

# NORWEGIAN LANGUAGE – ARE YOU SERIOUS?

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*YOU BET I AM SERIOUS!*

*YES YOU CAN - OF COURSE YOU CAN!*



# WHY IS IT HARD?

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- Pronunciation
- Syntax
- Word length (barneskoleassistent)
- Two written varieties & a billion dialects
- Many ways of putting it is correct (but not all)
- Tonal language (bønder – bønner) (Sola – sola)
- Stress (beverpelsen- Mariero - Buøy )

**NOT  
IMPOSSIBLE**

WHEN YOU MAKE IT =

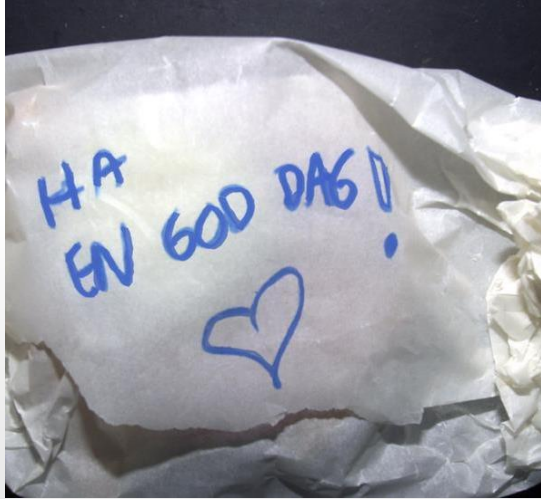
YOU ARE A SPECIAL PERSON

# WHY BOTHER?



## *In order to:*

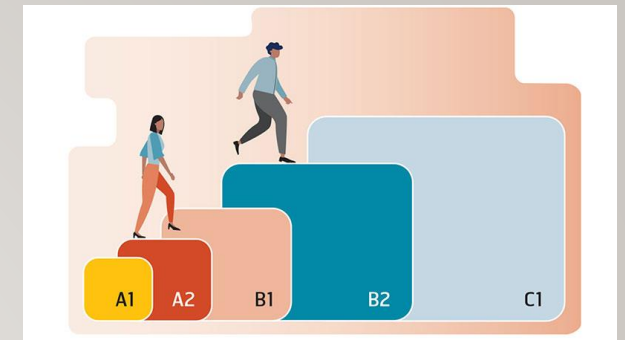
- Secure the **Dream Job** / alt. A job
- To gain respect **R-E-S-P-E-C-T**
- To make friends/contacts outside my inner circle
  - \* to broaden my cultural perspective/ learn to view the world from a different perspective
  - \* to be able to participate more (PTA, trainer, volunteer)
  - \* To **support (my)** children, friends and neighbours
  - \* to have a **richer life**
  - \* to **prevent Alzheimer**



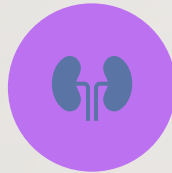
CAN YOU RECOGNIZE THESE CULTURAL REFERENCES?

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# A LITTLE IS BETTER THAN NOTHING



**Start today**  
(Duolingo/Pimsleur/Norsklærer  
Karese/NOW/ enlist in a  
course/ Språkkafé)



Do it **regularly** (10-30 minutes a  
day is better than 3 hours once a  
week)



**Practice whenever** you can (stop  
speaking English when you don't  
need it)



Laugh at your own mistakes  
(perfectionists: Let it go!)



Try to **practice with someone**  
(Language exchange)

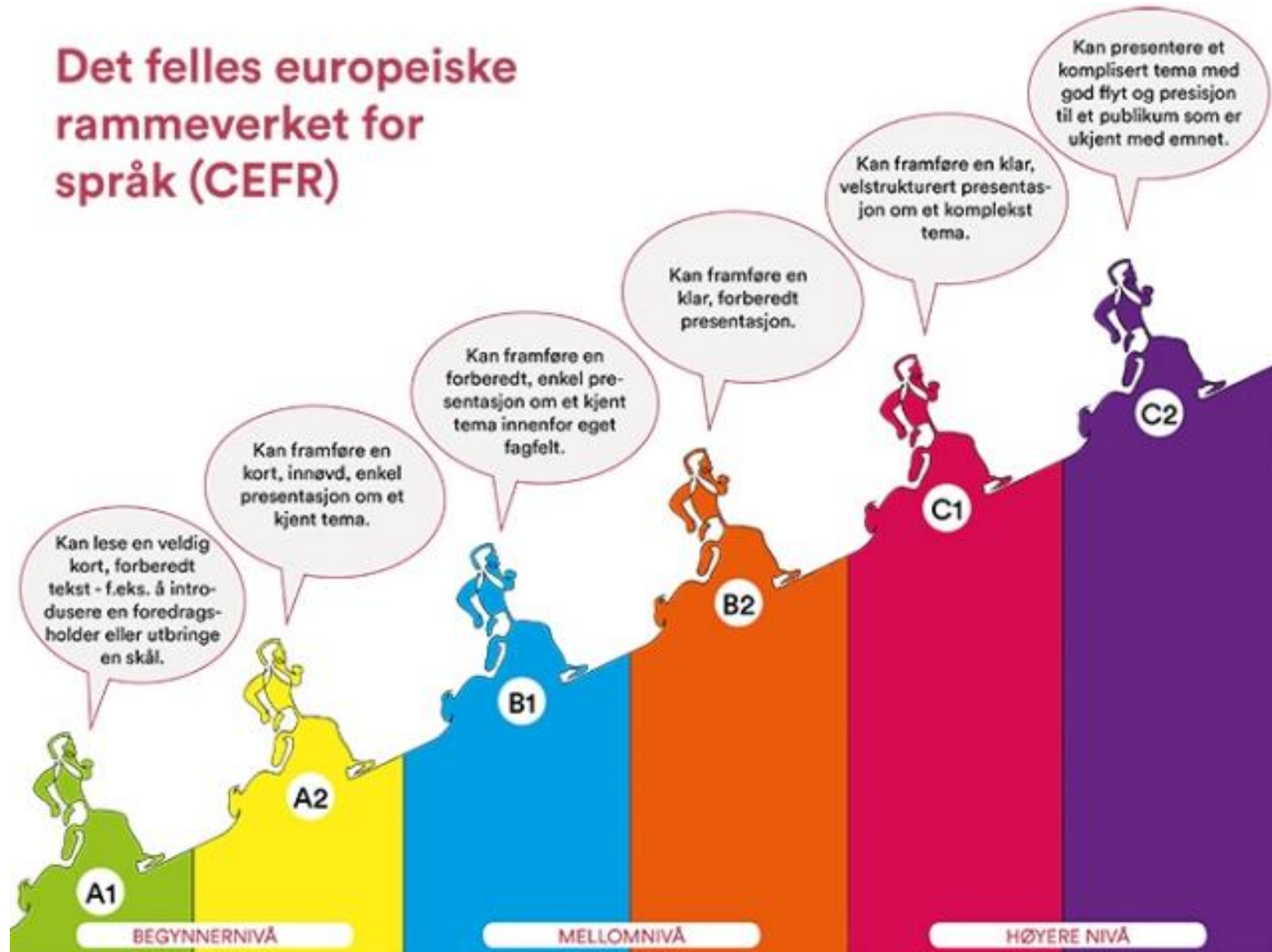


**Watch the news on TV** (regularly),  
listen to the radio while you XXXX.  
**More input = more output**



**Reward your own effort**  
(language learning is a tedious  
and rewarding long term process  
& project)

## Det felles europeiske rammeverket for språk (CEFR)



# TESTIMONIES

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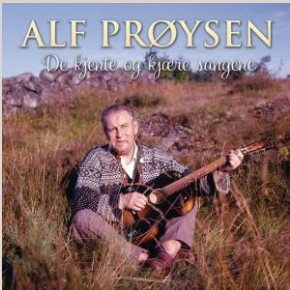
- Spanish Geologist: - Norwegian interview at Lundin = secured the job
- Indian Physicist – layed off, one explanation – language difficulties... (worked on the language, now is working.
- German, Spanish and English Teachers – works at high and junior high schools (MUST know Norwegian)
- Counsellor at NAV (job center) from Iran – fluent Norwegian is expected in the public sector
- At the university: Supposed to learn it in 2-3 years
- Public sector (education/health/bureaucrats): Mandatory

Private sector: Mostly mandatory

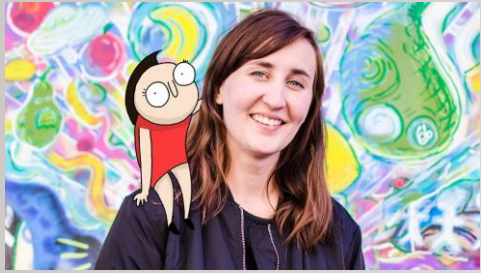
Exception: International Schools, oil companies, some technical companies

# NORWEGIAN LANGUAGE & CULTURE = MAGIC?

- **An asset but not sufficient**
- If you tried learning the language 10 years ago. Give it another go
- Language opens up the culture (read books or watch movies/series)  
translated, easy readers, ordinary books/subtitles
- Network (7/10)
- Challenge yourself (goal: marathon = requires regular exercise) «heia-gjeng» (supporters)  
(meet at the library, organize job-clubs)
- «Du skal få ein dag i mårå» (Alf Prøysen) (Tomorrow is a new day (with new opportunities)/  
«Optimist» Jan Teigen (Optimist – jeg vet det går bra til sist... (Optimistic in the end it will be ok)
- Why? Because it is more meaningful and life is short.







# TEGNE-HANNE (HANNE SIGBJØRNSSEN)

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