

TOOL YOU NEED TO STUDY HUNGARIAN : DICTIONARY/ SZÓTÁR

You must have a good English-Hungarian and Hungarian-English dictionary or have access to the FREE Google Chrome online dictionaries, in this case you have to learn how to use Google search efficiently.

Why do you need a dictionary????

Because in almost all languages, almost all words are stored in a dictionary. LATELY even in Hungarian because, we had to copy others as it has always been an ingrained habit in other than Hungarian languages. Consequently and SOLELY for this reason, if you wish to find the foreign equivalent of a Hungarian word, you have no choice but to open a dictionary. Because a dictionary will have the ready-made, coined words just as you wished it, you see, the Hungarian linguist once more is forced to create a dictionary lexical database simply to suit the foreign language learner's mindset.

Whereas in its natural context the user of Hungarian spontaneously, on the run, creates the living lexical items.

There are about a 1000 stemwords and a lot of noun, pronoun, adverb, adjective and verb affixes that offer themselves for the native Hungarian user to construe the required words. Ah yeah???? Without being at home with the grammatical structural processes of HU, you cannot be very successful.

Oh yes, learn the stem words quickly and learn those wordmodifiers/morphs, and affixes as soon as possible and there you go, ready to speak this mysteriously fascinating Hungarian language.

But of course, as I said above, you will still need a good dictionary to give you the opportunity to identify those tricky MINIMAL PAIRS, where often a SINGLE LETTER/sound/accent difference is proudly capable of changing the meaning of the word in front of you.

ALWAYS...vigilantly and meticulously, pay attention to those UNEXPECTED minute changes in a word's shape, yielding a new meaning....for the foreign learner a NEW WORD. So find my POSTINGS that will initiate/introduce you into the intricate mindset of a native Hungarian:

TYPICAL HUNGARIAN WORD PATTERN.....

POSSIBLE AFFIXES +STEMWORD with POSSIBLE MODIFIERS/MORPHS, INFIXES + POSSIBLE AFFIXES again etc..

KEEP THIS PATTERN in front of your intellectual debugging mind when you are faced with Hungarian words....especially when embedded in sentences.

START DEBUGGING by identifying the stemword/rootword (gyökszó), whether it carries morphs (szóképzők). It should be easier, if you have memorized the NOUN CASE AFFIXES and THE VERB conjugational endings;/.just keep peeling them off the stem word, front and back of it, sometimes inside the words/phonemes, UNTIL YOU HAVE REACHED a possible stem , USUALLY ONE OR TWO-SYLLABLE WORD.....

this is when YOU PULL OUT THE DICTIONARY and identify the meaning for the STEM.

What a beauty !!! In this untangling process, by the way, you have also acquired several RELATED words. You have enriched your vocabulary and cultural mindset.

Your task is now to reconstitute/rebuild the word you have learned to dissect... but each time you re-glue an affix onto the stem word, go to your dictionary again and again to see the

English, French etc. meaning. MEMORIZE THIS PROCESSING TECHNIC and keep applying it to your learning. Basically you have internalized a whole family of related words (szóbokor) that revolve around a stemword. So that next time you recognize a sister or cousin word, morph or affix from that clan in a longer morpheme/word, your mindmap will automatically burst into play; telling you that you don't just know that word but the siblings as well. As a result you will become less and less dictionary dependant.....

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