

Conversation 2 - Daily Routine & Food

Reflect (60 minutes)

- **Review**
 - **Download and listen to the audio recording of your conversation.**
- **Write in English**
 - **Overall, how did your conversation go? Explain**
 - Overall, the conversation went super well. I understood majority of what she was saying, we kept on topic and talked about what when we went to sleep, what we did when we woke up, and the different foods that we liked. I was able to engage in the conversation with my own opinions and she made the conversation enjoyable and go by super-fast. I think this one was better than my first one, she even complimented me on my Spanish at the end. She was very nice, sweet, and easy to understand.
 - **About what percentage of your partners' speech did you understand?**
 - I would say I understood about 85-90% of what my partner was saying. Most of the time, I used context clues to figure out other words or she would explain what a word meant using a example and I would understand afterwards.
 - **What are three things that you would phrase or say differently after having listened to your conversation?**
 - 1.) When she ask why I was tired, I meant to say because of homework (el tarea), but accidentally said because of the afternoon (tarde). I would say "porque, estaba haciendo mis tareas."
 - 2.) Since I didn't know how to say "I don't know" in Spanish, I would have said it as "No lo sé."
 - 3.) When talking about what I do after I get ready in the morning, I would have phrased what I said differently so that it would be "Despues normalmente, voy a la clase. Mi primera clase es de español a las nueve y media de la mañana."
 - **List three interesting things you learned about your conversation partner based on their answers to your questions.**
 - 1.) I learned that she is allergic to eggs but she still does enjoy them
 - 2) I learned that, in her country, Nicaragua, Bacon isn't a normal thing to eat for breakfast, mainly because it cost so much for it.

- 3.) I learned that she doesn't like to sleep too long because it's very hot in Nicaragua and if she sleeps too long she'll get hot in her sleep, but she does like to sleep though, just she doesn't like the heat.
- **What sort of cultural inferences or comparisons can you make about your interaction with your partner? If there is insufficient evidence, what comparisons can you make between your families?**
- It's noticeable that many people where she lives don't really enjoy the heat that well but also don't mind it either. Also that they aren't fast Spanish speakers, and that they seem to carry out a conversation very well and enjoy talking to others about different topics. Here, we don't speak to fast majority of the time and most people can be interactive, but some are also not as interactive with others.
- **List three new words you learned from this conversation.**
- El próximo, típico, postre
- **Is there anything else about the language that you noticed?**
- I noticed that it can difficult to think of some filler words, even if there isn't a word for it in Spanish, such as, "Wo" or "cool," just words people normally say when they find something interesting most of the time.
- **What can you do to better prepare for your next conversation?**
- Next time, I could practice a bit more of basic conversational or interaction words, like saying "wow" or "really?" in Spanish because I found myself wanted to say things like that a lot during this conversation. I could also try practicing on someone I may know, if I happen to find someone who would also speak Spanish, to practice exchanging and understanding the language by hearing it from someone else.