

Español - Señorita Warner

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What is the goal?

This is a proficiency-based classroom. Proficiency means actually internalizing the language, not just memorizing words or grammar points and taking a test. Rising in proficiency means being able to communicate messages more effectively. Our goal is to end this year at Novice-Mid level.

What does Novice-Mid mean?

- I can understand the main idea in short, simple texts on familiar topics when I listen and read in Spanish.
- I can ask and answer questions in a conversation on familiar topics, using simple sentences.
- I can write or speak on familiar topics, using phrases and short, simple sentences.
- I can use my focus words to tell a comprehensible story.

What will we do?

The way to become proficient in a language is through comprehensible input. My job is to give you compelling and understandable language. Yours is to listen with the intent to understand by giving me your eyes and ears all class and letting me know when I am unclear to you.

Helpful Websites:

Online translator/dictionary: www.wordreference.com

Online high frequency vocabulary practice:

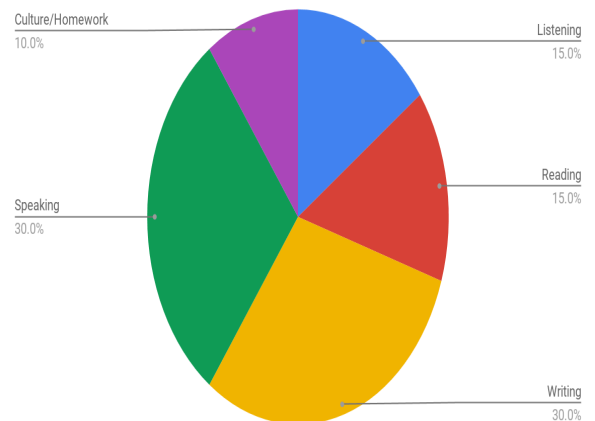
www.duolingo.com

Materials needed:

- Pencils (*Students will need to write every day*)
- Folder or binder (*This could be used as a mini-whiteboard if it has a plastic cover, but the main purpose is to keep a few papers together for class*)
- **Optional:** Small pack of dry-erase markers and Spiral bound notebook

You will also be expected to bring your planner with you to class as well as your fully charged Chromebook. I suggest bringing your charger with you to class.

Points scored



Classroom Expectations:

- Don't get in the way of others' learning
- Do your personal best

Grades

Grades will be based on the following 5 components:

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| 1) Speaking 30% | 3) Reading 15% | 5) Homework and Culture 10% |
| 2) Writing 30% | 4) Listening 15% | |

Homework and Culture will often be completed in class and be brief. Listening and Reading show comprehension, but they do not require students to produce the language themselves, so they are worth 15% each. Writing and Speaking require production of the language, so they will have the most impact on students' grades at 30% each.

Students will have one test in each of the categories at the end of each unit. Each category will be tested separately. All students who actively participate in daily instruction and complete their classwork and brief homework usually do very well on the test. If you want to do well on an assessment, you will need to practice, practice, practice!

Homework:

Homework will give students the added repetition they need to better internalize the language structures that are taught during class time. Homework is PRACTICE and errors help us learn. Students earn points for having assignments completed to the best of their ability; they will not be marked down for errors on homework assignments. However, incomplete assignments will receive 0's until they are fully completed. Completing homework will definitely help students acquire the language much faster.

Please write anything you think I should know about you to help you be successful in my class and sign your name below:

Señorita Warner
HCMS Spanish Teacher

Student Signature