

It's like the Swedes don't want you to learn their language

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(It's a holiday in the States today and tomorrow, so I'm not going to talk about geek stuff. That'll resume on Monday.) If you pay a visit to [Deutsche Welle](#), the German international broadcasting service, you will find a wide array of online German learning materials, such as [the daily news in slowly- and clearly-enunciated German](#) (including transcripts) and [dozens of half-hour mini-documentaries designed for students of German](#) (including transcripts and exercise worksheets). These are great for improving my woefully deficient listening comprehension skills. On the other hand, all I could find for students of Swedish is [the weekly news in simple Swedish](#). No transcripts, no lessons. Sure, I can listen to all of the Swedish national radio stations anytime I want, but they sort of assume you're fluent in Swedish.

And if you go to google and search for "Swedish movies", trust me, the top hits are definitely **not** the works of Ingmar Bergman. (Yes, I know about [IMDB PowerSearch](#). Now.)

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