

Dailen Richardson Talk Abroad Workbook

SPAN 102 – Beginner Spanish II

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Overview

2 15-minute conversations

Topics: La familia, La buena salud, La comida, Cómo cuidarse

- Review: Pre-conversation activities
- Interact: Conversation outlines
- Reflect: Post-conversation activities

Purpose: TalkAbroad will coordinate regular conversation practice for you with native speakers during the semester. This workbook will guide you through that process with preparation activities, conversation topics, and reflection activities.

Student Quick Setup

1. Navigate to talkabroad.com
2. Click on “Create Account” or “Login” if you already have an account
3. When prompted enter section code (provided by professor –see the syllabus)
4. Click “Add Credits” to purchase conversation credits.
5. Click “Make a Reservation” on the homepage and scroll through the partners.
6. [Complete a test call](#) before scheduling.
7. Choose a partner and schedule a conversation using their calendar.
8. Complete your conversation.

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● Conversation 1 – La familia y La buena salud

Prepare (20 min)

- Schedule your conversation
 - Remember to schedule at least 36 hours in advance.
- Review
 - Review relevant vocabulary
 - Learn at least 10 new words related to the topics.

Nieto	Nieta
Hermana	Hermano
Esposo	Esposa
Enfermedad	Garganta
La Bronquitis	Tosa

- Plan
 - Write a list of a variety of 10-12 questions you can ask your conversation partner about their family
 - Avoid questions that elicit a simple one-word (yes/no) answer.
 - Think about how you would respond to each of the questions if they were asked to you (prepare for any vocabulary that you might not know).
 - Read through the Interact and Reflect portion of the sequence to help anticipate any other questions you might need to ask of your partner.

- 1) ¿de dónde eres?
- 2) ¿Tienes hermanos o hermanas?
- 3) ¿Eres el hermano mayor?
- 4) ¿cuántos hermanos tiene usted
- 5) ¿Tiene mascotas?
- 6) ¿Tus padres siguen juntos?
- 7) ¿De dónde son tus padres?
- 8) ¿Tienes tías y tíos?
- 9) ¿Qué hay de los primos?

10) ¿Tienes una relación saludable con tu familia?(Sí, amo mucho a mi familia. pero les molesto mucho jaja)

11) ¿Practicas algún deporte?(Sí, practico fútbol, béisbol y levanto pesas.)

12) ¿Cuáles son tus actividades diarias? (my daily activities are going to class and going to the gym. I also do homework with my friends and hang with my girl)

- Practice
 - Practice asking and answering your questions out loud. If available, find a partner from class and practice together.
- Consider
 - What are some places that you notice you are having trouble communicating? Are there any new words or structures that you can learn before your conversation?

Oh, closing out sentences is a little difficult for me but I'm sure it won't be a problem.

- What are some techniques to help navigate a conversation? What sort of phrases would be helpful?

Pretty much anything that can help the question stay clear to the topic of discussion

Interact (15 min)

Remember, you do not have to talk for the entire 15 minutes. It is a conversation. Aim to participate in **at least 60%** of the conversation.

- (3-5 minutes) Introduce yourself to your conversation partner and get to know some basic information about each other.
- (10 minutes) Share about your family. Ask your conversation partner about their family.

□ Tips

- Try to *think* in the language of your conversation. Your ability to think in English is much more complex right now and often, problems arise when you think of something to say in English that you are not able to say in the target language.
- If there are words or major ideas that you don't understand, please ask your partner to help explain/elaborate.
- Remember, the conversation will be recorded so you don't have to understand 100% of what your partner says during the conversation. You will have time later to look up specific words.
- If your conversation goes a bit off topic, *that is ok!* The important takeaway from this is that you are building the ability and confidence to interact in the language.
- When your partner answers a question, try to ask a related follow-up question instead of moving directly to another prepared question that might not be related.

Reflect

- Review

- Download and listen to the audio recording of your conversation.



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- Write in English

- Overall, how did your conversation go? Explain.

The conversation was very straightforward and I was nervous so it may have been bad but Ezequiel was very kind and helpful when speaking. He was also similar to me in the activity aspect and seemed very outgoing.

- About what percentage of your partners' speech did you understand?

About 70% still needed help with some stuff.

- What are three things that you would phrase or say differently after having listened to your conversation?

- 1) Probably how many siblings do you have?**
- 2) What activities do you like the most**
- 3) And how old are your family members?**

- List three interesting things you learned about your conversation partner based on their answers to your questions.

- 1) He has a small family**
- 2) We both like listening to music**
- 3) And we both are in college to be some sort of doctor**

- 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?

There's not much evidence to say but it is very clear that we both understood the Spanish I've been learning and was taught.

- List three new words you learned from this conversation.

I didn't learn any new words I'm familiar with all he was saying!

- Is there anything else about the language that you noticed?

Not really, once you get a hang and are fluent it's very easy to dissect and understand each word that is said.

- What can you do to better prepare for your next conversation?

Oh, definitely need to have my questions in order and more understandable for not only me but my partner as well.

Conversation 2 – U8 ¿Qué comiste ayer? y U-9¿Cómo te cuidas?

Prepare (30 min)

- Schedule your conversation
 - Remember to schedule at least 36 hours in advance.

- Review
 - Review relevant vocabulary.
 - Learn at least 10 new words about this topic.

Comiste	café
aceitunas	leche
algas	dulce
pastel	queso
pinas	pollo

- Plan
 - Write a list of 10-12 questions you can ask your conversation partner about how they incorporate healthy routines into their daily lives and habits and activities they consider promote good health.
 - Write a list of 8-10 questions you can ask your conversation partner about their favorite and non-favorite foods and places they like to eat; a regional or unique dish of their country
- Avoid questions that elicit a simple one-word (yes/no) answer.

- Think about how you would respond to each of the questions if they were asked to you (prepare for any vocabulary that you might not know).
- Read through the Interact and Reflect portion of the sequence to help anticipate any other questions you might need to ask of your partner.
 - ¿Cuál es tu rutina por la mañana?
 - ¿Qué haces para el desayuno?
 - ¿a qué hora vas a la cama?
 - ¿Eres activo durante el día?
 - ¿qué actividades haces?
 - ¿Cuál es su comida favorita
 - Tu Familia le gusta su comida
 - hacer ejercicio, con qué frecuencia

Como te mantienes sano

- Practice
 - Practice asking your questions out loud. Can you answer your own questions?
 - If available, find a partner from class and practice asking and answering questions together.
- Consider
 - What are some places that you notice you are having trouble communicating? Are there any new words or structures that you can learn before your conversation?

Queuing a question is hard for me but I can keep the conversation going which gives me the confidence to keep asking question

- What are some techniques to help navigate a conversation? What sort of phrases would be helpful?

Unlike my last conversation it was hard closing conversation this time I was able to limit my speech and let him speak just as much.

Interact (15 min)

Remember, you do not have to talk for the entire 15 minutes. It is a conversation! Aim to participate in **at least 60%** of the conversation.

- (1-2 Minutes) Introduce yourself to your conversation partner and get to know some basic information about each other.
- (7-8 min) Ask your partner how they incorporate healthy routines into their daily lives. What are habits and activities they consider promote good health. Discuss any other areas of wellbeing you would like to discuss.
- (7-8 minutes) Talk about your favorite foods and places to eat. Ask your conversation partner about their preferences. What are some foods that you do not like to eat? Places you do not

prefer to eat? Ask and share about some of the regional dishes in your country. What are some foods that are unique to your respective countries? Which foods do you have in common? What influences from other countries do you notice?

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Reflect

● Review

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● Write in English

- Overall, how did your conversation go? Explain

The conversation was very understanding and I wasn't as nervous as the first interview so it made me feel good that understanding the language is very understandable to me.

- About what percentage of your partners' speech did you understand?
90%
- What are three things that you would phrase or say differently after having listened to your conversation?
 - **How often do you workout?**
 - **Do your meals taste good?**
 - **Does your family enjoy your cooking.**
- List three interesting things you learned about your conversation partner based on their answers to your questions.

- **They don't work out**
 - **We both like music**
 - **We both like soda and juice**
- 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?

There wasn't enough evidence to get behind this question but I did know that he likes to eat with family rather than alone.

- List three new words you learned from this conversation.

I knew a lot of the words that were said.

- Is there anything else about the language that you noticed?

No its very similar to the One we learn here in the US hence why I could understand him a lot more than my first Talk abroad Conversation

- What can you do to better prepare for your next conversation?

What I can definitely be more organized and know what I need to do to make sure he understands my questions clearly