

# TalkAbroad - Student Workbook

## SPAN 102 – Beginner Spanish II

Old Dominion University

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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

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

Step-by-step instructions with screenshots are located in the section labeled [Detailed Student Setup](#) at the end of this document.

1. Navigate to [talkabroad.com](http://talkabroad.com)
2. Click on “Create Account” or “Login” if you already have an account
3. When prompted enter section code “XXXXXXXXXXXX” (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.

Contact our [support team](#) with any questions.

## 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.

Paella

Albondigas Meatballs

Rabo de Toro Oxtail Stew

Gambas Al Ajillo Garlic Prawns

Gazpacho Cold Tomato Soup

Empanadas

Fabada Broad Beans And Pork Stew

Caracoles Snail Tapas

Jamon Iberico Iberian Ham

Boquerones Fritos Fried Anchovies

- 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. que comer en el dia
  2. Qué comida saludable comes por la mañana
  3. como se cocina el pollo
  4. que comida tienes con tomates
  5. tienes que comer gazpacho
  6. Cómo te mantienes sana con la comida?
  7. Como te mantienes en forma
  8. Cual es tu deportes favoritos
  9. Cual no es tu deportes favoritos
  10. Cuál no es tu forma favorita de mantenerte en forma
  11. Dónde está tu lugar favorito para comer
  12. Cuál no es tu lugar favorito para comer
  13. te gusta comer en casa o en un restaurante

14. cual es tu restaurante
15. cuanto tiempo pasas en la television
16. cuanto tiempo pasas en la computadora
17. comes vitaminas

- 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?

Some of pronunciation is still struggling and being able to translate what is being said to a point where I can comprehend a lot.

- What are some techniques to help navigate a conversation? What sort of phrases would be helpful?  
Slowing down the conversation and thinking about what they are saying.

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## 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  
Not bad at all! He spoke fast at some points which was hard for me to understand but overall I think we were able to understand each other.
  - About what percentage of your partners' speech did you understand?  
Effectively 80%, i would say more but he didnt ask a lot of questions.
  - What are three things that you would phrase or say differently after having listened to your conversation?

Followed up with some of the questions with more questions to learn about what they like. Added more verbs and action phrases to the questions to clarify what I am asking

- List three interesting things you learned about your conversation partner based on their answers to your questions.  
My partner likes a lot of coffee and water throughout the day. His favorite sports team is argentina and they are enjoying the soccer games. He likes to play football with friends.
- 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?
- I was not able to identify cultural differences between us. Honestly if we were close friends I would not know that he was from a completely different country
- List three new words you learned from this conversation.

Pez (Fish I shouldve known), pina, and mundo

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

Nothing unexpected, the dialect and the pronunciation is like how we learned.

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

I would love to find a native speaker that is local to me or even worked with me so I could practice more. The TalkAbroads were an amazing resource.