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Fill in the questions and proceed to the home page.

From here, you can select a language to learn. Clicking on a language will take users to a homepage to start learning. Unsure which language to start with? Don’t worry, you are able to add, change and remove languages later.
The homepage is divided into three main areas: “My Learning Path”, “Learned” and “Practice”.

My Learning Path offers users a series of lessons to get absolute beginners started. Locate the Welcome lesson and click the Learn button to get started.

Each activity will provide a helpful instruction overlay to aid users in understanding each activity. All activities cover one of four essential language skills: Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening. Activities in the Practice section allow users to practice these skills.

As you progress through your lessons, the Learned section will help keep track of vocab words and phrases. Users can sustain what they’ve learned by clicking the Refresh All button to review older words.

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