in their native language.
- **Emerging at the intermediate proficiency level.**
Missionaries will have four to seven weeks of language-curriculum training. You will notice they do not memorize lessons but can participate meaningfully by getting to know others, sharing about themselves, and sharing truth and testifying.
- **Autonomous language learners who are seeking the gift of tongues.**

Missionaries using EnglishConnect for Missionaries (ECM)

You can expect to receive missionaries who:

- **Understand the purpose and vision of EnglishConnect for Missionaries.**
MTC presidencies provide an orientation to help missionaries who can learn English (non-native speakers) understand how they can use ECM to increase opportunities for post-mission service, employment, and education—including BYU–Pathway Worldwide.
- **Received the EC 1 and 2 workbooks and grammar book.**
When missionaries progress to EC 3, the mission will need to provide the EC 3 workbook.

Note: Missionaries who do not attend a physical MTC will need to receive an orientation and the workbooks from the mission office.

HOW DO I KNOW HOW MISSIONARIES ARE DOING?

Below are a few of the tools to gauge how missionaries are progressing.

- **Native speakers**
Ask native speakers (local members, leaders, and so forth) how the missionaries are doing.
- **Language assessments**
Missionaries will take regularly scheduled, tri-annual language assessments. The results are available in the language dashboard (Missionary Portal).

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP THEM SUCCEED?

- **Establish the vision.**
 - Help missionaries learn to seek and recognize the gift of tongues.
 - Encourage missionaries to set goals and strive for continued language improvement.
- **Create a culture of language learning.**
 - Help missionaries protect and use their language study time.
 - Provide opportunities for missionaries to report on their progress.
 - Ensure missionaries take their scheduled assessments.
 - Encourage missionaries to work with locals and use the language as much as possible.

WHAT RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE?

- [Language Learning](#) page in Missionary Portal
- [EnglishConnect for Missionaries website](#)
- [Preach My Gospel, chapter 7](#)
- Language Support Team at LanguageSupport@ChurchofJesusChrist.org

