

**Welcome to
Modern Foreign Languages
at De Montfort University**

**Mandarin
2023 - 2024**



Start of classes

All classes start on the week commencing
Monday 2 October 2023





1st and 2nd year students

Block teaching

* Block 1 and 2:

- Beginner level: 2 hours of introductory class per week.
- Other levels: 1 hour of conversation class per week.

* Block 3 - intensive classes:

3 workshops of 3 hours a week.

Each workshop is divided as follows:

- 2 hours led by a tutor
- 1 hour of peer practice

Final year students Term 1 and 2

- **3-hour workshop per week** divided as follows:
 - 2 hours led by a tutor
 - 1 hour of peer practice



You will develop your...

- **Language skills:** listening, reading, writing, speaking
- **intercultural skills:** culture, society, politics, arts, cinema, literature,...
- **transferable skills:** team work, research, presentation, critical thinking, etc.



Assessment for block teaching.

Year 1 and 2 students

On the last week of block 3, you will take:

- 1 listening test
- 1 reading test
- 1 writing test
- 1 speaking test

These are very short tests and will be carried out during your normal weekly workshop slots.



Assessment for final year students

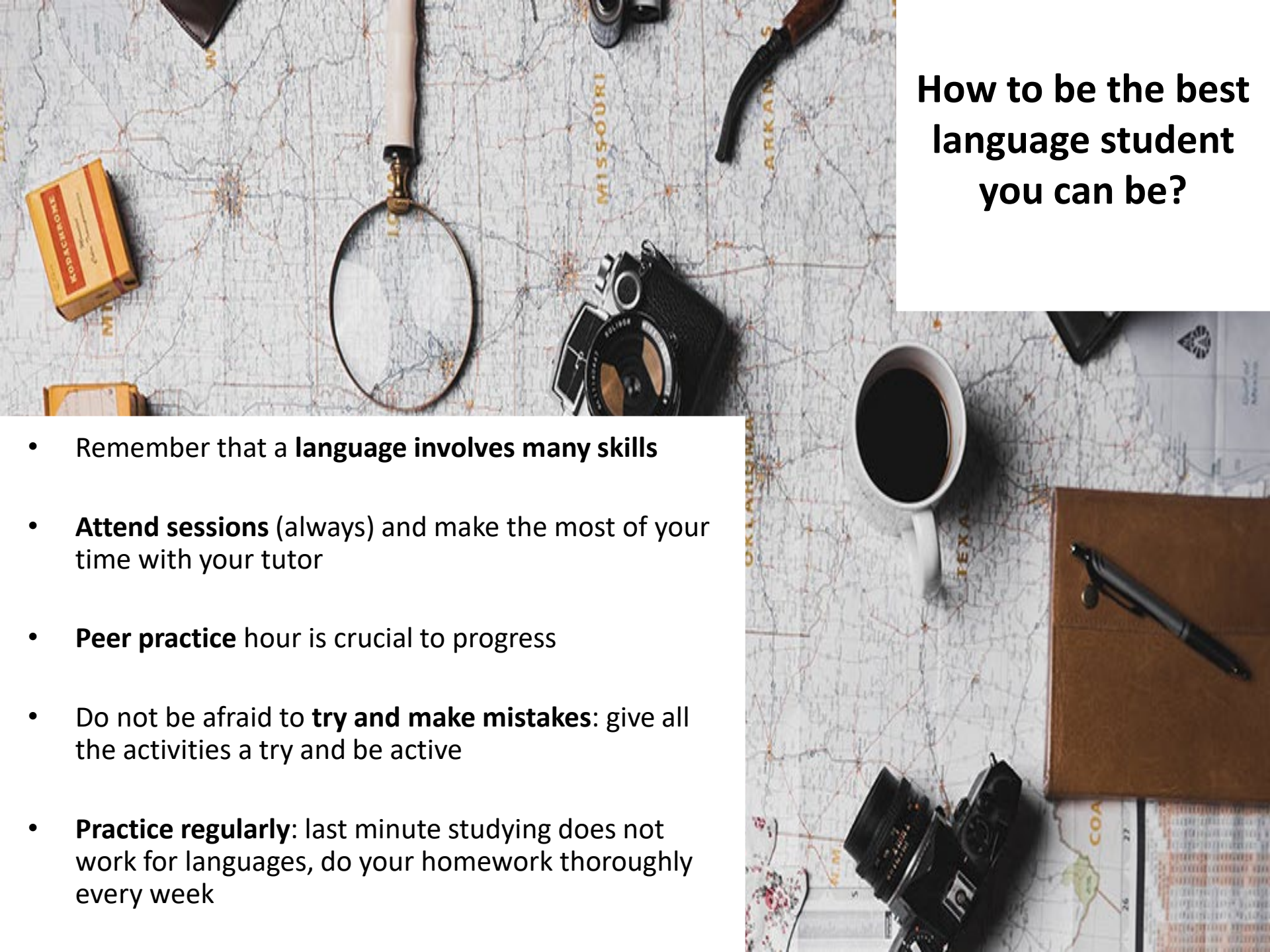
Term 1 assessment:

listening and reading tests
during the last week of
teaching

Term 2 assessment:

writing and speaking tests
during the last week of
teaching



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How to be the best language student you can be?

- Remember that a **language involves many skills**
- **Attend sessions** (always) and make the most of your time with your tutor
- **Peer practice** hour is crucial to progress
- Do not be afraid to **try and make mistakes**: give all the activities a try and be active
- **Practice regularly**: last minute studying does not work for languages, do your homework thoroughly every week

How to be the best language student you can be?

- Find your learning style
- Make opportunities to practice in a fun way with things you like
- Check out these videos:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o_XVt5rdpFY

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TZYOScgVc3g>





Support

- Contact your language tutor for any question about your learning, your classes, your work, your progress, your assessment.
- Contact the Modern Languages Lead Support for any question or issue that cannot be solved by your tutor:

Nick Oldham, nick.oldham@dmu.ac.uk

- Your issue may be referred to the Modern Languages Lead:

Dr Marion Krauthaker
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Other opportunities:

- Study or work abroad
- DMU Global language courses
- DMU Global activities



See soon you in class!

