**Smart Study Tips to Get an “A” in Spanish Class**

Want to get better grades in Spanish class? Below are some helpful tips on how to do better if you are having trouble with homework, tests, or classroom participation. Whatever you do, don’t zone out!

**Things To Do During Class**:

* Silently answer every question the teacher asks to the class, then listen for the correct answer from the teacher. That way, when you do have to answer the question out loud, the answer will already be right there for you on the tip of your tongue!
* Even if you don’t know all the words to say what you want to….just try! Just start and see what comes out of your mouth. Don’t be embarrassed to use gestures, facial expressions, and body language to express the things you don’t know how to say in Spanish.
* Treat every type of practice like it’s a Spanish quiz/test, and keep track of the answers you didn’t know. If you only have a short time to study, keep track of the things you don’t know so you can go back and focus on those areas, instead of wasting time reviewing the things you do know so well!
* Use any extra time in class to study your vocabulary. Keeping up with Spanish vocabulary is key to learning a language. If you don’t practice regularly vocabulary can really be lost. Even practicing just for 10 minutes a day, it will make it less stressful to memorize. Plus it will become more natural for you to use in your conversations.
* Ask your teacher questions when you don’t understand! Please ask questions and don’t be embarrassed. Anytime that you ask a question, I guarantee that you’re also doing a favor to other students who are wondering the same thing, but are too afraid to say anything!
* Don’t be afraid to make mistakes when talking. The main goal is to communicate, not be perfect. If the person you are talking to can understand you, that means you have communicated successfully!
* Use your time wisely in the classroom. This helps minimize your study time at home. It can be easy to say that you’ll do it at home and just goof off during work time in class. You will have a lot less work to do at home (and more time for friends and fun things after class!)

**Ways To Practice And Study Spanish:**

* Translate your homework in your head, underneath the Spanish on the original paper, or on a separate sheet of paper. This way you are sure to know what things mean and what it’s asking you to do. It’s also a type of studying!
* Study a section of vocabulary every day, focusing on the words that were introduced in class that day. If you have trouble memorizing some words, make flashcards for them.
* Always listen with wanting to understand. The more you listen, the better you will be able to speak.
* Be very focused in class. You can learn most of the material just by paying attention and staying on task.

**Ways To Study For Spanish Assessments:**

* Read through the questions BEFORE listening to the audio section. The teacher will give you time for this, but actually do it. That way, you know what you are listening for and don’t have to go back and keep reading.
* Check to make sure your nouns and adjectives agree in number AND gender. Also that your verb endings agree with the subject.
* Look at the previous sentence and the sentences that come after that when you are filling in the blanks for vocabulary sections. They will usually contain clues as to which word you should choose.
* Re-read all of your answers all the way through once you are finished and before you turn it in.