

ASI's List of Resources for Learning Swedish

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Dictionaries and Grammar Books

Online dictionaries

Tyda www.tyda.se

Lexin <https://lexin.nada.kth.se/lexin/>

Glosbe <https://glosbe.com/sv/en>

Svenska Akademiens Ordlista (Swedish Academy's dictionaries - all in Swedish)

<https://svenska.se/saol/>

YouGlish <https://youglish.com/swedish> - Pronunciation tool. Search for a word in Swedish and you will get videos where you can hear how it's pronounced.

Language resources in print

Prisma's Abridged Swedish-English and English-Swedish dictionary

<https://www.upress.umn.edu/book-division/books/prismaas-abridged-english-swedish-and-swedish>

Essentials of Swedish Grammar, Viberg/Ballardini/Stjärnlöf

<https://www.indiebound.org/book/9780844285399>

201 Swedish Verbs, by Richard P. Auletta

<https://www.indiebound.org/book/9780812005288>

Podcasts/Radio

About Swedish and/or language

CoffeeBreak Swedish: A podcast that introduces Swedish language through an informal, conversational format. A favorite among many ASI students.

Livet på lätt Svenska: A new (in January 2023) podcast in easy Swedish with former SFI instructor and author Sara Lövestam and Isabelle Stromberg, an American learning Swedish. The podcast discusses everyday topics in simple terms.

SFI-podd: A podcast aimed at Swedish learners, about Swedish society. There are “small,” “medium,” and “large” categories, for different levels of learners.

Lysande lagom: a podcast about culture and language from LYS Förlag, aimed at adults learning Swedish <https://www.lysforlag.com/podcast-lysande-lagom/?lang=en> or in podcast apps.

Svenskan i samhället: a podcast about language policy from ISOF, the Institute for Language and Folklore, a state authority

Språket i P1: A podcast about how language is used and how it changes, <https://sverigesradio.se/spraket>

Språktidningens podd: A podcast about current language issues from Språktidningen, the magazine about language

News/Documentary

Radio Sweden på lätt svenska <https://sverigesradio.se/radioswedenpalattsvenska>, can also be accessed through podcast apps.

Ekot: News from Sveriges Radio, new broadcasts/episodes throughout the day, ranging from 5-25 minutes.

P3 Dokumentär, a documentary podcast about events in Sweden and around the world. Because it interviews people from all over Sweden, it's a great way to hear different variations of Swedish. <https://sverigesradio.se/p3dokumentar> or in podcast apps

Entertainment

Den svenska musikhistorien, a music history podcast in chronological order, beginning with the very first instruments in prehistoric times.

P3 Musikedokumentär, telling the stories of famous popular music acts from Sweden and from the English-speaking music world

Verkligheten i P3, regular people telling stories about some interesting facet of their lives

Jakten på mördaren, a Swedish true crime/murder podcast (about solved cases)

Svenska fall, a true crime podcast that follows each crime through the justice system

Flashback Forever, a humor podcast where three people use Flashback Forum (basically Swedish Reddit) to find answers to life's great questions. Varning för känsliga lyssnare.

Current top podcasts in Sweden:

<https://chartable.com/charts/itunes/se-all-podcasts-podcasts>

View top Swedish podcasts by category: <https://chartable.com/charts/itunes/se>

TV/visual media

SFI/Learning Swedish resources

Utbildningsradio (Educational Radio) has a section on Swedish resources at <https://urplay.se/amne/svenska>

Hej Hej Sverige--all sorts of things for SFI students. By Utbildningsradio/Educational Radio: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6xHnTdU8aMjgHRwctNpN7A>

Svenska för alla YouTube channel. A “crash course in Swedish” about everyday themes. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDmNHpaB25AWvDO9DYZBdNQ>

Svetlana Grabos YouTube channel. Svetlana is an SFI teacher who makes videos about grammar topics and everyday life in Sweden.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfw7spfqYyBt9I81kczWT-w>

[Erik Edler Learn Swedish](#) - a great series to pick up the basics of Swedish.

[Svenska med Anastasia](#) - both pronunciation and grammar help and also videos showing daily life in Sweden (such as Plocka blåbär (Picking blueberries))

[Slow Swedish](#) with Katrin - a great series to practice listening.

[The Swedish Family](#) – A Swedish family that vlogs about their life (in Swedish with English subtitles)

If you're looking for info on Swedish grammar, search for the topic plus SFI (Svenska för invandrare) on YouTube - for example, "prepositioner SFI" and you will find videos done by Swedish as a second language teachers explaining the concept.

Entertainment

Sveriges Television (SVT): svtplay.se A number of shows are available all over the world ("kan ses i hela världen"). Some of our favorites: *Rapport* (the news), *På spåret*, *Allsång på Skansen*, *Babel*. For kids, check out *Babblarna* or *Bolibompa*. All shows have Swedish subtitles; a few have English ones too.

TV4: [Tv4play.se](http://tv4play.se) Most shows are geoblocked, but the news is available.

Netflix has a number of shows and movies in Swedish: Some suggestions are *Quicksand*, *Bonus Family*, *Young Royals*, and *Love & Anarchy*.

Your **local library** will have a number of Swedish DVDs available to check out.

Some older movies can be found on **Youtube**, such as *Bröderna Lejonhjärta*. Old seasons of TV shows like *Allt för Sverige* or *Så ska det låta* tend to be available too. Tip: visit Wikipedia to find out what your favorite Disney movie is called and Swedish, and see if it's on YouTube! Search the name of the movie along with "Svenskt tal."

Things to Read

Åtta sidor is an online and print newspaper with news in easy Swedish. You can also listen to each article. Visit this resource at 8sidor.se.

Many of the big daily newspapers (*Dagens Nyheter*, *Svenska Dagbladet*) are behind paywalls these days. Two exceptions are the Gothenburg daily, *Göteborgs-Posten*: gp.se, and Helsinki's *Hufvudstadsbladet*: hbl.fi.

There are also the evening papers, which are often more sensational but not as paywalled. Check out *Aftonbladet* (Aftonbladet.se) or *Expressen* (expressen.se).

You can find many Swedish books at the University of Minnesota library or through interlibrary loan with MNLINK or Worldcat (ask your friendly librarian for help!).

You can purchase Swedish audiobooks or e-books on bokon.se or bokus.se.

Few bookstores ship physical copies to the US from Sweden. This one does!
<https://papercutshop.se/>