

# TalkAbroad - Student Workbook

## SPAN 102 – Beginner Spanish II

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### Overview

2 15-minute conversations

Topics: Places & Clothing, Daily Routing & Food

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

### Conversation 2 – La buena salud y la comida (U7-U8)

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#### 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.

El pavo: turkey

Las uvas: grapes

Los mariscos: shell fish

La zanahoria: carrot

El pescado: fish

La mantequilla: butter

Las aceitunas: olives

El aceite: oil

El champi~no'n: mushroom

Sin: without

- 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.
    1. ¿Qué te gusta hacer para aliviar el estrés?
    2. ¿Qué comida le gusta comer?
    3. ¿Qué comida no te gusta hacer?
    4. ¿Cuál es tu categoría favorita de comida?
    5. ¿Cuál es tu categoría de comida menos favorita?
    6. ¿Cual es su deporte favorito?
    7. ¿Qué deportes te gusta ver en la televisión?
    8. ¿Qué deportes no te gusta ver en la televisión? Por que?
    9. ¿Tu practicas deportes?
    10. ¿Qué deportes te gusta jugar?
    11. ¿Qué deportes no te gusta jugar? Por que?
    12. ¿Cuál es un plato único de tu país?
    13. ¿Qué comida popular es de tu país?
    14. ¿Qué comida te gusta cocinar?
    15. ¿Qué comida no te gusta cocinar? Por que?
    16. ¿Cuál es tu comida favorita (desayuno, almuerzo, cena)?
    17. ¿Cómo te gusta cocinar tus verduras?
    18. ¿Qué te gusta hacer?
- 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?
    - I am having trouble with grammar and remembering all of the vocabulary.

- What are some techniques to help navigate a conversation? What sort of phrases would be helpful?
  - Flashcards
  - Practicing questions from the list of questions above.

## 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?

### 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.
- Write in English
  - Overall, how did your conversation go? Explain

I feel like my conversation went better than I thought it would have. I ended up remembering a lot of the vocabulary, but still had some trouble understanding it when spoken to me. However, I would understand it more when I asked her to repeat the question.

- About what percentage of your partners' speech did you understand?
  - More than half.
- What are three things that you would phrase or say differently after having listened to your conversation?
  - I would have incorporated more vocabulary
  - Develop more questions to ask
  - Went deeper in explaining my answers
- List three interesting things you learned about your conversation partner based on their answers to your questions.
  - My partner loves Mexican food.
  - She likes to eat tacos.
  - She is also in college but her college doesn't have dorms.
- 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?
  - None, we both are hispanic but she is from El Salvador, her family is more close than mine is, she eats at home more than I do since she lives at home instead of a campus
- List three new words you learned from this conversation.
  - n/a
- Is there anything else about the language that you noticed?
  - n/a
- What can you do to better prepare for your next conversation?
  - Practice more with a tutor
  - Get comfortable with making mistakes