



Internet Resources for Latvian Language, History, Society and Culture

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1. Language

Web page address	Comment
http://courses.washington.edu/latvian/basic_latvian/	Language course: “Basic Latvian I” by J. Lelis – online version.
http://www.eric.ed.gov/ERICDocs/data/ericdocs2sql/content_storage_01/0000019b/80/14/d6/e8.pdf	Language course: “Latvian Language Competencies for Peace Corps Volunteers in the Republic of Latvia” by Helen Viksnins.
http://www.staff.amu.edu.pl/~naunicol/NNlatv_macib.html	Language course for university students by Inga Klēvere-Wälchli and Nicole Nau – first five units with audio and teacher’s notes for download.
http://valoda.ailab.lv/latval/iesacejiem/	Interactive learning tool for beginners – themes include introductions, people, family, etc.
http://www.digitaldialects.com/Latvian.htm	Interactive games for numbers and colours .
http://www.transparent.com/languagepages/latvian/games.htm?link=body	Interactive games – basic level.
http://www.transparent.com/tlquiz/lwquiz/latvian/tllatv.htm	Basic level language quiz .
http://www.languagehelpers.com/members/latvian/online/languagehelper.html	Audio – basic words and phrases.
http://www.byki.com/	Download: audio basic words and phrases.
http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/other/quickfix/latvian.shtml	Audio – essential holiday phrases.
http://valoda.ailab.lv/latval/vispareji/termini.htm	Latvian-English business terms.

http://www.latvianstuff.com/Language.html	Latvian grammar .
http://valoda.ailab.lv/latval/vispareji/lgram-ww/lgame.htm	Latvian grammar in English and Latvian – links to nouns, adjectives, pronouns, numerals, verbs, participles.
http://courses.washington.edu/latvian/gramatika/	Grammar .
http://www.letonika.lv/	Dictionaries, encyclopedias, literature , etc. – some services need subscription.
http://dictionary.site.lv/	English-Latvian, Latvian-English dictionary .
http://valoda.ailab.lv/latval/vispareji/pamatv/pamatv.htm	Basic dictionary Latvian-English and Latvian-Russian.
http://valoda.ailab.lv/latval/vispareji/bilabc/ba.htm	Picture dictionary .
http://www.tezaurs.lv/sv/	Latvian dictionary .
http://www.vvk.lv/index.php?sadala=14&id=236	Online dictionaries (in Latvian).
http://www.eurotermbank.com/	Multilingual dictionary .
http://www.letonika.lv/groups/default.aspx?g=5&r=1108&f=1	Synonyms (needs subscription).
http://www.liis.lv/latval/testi/1.htm http://www.liis.lv/latval/testi/2.htm http://www.liis.lv/latval/testi/3.htm	Intermediate-advanced level language tests (in Latvian).
http://lv.lefo.net/en/lmtests.html?all_exercises=1	A variety of online tests, including language tests (in Latvian).
http://nevienc.sytes.net/lv/lv.php?id=saturs	Advanced level language tests – links to nouns, words of foreign origin, style, etc.

http://www.np.gov.lv/index.php?id=503&top=0	Sample language test for citizenship, also tests on constitution and history .
VALSTS VALODA ATBILSTOŠI VALSTS VALODAS PRASMES PĀRBAUDES AUGSTĀKAJAM LĪMENIM VALSTS VALODA ATBILSTOŠI VALSTS VALODAS PRASMES PĀRBAUDES VIDĒJAM LĪMENIM VALSTS VALODA ATBILSTOŠI VALSTS VALODAS PRASMES PĀRBAUDES ZEMĀKAJAM LĪMENIM	Descriptors (including sample language tests) for three levels of language skill - advanced, intermediate, basic.
http://www.liis.lv/latval/fonetika/index8.htm	Phonetics + exercises – in Latvian, some problems with diacritic symbols.
http://www.liis.lv/latval/ortoep/index4.htm	Pronunciation + exercises – in Latvian, some problems with diacritic symbols.
http://www.liis.lv/latval/morfol/index.htm	Morphology + exercises – in Latvian, some problems with diacritic symbols.
http://www.liis.lv/latval/orto/default.htm	Spelling + exercises – in Latvian.
http://www.liis.lv/latval/sintakse/index6.htm	Syntax + exercises – in Latvian, some problems with diacritic symbols.
http://www.liis.lv/latval/stilistika/1lapa.htm	Style + exercise – in Latvian, some problems with diacritic symbols.
http://tulki.venta.lv/tulkosanas_vingrinajumi/AL	Advanced English-Latvian translation exercises.
http://valoda.ailab.lv/latval/vispareji/darvest/satur.htm	Letter writing .
http://www.li.lv/images_new/files/pdf/Lat_lang_uage.pdf	General information on language .
http://www.valoda.lv/lv/latviesuval	General information on language and dialects (in Latvian).

2. History

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http://www.li.lv/images_new/files/pdf/History_of_Latvia_brief_survey.pdf	A brief history .
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_Latvia	A brief history .
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LVNZf9H5mHA	Animation: history .
http://www.historia.lv/	History reference site (in Latvian).
http://depts.washington.edu/baltic/encyclopedia.html	Encyclopedia of Baltic history .
http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/historical/baltics.html	Historical maps .
http://www.vaidilute.com/books/gimbutas/gimbutas-contents.html	Online book – ancient history : “The Balts” by Marija Gimbutas
http://www.li.lv/images_new/files/pdf/Latvia_20_century.pdf	20th century history .
http://www.li.lv/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=51&Itemid=996	Powerpoint presentation: Latvia, a Captive of Superpowers in the 20th Century .
http://www.li.lv/images_new/files/The_Baltic_Way_20.pdf	The Baltic Way – 23 rd August 1989.
http://www.li.lv/images_new/files/Baltijas_Cels_27%2007%202009_new.pdf	The Baltic Way – 23 rd August 1989 – presentation.

3. Society

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http://www.li.lv/images_new/files/pdf/Latvia_today.pdf	Information on Latvia today , including the economy, foreign policy, social integration, etc.
http://www.li.lv/images_new/files/pdf/Latvians_www.pdf	Latvian people.
http://www.li.lv/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=94&Itemid=1078	Government and politics.
http://www.politika.lv/index.php?id=8532	Links to political parties (in Latvian).
http://www.li.lv/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=119&Itemid=1122	Economics.
http://latviaeconomy.blogspot.com/	Economics.
http://www.li.lv/images_new/files/pdf/Education_and_Science_in_Latvia_2002.pdf	Education and science.
http://www.virtualcampuses.eu/index.php/Latvia	Education system.
http://www.socialsecurity.gov/policy/docs/progdesc/ssptw/2008-2009/europe/latvia.pdf	Welfare system.
http://www.li.lv/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=33&Itemid=1114	History of ethnic minorities in Latvia – links to Germans, Jews, Poles, Russians, Eastern minorities.
http://www.politika.lv/ http://www.politika.lv/audio/	Articles and audio about society, politics , etc.
http://www.am.gov.lv/en/london/	Embassy in London.

http://www.esmaja.lv/	EU news (in Latvian).
http://www.latvijasradio.lv/lapas/lv_tiesraide.htm	Live radio (in Latvian).
http://www.listenlive.eu/latvia.html	Online radio stations.
http://www.tv24.lv/	Live TV (in Latvian).
http://www.tvnet.lv/	TV and news site (in Latvian).
http://www.ltvzinas.lv/	TV news (in Latvian).
http://www.ltvahivs.lv/ltv	TV programme archive (some programmes need payment; in Latvian).
http://www.leta.lv/index.php http://video.leta.lv/	National news agency (some services need payment but trial subscription is available; in Latvian).
http://www.diena.lv/lat/home http://www.diena.lv/lat/multimediji	News (in Latvian).
http://zinas.nra.lv/sakums/ http://zinas.nra.lv/video/	News (in Latvian).
http://www2.la.lv/lat/latvijas_avize/jaunakajainumura/latvijas.zias	News (in Latvian).
http://www.baltictimes.com/	News from the Baltic countries.
http://www.delfi.lv/ http://tv.delfi.lv/	News and general site.
http://www.apollo.lv/portal/intro/680/	News and general site.

4. Culture

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http://www.li.lv/images_new/files/pdf/Latvia_in_brief.pdf	General information on Latvia.
http://www.li.lv/presentation/LI-Latvia.html	Powerpoint presentation: general information on Latvia.
http://www.li.lv/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=52&Itemid=995	Two videos : “Welcome to Latvia” and “Sounds like Latvia”.
http://www.li.lv/images_new/files/pdf/National_Symbols.pdf	National symbols.
http://www.li.lv/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=18&Itemid=1067	National holidays, remembrance and festive days.
http://www.li.lv/images_new/files/pdf/BOOKM_ARK_www_little.pdf	Inventors, scientists, cultural icons , etc.
http://www.kultura.lv/lv/	Culture – links to events, history, people, etc.
http://valoda.ailab.lv/kultura/	Links to cultural monuments , folk costumes and folk ornament (the last in Latvian only).
http://www.citariga.lv/LV/index.php?page=2	Riga – links to history, games, tourist information, etc.
http://www.liis.lv/arh/teksts/speles/speles.html	Interactive games about architecture in Riga.
http://www.talava.com/latviancastles.html	Castles.
http://valoda.ailab.lv/folklor/	Folklore – links to folk songs, folk tales, proverbs, etc. (in Latvian).

http://www.li.lv/images_new/files/pdf/Latvian Folk Songs.pdf	Information on folk songs .
http://valoda ailab.lv/latval/vispareji/tautasdz/00.htm	Folk songs – links to various themes such as animals, deities, festivals, etc. (in Latvian).
http://www.dailytangents.com/tautasdz/lakst/TOC.shtml	Folk songs with words and tunes (in Latvian)
http://www.dainuskapis.lv/	Folk songs (in Latvian).
http://valoda ailab.lv/folklor/pasakas/	Folk tales (in Latvian).
www.pasakas.net	Folk tales and children's stories – written, audio and video (in Latvian).
http://valoda ailab.lv/folklor/ticejumi/	Folk beliefs (in Latvian).
http://www.liis.lv/folklor/gadsk/LD/rotalas.htm #1	Folklore – festivals (in Latvian).
http://www.pantheon.org/areas/mythology/europe/latvian/articles.html	Mythology .
http://www.radiooira.lv/	Latvian folk radio .
http://www.li.lv/images_new/files/LI_Lat_Folk Dress_www.pdf	Folk dress .
http://zagarins.net/Latvjuraksti/index.html	Folk dress (in Latvian).
http://www.rigasummit.lv/en/id/cats/nid/698/	Traditional mittens .
http://www.li.lv/images_new/files/pdf/Music in Latvia.pdf	Music .

http://www.music.lv/en/	Music.
http://www.literature.lv/lv/index.html	Literature (in Latvian).
http://www.e-biblioteka.lv/lv/	Online library – books, audio, video (in Latvian).
http://www.theatre.lv/en/	Theatre.
http://www.latfilma.lv/latfilma.html	Cinema.
http://www.gallery.lv/	Art.
http://www.li.lv/images_new/files/pdf/The Cuisine of Latvia.pdf	Cuisine.
http://www.li.lv/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=36&Itemid=1138	Sport.
http://www.li.lv/images_new/files/pdf/Treasures of Latvian Nature.pdf	Nature.
http://www.li.lv/images_new/files/pdf/Ecotourism.pdf	Ecotourism.
http://www.latviatourism.lv/	Official tourism portal.
http://www.ldz.lv/	Latvijas Dzelzceļš – Latvian Rail – interactive train timetables and prices.
http://www.latviaphoto.com/	Tourist photos.
http://www.lv/pictures/	Tourist photos.
http://riga.in/	Riga daily photo site.