

The basics of Vocabulize

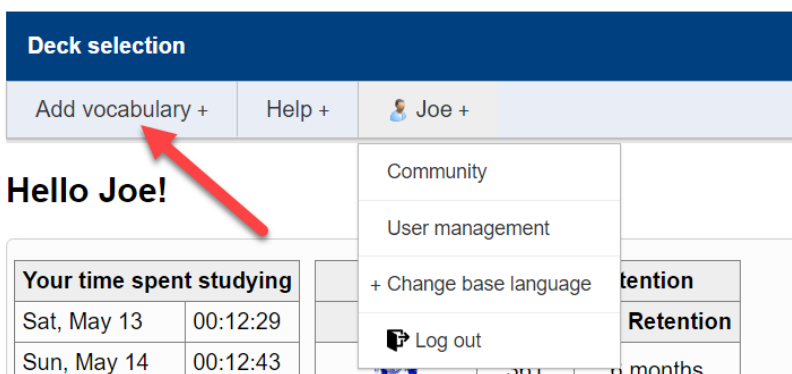
What is Vocabulize?

Vocabulize is a vocabulary learning programme that makes language learning easier by

- Allowing you to make your own lists of vocabulary (called **decks**)
- Translating new words back into your home language using Google
- Letting you type languages like Russian or Greek on your familiar Latin keyboard layout
- Providing useful links depending on your language so you quickly see the best search resources in one place
- Letting you learn by retention so you only repeat vocabulary that you could not remember
- Easily letting you add pictures to your vocabulary to facilitate retention
- Staying in touch with other people learning in the community area

The top menu

- Vocabulize has a navigation menu at the top which lets you easily jump to various parts of the website quickly:



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the Vocabulize website. It features a dark blue header with the text "Deck selection". Below this, there is a light blue navigation bar with three main sections: "Add vocabulary +", "Help +", and a user profile section for "Joe +". A red arrow points to the "Add vocabulary +" button. The user profile section is open, showing a dropdown menu with the following options: "Community", "User management", "+ Change base language", and "Log out". Below the navigation bar, the page content is partially visible, including a "Hello Joe!" greeting and a table titled "Your time spent studying" with columns for date and time.

Your time spent studying	
Sat, May 13	00:12:29
Sun, May 14	00:12:43

- After you log into the website, you will typically see the **deck overview page**. It first shows you your learning activity and achievements, followed by the **list of your decks**.
- A **deck** is a like a deck of flashcards. You use these decks to organise your vocabulary by topic, time or any other category. Each deck contains a number of vocabulary pairs (question and answer).

Below you see an example for the **achievements** section which keeps you informed in real time of the progress that you have made:

Your time spent studying		Performance stats by retention		
Sat, May 13	00:12:29	Status	Pairs	Min Retention
Sun, May 14	00:12:43		361	6 months
Mon, May 15	01:01:28		924	30 days
Wed, May 17	00:04:57		1,121	7 days
Thu, May 18	00:09:15		1,067	1 day
Fri, May 19	00:25:59		2,567	1 second
Sat, May 20	00:01:01			
Total (7 days)	02:07:52	Total retained	6,040	
		Total score	139,604	Retention days

How long you remembered each pair of vocabulary

How many new words have you answered correctly in the last months

*The chart shows when each question was first answered (Total: 2,737)

Below that, you can see a list of your **decks**:

Here are your decks - the language is indicated by the flag on the left.

Shows you, how long you have remembered all the words

When did you last answer all questions?

Shows you, how many questions each deck contains

[Add a new deck](#) [Log out](#)

L	Deck Name	# Qs	Correct answers				✓%*	Minimum Retention	Last all ✓
			24 hrs	7 days	30 days	All			
	[joe] 2017 03a	146	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0%		never
	Basics	2	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0%		never
	Basics	4	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	4 100%	0%	6 mins	30 days
	Basics 1	7	0 0%	0 0%	7 100%	7 100%	0%		24 days
	Dummys Polish	1	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0%		never
	Italian Survival 1	3	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0%		never
	[joe] Polish Basics 1	33	0 0%	0 0%	10 30%	10 30%	0%		never
	Home (7 decks)	196	0 0%	0 0%	17 9%	21 11%	0%		
	Total	196	0	0	17	21	0%		

Click on any of the blue deck links to show the **individual deck menu** – here is an example:

The screenshot shows a deck menu for '2017-03a'. It includes a table with performance stats and study links, and a section for awards. Red arrows point to specific elements with explanatory text:

- An arrow points to the 'Edit deck' link with the text: "Add or remove vocabulary".
- An arrow points to the '1 Question' link with the text: "Study that one question that you have not remembered for 24 hours.".
- An arrow points to the '22 Questions' link with the text: "Study the 22 questions that you have not remembered for a week".
- An arrow points to the '93 Questions' link with the text: "Study everything".
- An arrow points to the gold medal icon with the text: "A gold medal means that you remembered 95% of questions for at least 24h and got them right 3 times in a row."

- The first link lets you add and remove words from a deck so you can fill it up with vocabulary.
- Learning in Vocabulize is based on retention (i.e. how long you could remember vocabulary without making mistakes).
- The objective of Vocabulize is to earn **medals** by **retaining words for as long as possible**. For example, if you answer a question correctly and then at least 24h later you again answer the same question correctly, you have retained it for 24 hours.
- In the above deck menu you can learn your vocabulary targeted by how long you have remembered it. In the above example, there is one question that just did not stick for more than 24 hours – you can only repeat that one question if you click the link next to it. Or learn the 22 questions you could not retain for longer than a week by clicking the link below that etc.
- Below are the currently possible achievements for your vocabulary:

Deck awards based on L3✓%			
Medal	Score	Min retention	Description
	>=80%	1 day	Bronze medal
	>=90%	1 day	Silver medal
	>=95%	1 day	Gold medal
	>=95%	7 days	Medal of Honor
	>=95%	30 days	Supreme MoH
	>=95%	6 months	Medal of Minerva

E.g. to get a Medal of Honor, you need to remember 95% of all questions in a deck for at least a week – and you need to get them right 3 times in a row.

Editing decks

- Before you can start learning, you need to add vocabulary. To do that, either add a new deck (see link on the start page) or edit an existing deck:

Click here to start adding vocabulary to your deck

Performance stats by retention		Study if <100%
Last three correct (24h)	99%	1 Question
Last three correct (7d)	76%	22 Questions
Last three correct (30d)	9%	85 Questions
Study all questions		93 Questions
Awards		

Minimum retention of all questions: 4 secs
Time since last full revision: 25 days
Last change: 2017-05-05

- This gets you to the deck edit mode:

Add vocabulary

This deck + Deck selection Add vocabulary + Help + Dummy +

Deck Basics

Ёжиќ

Leo яндекс мультитран ba.bla Examples Google Wiktionary Images

Hedgehog

ёжик
ёж
ик Diminutive

+to (>) +the (>)

Type your new word here. For languages like Russian or Greek, you can type latin phonetics and the programme will convert them to the relevant characters (see Help menu for that). Wait for the translation to appear - amend it if needed - then press ENTER to add the word

Useful links will appear that are associated with your word and let you quickly look at examples, images, declensions, etc.

Google will try and translated your word to your home language automatically.

Vocabulize will try and dissect your words into pieces to make learning easier

Deck Basics includes 1 pair

Go back to deck selection Study this deck now

#	Question	Answer	Results	% ✓	Retention	Last correct
1	bird	 птица		n/a		x
T	Study results - average of the above %			0%		

Click on a question or answer to edit it or to add pictures to a pair.

Stats on each question will appear once you have answered it

Delete

You can add words directly from websites using a plug in. See the help menu or click this link!

Studying decks

- Use the deck menu to start studying decks
- This gets you into study mode. All you have to do is answer all questions or press enter if you do not know them. Pressing enter will reveal the answer – you will still have to enter it to proceed to the next question:


Basics (0 / 2 = 0%)

Study session + Deck selection Add vocabulary + Help + Dummy +

Please translate:

bird =

1 word. 5 characters. 0 min studied.



Current round - resize:

Pairs left	2
- unique pairs	2 / 2
- repetition	0
Pairs done	0 (0%)

Just type the right answer. If you don't know it, press enter and it will appear below. Again you can use Latin characters to type other alphabets (see Help).

If you associated an image with your question, it will appear here when you get asked.

Here you see how many words are left in this current learning round. If you want to resize it, just enter a new number of questions in this box and press enter. When you finish a round, you will automatically return to the deck overview.

Vocabulize will keep updating your learning statistics in real time and send you an end-of-day email on every day that you study.