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Palabea.net: „The Speaking World“

Learning a new language just became fun, easy and free

Every language shows us new countries, helps us make new friends and breaks down barriers. Let's share our languages to create a speaking world.

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palabea.net is an e-learning platform and social community that presents new opportunities to learn and practice foreign languages. It offers a wide range of tools and technologies to support its users with their learning process and allows people from different countries to communicate and collaborate while practicing languages and to learn about their different cultures.

Globalization brought the need to learn and respect cultural diversity. To obtain a dialogue between people of different countries, the knowledge of languages is essential, as it is part of a country's culture and traditions. Some of the major obstacles to learn a foreign language are lack of motivation, time and high costs. With palabea, anyone can explore new possibilities to learn a foreign language and communicate with people around the world, without leaving their home.

palabea.net users are able to:

- Access a portal of contents (video lessons, podcast and multimedia educational material), information on language schools, au pair opportunities and traveling abroad. With more information to be added as the portal grows.
- Converse in another language online: palabea users can easily find friends who share their interests, and who will help them learn and practice their language. They can talk freely on different themes, but if they prefer they can use lessons or situation games offered exclusively for the site.



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- palabea, unlike other social networks, offers an integrated video-chat system that lives in the page and doesn't require users to download an extra application.
- Practice comprehension with audio and video applications. The users can listen to podcasts in other languages or watch video lessons, which help explain grammatical aspects of the language.
- Play teacher and assist others in learning their native language, allowing for new ways in collaborative learning.
- palabea has created virtual classes to help users practice their written language. In these classes the users collaborate with documents and help each other out. These virtual classes can be created by a group of users, or, if preferred, they can request the services of a language teacher.
- Generate their own content, as individuals or a group. People can present themselves with information, pictures/videos...etc.

palabea complements traditional language schools, rather than compete with them. It is another distinctive aspect of palabea, who from the outset, worked with many schools to help produce e-learning applications that are both be easy to use and effective. Palabea is not isolated in its virtual world, it holds on classic methods of teaching languages because it doesn't want to replace it but support it.

palabea has been founded by Sebastian Schkudlara and Patricia Sierra Fernandez in Berlin. palabea team is small but international with each member speaking two to three languages. palabea has three official languages: English, German and Spanish.