

## Lexiophiles releases the first ranking of the world's top 100 language blogs



(Hamburg, August 28, 2008) Lexiophiles, an affiliate of the bab.la language portal, has just released a list of the top 100 language blogs on the web. The list comprises the best 100 language blogs, individually chosen out of a pool of over 300 blogs, and can be accessed at [www.lexiophiles.com](http://www.lexiophiles.com).

This list was compiled by the language experts from bab.la, who, after sifting through some 300 blogs related to language and learning, analyzed and ranked them based on the blog's content, interactivity, and consistency. "It was born out of a desire to help language learners access quality language blogs, as there currently is no such list published on the internet" says Ben Valembos, project manager of the Lexiophiles blog. "The wide range of topics is truly amazing, from teaching a language or reviewing online education tools to writing a public diary sharing the foreign language learning process."

About two thirds of the top 100 blogs are in English. With the Spanish blog 'Cuaderno Intercultural' only one non-English blog has made it into the top 10 list. "Whereas blogging is considered mainstream in the US by now, many language enthusiasts around the world are only recently discovering the possibilities of the web" comments Valembos. "We also see that mainly US bloggers embrace additional features, tools and plug-ins in their blogs." The top blogs not only publish up to several articles per day but also include videos, podcasts, quizzes, twitter message boards and even playlists of favorite songs in the respective foreign language.

The top 100 list has already generated a buzz in the blogging world. Valembos adds: "The responses have been overwhelmingly positive. Many readers have pointed out excellent language blogs which are not on the list yet." The blog database is constantly updated, based on users' opinions and comments, as well as poll results, offering the possibility of a revised publication in the upcoming year.

### **About Lexiophiles and bab.la:**

The Lexiophiles blog is an affiliate of bab.la. Lexiophiles acts as an information source for all language topics, both in English and foreign languages. It publishes language related articles through its eight multilingual contributors.

bab.la (<http://bab.la/>) is an interactive language portal offering online dictionaries and language-learning quizzes. Currently it provides translations and quizzes in ten different languages (English, Chinese, German, Spanish, French, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian and Turkish). Users have contributed thousands of words and quizzes to the wiki-style language website. bab.la was founded in 2007 by Andreas Schroeter, Thomas Schroeter and Patrick Uecker.

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