Why Learn Danish?

Unlock the secrets of happiness! Learn Danish, talk with Danes and find out how you can tap into "the happiest people on earth."

Get past the hype on hygge! Learn how to create *hygge* (pronounced "hoo-ga") or "cozy contentment" in your life by learning Danish language and culture.

Savor the Danish Table! Danish cuisine is globally hip today due to its long focus on healthy local ingredients, with nutritional benefits that rival the Mediterranean diet. Meet – and become! – a Danish-speaking cook in a Nordic kitchen to fully appreciate Denmark's blend of fish, root vegetables, grainy bread, nuts and wild game.

Experience education for all! Denmark launched the worldwide Folk School movement in the 1830s, led by philosopher N.F.S. Grundtvig. Enroll in a Danish folk school and learn design, outdoor living and other creative and *hyggelig* passions.

Discover Great Danes from past and present! From philosophers, architects and athletes to award-winning chefs and authors of children's literature, little Denmark continues to create leaders that inspire the world. Learn Danish, talk with the Danes and find out how you can be this happy, too.

Explore Danish heritage! The 2000 census shows almost 1.5 million people in the U.S. with Danish ancestry. If you have a Dane on your family tree, learn more about the language and cultural traditions you are part of today.

Learn how Danes bridge from "playing well" to working globally! LEGO (*Leg godt* or "play well"), the world's largest toy company by revenue, has thrived since 1932 in Billund, Denmark, teaches millions to build things, use creative expression and create order from chaos (a bag of loose bricks). Many have traced some of Denmark's leadership in architecture, art and other creative areas to Lego!

Bridge from Denmark to the world! Danish is spoken as a second language and/or taught in schools not just throughout Scandinavia (Danish is mutually intelligible with Norwegian and Swedish) but also in Greenland, Iceland and the Faroe Islands.

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