



Pathfinder Honour: Trainer's Notes

Language Study



Instructions to Trainers / Instructors of this Honour

Thankyou for being involved with this Honour. These notes have been developed to assist in teaching / instructing this honour. We recognise that there is much more information available and we are grateful that you should share your expertise.

Please remember that Honours are designed to develop our Pathfinders in many ways; their interests, their knowledge and their relationship with their Saviour and Creator. Your enthusiasm and creativity will have a huge impact on those doing the honour.

To complete an Honour, the following (where applicable) must be completed satisfactorily:

- Physical and Practical Requirements.
- Honour Workbook.
- Honour Assessment Sheet. *(On SPD Honour Website but Leader's level access is required)*

Additional Reference Material

Acknowledgements

Unless stated otherwise, the text of this honour is based on the following useful website

http://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/Adventist_Youth_Honors_Answer_Book/Outreach/Language_Study

Please be aware that the content of this site is beyond the control of the SPD.

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INTRODUCTION

For this honour, a 'native' tongue is the language traditionally spoken by a person. This implies that it is the language commonly spoken at home and between friends and relatives.

IMPORTANT. Trainers and leaders please take all necessary precautions to ensure the wellbeing of Pathfinders in regard to the people they contact when meeting the requirements of this honour.

REQUIREMENT 1. Read and translate from sight a passage of at least 300 words from a book or magazine in a language not native to you.

Translating by sight means that one must be able to translate the passage without the use of a foreign-language dictionary.

REQUIREMENT 2. Carry on a simple but sustained conversation in a modern foreign language (ie one not native to you) for a period of not less than five minutes.

The requirement that the selected language be modern reminds us that this honour is in the Outreach Category. The purpose of this honour is so that the Pathfinder will be able to share the gospel with speakers of this language, so a dead language (such as Latin, Ancient Greek, or Ancient Hebrew) does not qualify.

If you are new to the language, you might find this requirement easier if you choose a topic ahead of time. For example, you might wish to talk about a recent camping trip or a recent vacation. Just remember that this is supposed to be a conversation, not a monologue. You can also talk about family or school:

- * How many brothers or sisters do you have?
- * How old is your father? / mother?
- * Where were you born?
- * Where were your parents born?
- * Where do (did) you go to school?
- * What is your favourite subject?

These topics of conversation help to establish a relationship with another person. Once that has been accomplished one may venture into the other topics (such as the gospel).

REQUIREMENT 3. Listen to an address or statement of not less than two minutes' duration made by a person to whom the foreign language is a native tongue (but not your own native language), and translate the same into your own language.

Probably the most effective strategy is to involve a native speaker. Have him or her make a presentation. Most likely, they will be pleased to help you improve your skill with that language

If you are new to the language, you might find it helpful to watch a video of the speaker. That way you can back up and re-listen to any parts that gave you difficulty. If you have access to a broadband Internet connection, you can find videos in other languages on Youtube [see <http://Youtube.com>]

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REQUIREMENT 4. Write a simple letter in the foreign language of your choice, telling what contacts you have been able to make with persons whose native tongue is the language you have chosen.

When this requirement was written, getting Pen Pals was very popular. Children would send in their names and addresses to magazines such as Guide Magazine in hopes that another child would write them a letter. Sometimes these pen pals would become lifelong friends keeping in touch well into adulthood.

Unfortunately, in this day and age, publishing a child's name and address is considered extremely dangerous, so the practice has been discontinued to safeguard our children.

Our preferred response to this requirement is for initiative and creativity to be used. Perhaps one could use the internet to find other Pathfinder Clubs / Conferences / Missions around the world. As a last resort, a 'pretend' letter can be written.

REQUIREMENT 5. Know and repeat from memory the Pathfinder Pledge and Law in this foreign language.

Following is the South Pacific Division's Pathfinder Pledge and Law. It is ready to add a 'foreign' language. Please see *'Language Study Honour Trainer's Notes_ Pathfinder Pledge & Law'*

<i>Language: English</i>	<i>Language Name:</i>
Pathfinder Pledge	
Loving the Lord my God I will:	
Daily seek His presence	
Show friendship to others	
Keep the Pathfinder Law	
And honour my country	
Pathfinder Law	
The Pathfinder Law is for me to:	
Look for good in others	
Aim to do my best	
Love and respect my family	
Be thankful for what I have	
Preserve God's creation	
Take care of my health	
Be involved in my church	
And go where He sends	

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REQUIREMENT 6. Discuss the foreign language you have studied under the following headings:

- a. The origin of the language.**
- b. People who live in your vicinity and speak this language**
- c. People who live elsewhere in the world and speak this language**
- d. What opportunities you have to converse with those who speak the language**

This requirement will require individual effort. It is surprising just how many people in our Church and community come from different backgrounds and speak other languages to our own native tongue.