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I'm probably the only person who uses the "News for dummies" links in the navigation pane on this page, and now I'm going to use them even less. The [Swedish news for dummies](#) recently became available [in podcast form \[RSS\]](#), joining the [German news for dummies](#), which has been available [as a podcast \[RSS\]](#) since the beginning of the year. (Both the Swedes and Germans have, of course, other [podcast](#) offerings beyond the news for dummies.) Of the two, I prefer the Swedish news for dummies. The German news for dummies is still your standard news report, but spoken m-i-n-d b-o-g-g-l-i-n-g-l-y s-l-o-w-l-y. Which means I can hear every syllable clearly without actually understanding anything, since they still use all that fancy German vocabulary. The Swedish news for dummies, on the other hand, proceeds at a methodical (as opposed to mind-numbing) pace and, more importantly, explains the news using simpler words, words which I am much more likely to know.

(What's the lesson here? I dunno. If you want to speak Swedish with me, talk like those Klartext folks. if you want to speak German with me, do **not** talk like those folks over at Deutsche Welle's Langsam gesprochenen Nachrichten because I won't understand you. But your best choice is probably English, since your English will be about twenty times better than my Swedish or German.)

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