

MY WORKBOOK
FOR LEARNING POLISH VOCABULARY

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Dear Reader,

This workbook will help you learn a lot of new words in an entertaining way! You will also be able to collect important vocabulary in one place and look it up when you need to.

Each unit contains illustrations related to a different topic. How can you use them to learn Polish? Choose the way that feels the most fun to you:

IDEA NO. 1: Next to each picture, write a word or words that you associate with it – you can use an online dictionary, a textbook for learning Polish, a video watched on YouTube, or ask your Polish friend for help.

IDEA NO. 2: Use the book as your own notebook, where you regularly write down the Polish words you learn during or after the lesson. If you write down a given word yourself, you will remember it better than in comparison to only seeing it in the textbook. The illustrations will support the learning process. They are arranged differently on each page – so that you associate a different layout with a different topic. This will help your brain recreate the words.

If you want to complete this workbook completely by yourself, I recommend two great online dictionaries that will be helpful while learning:

- 1) www.diki.pl,
- 2) www.pons.com.

If you only write down words, it will be a step forward in your progress, but remember that it is not enough for you to speak Polish well. How can you make more progress? I have added one blank page to each unit. This is your place for notes – you can try to write short sentences, dialogues, or other texts using this vocabulary.

You're probably thinking now that it is impossible because you are just starting to learn Polish. So how are you supposed to write a dialogue, text, or even a sentence yourself? Trust me. It is possible and it is worth trying. Besides, you will do it to learn! I know it will take some effort, but it will bring you great results!

Let me help you a little:

1) Set a very specific goal for yourself, for example: write a short dialogue in the grocery store (next to the vegetable pictures) or write a few lines about your last vacation (next to the traveling pictures).

2) To check words, their declination etc., use the dictionaries mentioned above and the websites below:

context.reverso – this page shows the translation of given phrases in authentic examples of texts from an online database:

<https://context.reverso.net/translation/english-polish/>

I highly recommend using this website, because here you are able to check how to conjugate any verb or how to translate full sentences. When learning Polish, you will soon realize that word endings are constantly changing. Therefore, looking up individual words in a dictionary to make complete sentences will, 9 out of 10 times, result in a not fully correct translation. However, using this website will do the hard work for you! It will also be necessary for you to start learning grammar at some point, but that's a very good start.

aztekium – here you can check the conjugation of all verbs:

<http://aztekium.pl/odmiana.py>

It's enough to write a Polish verb in the search box and you will see its conjugation! It's not perfect and some little mistakes are possible, but it's very good overall.

3) Write short sentences!

4) Even if your sentences aren't 100% correct, don't worry about it. Learn the general things first, and then you will polish the details. You can also ask a friend from Poland or your teacher to check the sentences for you.

5) Write short sentences immediately in Polish. Don't write in your own language first and then translate it – it will be too difficult.

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OTHER FRUIT

15 JEDZIEMY NA KEMPING! WE ARE GOING CAMPING!



25 KOCHAM CIĘ! I LOVE YOU!



29 JESIEŃ JEST PIĘKNA. AUTUMN IS BEAUTIFUL.



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