

Using Wordless videos

For intermediate to advanced learners watching wordless videos can be a fun activity to do with your language helper.

How to do the activity:

1. Choose a short wordless video that you haven't seen. Play it so that your language helper can see it but you can't see it. She should describe everything to as she watches it. You should also record what she is saying.
2. Listen to the recording with your language helper and stop the recording every time she says something that you didn't understand.
3. Watch the video for yourself. If there are places where you misunderstood what your language teacher was describing pause the video to discuss it.

Extra ideas:

- Watch the video again later. Play the recording while watching the video.
- Use a video editor to add the audio to the video. Share the video with other language learners.
- Write out the story that the video tells. Show it to your language helper for correction.

Where to get wordless videos:

- There is a series of old Russian wordless videos that many people will be familiar with called *Hy погоди* (Just you wait...). In these cartoons the wolf is always outwitted by the hare and at the end the wolf cries out *Hy погоди!* You can search for them on [youtube](#), but here are a few links to get you started.
 - [2 winter episodes](#)
 - [10 episodes](#) in one video
 - [2 more episodes](#)
- Do a search for “wordless videos for language learning” on [youtube](#). Here are a few.
 - [Miniscule - cowardly coward](#) – about a snail, 6 minutes long
 - [Pigeon: Impossible](#) – about a secret agent and a pigeon, 6 minutes long
 - [Thirsty Crow](#) – animated Aesop's fable
- [Simon's Cat](#) – lots of really cute cartoon videos about a cat. These videos are each 1-2 minutes long. Try these - [Simon's Cat - Sticky Tape](#) or [Simon's Cat - Crazy Time](#).