**WordChamp: Learn Language Faster**  
(Website Review)

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**Site URL:**  
http://www.wordchamp.com

**Site title:**  
WordChamp: Learn Language Faster

**Objective of the site:**  
The very basic objective is to help the teachers, students and organizations in the process of learning new vocabulary of the target language that they are aiming to learn.

**Intended audience:**  
The site seems very useful to teachers and students of any language and the organizations aiming to help their employees and client.

**Domain related aspects:**  
It is an educational site and it focuses on teaching vocabulary which is compatible with all languages. The site provides the audience with vocabulary of different types of drills including translation, listening comprehension, dictation, and language-specific drills.

The content of the site is original and memberships including access to all features and content are free for everyone.

**Structure of the Site:**  
“WordChamp: Learn Language Faster” is basically divided into three sections:  
- Web reader  
- Learn vocabulary  
- Course management  
- Browse languages

Under the section headed “Web reader”, there is a page which help the audience read authentic texts. It takes any webpage or text and shows popup definitions to all the words it recognizes. It demolishes the frequent annoying time-consuming trips to the dictionary. Moreover, if the word has audio, the audience has the opportunity to hear a native speaker pronouncing it. “Learn vocabulary” hosts vocabulary drills including translation, listening comprehension, dictation, and language-specific drills. Also, the audience can create their own vocabulary lists with audio, which can be downloaded as mp3 files and as flashcards. You can find samples of the different drills here. The database currently holds 2,494,798 flashcards in 112 languages. “Course management” provides teachers with tools to help their students to learn vocabulary outside of class. With the tools provided in this section, teachers can create custom lists specific to their classes, set up a class and homework assignments. Moreover, they can also track
their students’ performance. In “Browse Languages” section, the audience can go over the lists that have been prepared by others or browse the languages available.

**Usefulness and richness of each topic:**
Learning new vocabulary is one of the things that take the most time and the most of the learners have difficulty in. Vocabulary is inescapable since anything related to any language starts with learning new vocabulary. This site provides learners of any language with the vocabulary items (audio, definitions, drills, and flashcards). It makes it easy for students to practice the vocabulary they need. It is rich as regards the materials provided.

**Connectivity:**
I did not notice any problem in having access to the site through ADSL and standard modem connection. However, downloading the lists of vocabulary with audio is a problem with slow connection. No special software is needed. However, in order to listen to the audio files on this site and the lists of vocabulary items with audio, it is required to have a flash player and an mp3 player, which is freely available on the net.

**Interface related aspects:**

**The layout of the website**
The layout is good and the links to the pages are clearly identifiable. There is no animations which are distracting.

**Site structure**
The audience can easily find what they are looking for via clear titles and links. There are separate sections for different aims (for students, teachers and organizations). The fonts are readable and the background color is not distracting.

**Navigation**
The audience can easily navigate the website.

**Search facilities**
The search facility provided helps the audience to search in the vocabulary lists, users and the words.

**Overall issues:**
The site is supported by a commercial firm and all the contact details of the site owners are provided. It has no distracting banners, animations or advertisements.

The site is regularly updated and the news is provided through RSS. The external links to other language resources were valid at the time of writing this review.

**Other comments:**
“WordChamp: Learn Language Faster” is rich regarding the content, materials, vocabulary lists and the facilities provided to the learners and teachers of any language. The access to over 127,000 recordings of native speakers, the database currently holding 2,494,798 flashcards in 112 languages and “Web Reader” is really fascinating.

Downloading lists and flashcards to mp3 players and to mobile phones, pre-made conjugation charts, and audio files make a huge difference while studying a foreign language. The tools provided by this site are invaluable. Better still, this site is currently open to access without any payment. However, audio is currently available in Arabic, Bulgarian, Chinese (Mandarin), English, Farsi, French, German, Hungarian, Italian, Japanese, Norwegian, Portuguese, Spanish, Swahili, Turkish, and Tagalog.