TalkAbroad - Student Workbook

SPAN 102 - Beginner Spanish II

Old Dominion University

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.

- Navigate to 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 1 – La familia (U6)

Prepare (20 min)

Schedule your conversation

o Remember to schedule at least 36 hours in advance.

Review

Review relevant vocabulary

0	Learn at least 10 new words related to the topics. Bisnietos- great-grandchildren El pariente- relation		
	La tía abuela- great-aunt	El antepasado- ancestor	
	El tío abuelo- great-uncle	La sobrina- niece	
	La familia política- in-laws	La baby- baby	
	Media naranja- better half	La costilla- other half	

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.

Que mascotas tienes?

Que te gusta ser?

Tienes una comida favorita?

Leé que te gusta mirar la television. Que es tu progama de television favorito?

Tu familia es pequeña o grande?

Que similarities eres con tu familia?

Hay actividades que te gusta hacer con tu familia?

Tienes tradiciones con tu familia para las fiestas?

Cuantos hermanos tienes?

<u>Tienes una mascota</u>

favorita?			



Praction	
0	Practice asking and answering your questions out loud. If available, find a partner from class and practice together.
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0	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? <u>I still need practice using words in the preterite tense. Practicing the verb conjugations for</u>
	verbs ending in -AR, -ER, and -IR will help me to become more confident in that area.
0	What are some techniques to help pavigate a convergation? What cort of phrases would be
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	_Some techniques that are helpful for me is to pay attention to the words that I do know, and
	then use context clues based on the person's facial or hand expressions to figure out the
	words that I don't understand. Some phrases that would be helpful are, "No entiendo," as
	well as simple phrases like, "me gusta," and "tengo
	<u>que"</u>



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.
- o 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

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Overall, how did your conversation go? Explain. _My conversation went well. It was great being able to communicate with someone and get
to learn about their family and to be able to tell them about mine. There were times where I
was trying to remember how to say a certain word, but my partner was patient and even
assisted me in one of the areas. For every question she (my partner) asked me, I also asked
her a question back, so our conversation was equal in regards to who was
speaking



0	About what percentage of your partners' speech did you understand? <u>I understood about 50% of my partner's speech. My partner was speaking faster than what</u>
	Lam used to, and also used words that I had not heard
	before.
0	What are three things that you would phrase or say differently after having listened to your conversation? I was trying to talk about my brother, and how he lives far away, however, instead of actions "mi harmone vitre lains do action".
	saying, "mi hermano vive lejos de aquí," I said, "mi hermano vive debajo de aquí."
	-At the end of the conversation, I was trying to thank my partner for talking with me, and what I said was, "gracias para hablar con mi." What I should've said was, "gracias por hablar conmigo."
	-I should've used more terms when describing my family and their physical characteristics.
	Using the word "joven" to describe my niece and "fuerte" to describe my brother are a couple of examples.
0	List three interesting things you learned about your conversation partner based on their answers to your questions. My partner likes to ride her bike.
Мy	partner likes to spend time with her friends.
	- My partner likes to go to the
	cafe



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? - My family is smaller than my partner's family.			
	- We both enjoy spending time with our families and friends.		
	- We both enjoy cooking with our families.		
	- We both have		
	sisters.		
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)	List three new words you learned from this conversation Pasar tiempo (to spend time with)		
	- Cocinera (another way of saying, "to cook")		
	- Conversar (to		
	talk)		
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)	Is there anything else about the language that you noticed?		
	This language is one where you can blend words together (ex. Una escuela would sound		
	<u>like</u>		
	<u>"unaescuela")</u>		



Э	What can you do to better prepare for your next conversation? Continue to study my vocabulary and practice speaking vocabulary and sentences out loud.
	I can also watch beginner spanish videos to get a better idea of how native speakers
	talk



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

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.

Alérgico - Allergic	El acné - Acne		
Agrio - Sour	El termómetro - Thermometer		
El maíz - Corn	El dermatólogo - Dermatologist		
El brócoli - Broccoli	La uña - Finger nail		
La piña - Pineapple	Doble Articulado - Double jointed		

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.

Health Routines

- 1. ¿Qué haces para mantener la salud?
- 2. ¿Qué haces cuando estás enferma?
- 3. ¿Qué haces para prevenir una enfermedad?
- 4. Cuando tienes enfermedad; tienes enfermedad a menudo?
- 5. ¿Eres doble articulado?
- 6. ¿Qué deportes haces para mantenerse en forma?
- 7. ¿Qué haces para evitar el estrés?
- 8. ¿A veces tienes que ir al médico? ¿Cuándo?
- 9. ¿Cuál es tu comida sana favorita?



10. ¿Tienes un hueso roto antes?

Food and Places to Eat

- 1. ¿Cuál es tu comida favorita?
- 2. ¿Qué comidas te gusta hacer?
- 3. ¿Qué comidas tienes para el desayunar?
- 4. ¿Qué comidas tienes para el almuerzo?
- 5. ¿Qué comidas tienes para la cena?
- 6. ¿Qué te gusta beber? Beber mas agua?
- 7. ¿Qué comidas no te gusta?
- 8. ¿Qué comidas son populares en tu país?
- 9. ¿Tu prefieres comida dulce o agrio?

Practice

- Practice asking your questions out loud. Can you answer your own questions?
- o If available, find a partner from class and practice asking and answering questions together.

Consider

0	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 working on perfecting my verb conjugations. Right now, I am making progress, but still
	need to get used to which verbs conjugate from e>ie versus e>i.
0	What are some techniques to help navigate a conversation? What sort of phrases would be helpful? Being able to identify a couple of words in the sentence, and looking at body language can
	help me to understand what is being said. If I do not understand a sentence, I can say, "No
	entiendo, lo
	siento."_



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.
- o 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

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Download and listen to the audio recording of your conversation.

• Write in English

Overall, how did your conversation go? Explain
 I believe that our conversation went okay. There were a few times where I felt "frozen"
 because I had forgotten the questions I wanted to ask my partner (out of nerves), but overall we were able to communicate effectively in Spanish, and we even went over time by a few minutes. The conversation seemed to go by very quickly, because it felt very casual and relaxed.



	nderstood about 60% of what my partner was saying. I was able to identify words, but
<u>SO</u>	metimes she would talk fast and then I would get lost.
СО	hat are three things that you would phrase or say differently after having listened to younversation?
1.	I notice that when I try to speak fast, I mess up on gender and person agreement. Fo
	example, at the end of our conversation, I was trying to tell my partner to have a good
	night, but instead of saying, "Tienes una noche buena," I said, "Tengo un buena noch
2.	I was trying to talk about sweet foods that I like, and cake (pastel) and ice cream
	(helado) came to mind; however, I forgot the word for ice cream out of being nervous
	think it would have been better for me to just say, "Me gusta pastelles," than to hesita
	on the word for ice cream.
3.	I was trying to list foods that I put in my salad, and I had listed lettuce, broccoli, and
	carrots as foods in my salad. After that, I trailed off. If I could do that again, I would ma
	sure to go in with confidence as I list the foods that I eat and
	make.

- 1. She doesn't eat a lot of meat.
- 2. The main dishes in her country include rice, vegetables, and meat together.



	3.	She enjoys drinking
		coffee.
0	yoı yoı	nat sort of cultural inferences or comparisons can you make about your interaction with ur partner? If there is insufficient evidence, what comparisons can you make between ur families?
	frie	es) and I noticed the popular foods in her country are less fatty and more healthy (fruits.
	<u>ve</u>	getables, and rice). In regards to health, it seems as though we both do similar things to
	ma	nintain and take care of our health (drinks lots of water, get lots of rest when we are sick,
	<u>an</u>	d go to the doctor for physical
	exa	ams).
0	Lis	t three new words you learned from this conversation. Alérgico
		
	2.	Qué más (what else)
	3.	Bien (I knew this word meant "good," but I heard my partner use it as "well" in our
		conversation. I would ask her a question, and she would start with
		<u>"Bien,"</u>



0	Is there anything else about the language that you noticed? It seems as though Spanish is a lot more simple than English. Although I am learning
	Spanish as a native English speaker, and Spanish appears to be difficult, now that I know
	more of the language, I am realizing how simpler it is compared to English in regards to
	vocabulary.
0	What can you do to better prepare for your next conversation? More confidence! I was just as nervous for the second conversation as I was for the first, but
	I really shouldn't have been. It seems intimidating at first to know that you are speaking with
	a native speaker, because I didn't want to sound dumb, but the whole point of these
	conversations are to get me used to speaking Spanish, and of course there are things that I
	am still learning/ have to learn.



Detailed Student Setup

Account Setup

- 1. Navigate to talkabroad.com
- 2. If you already have an account, click *Login* and then skip to step 8, <u>Class Registration</u>.



3. If you do not already have an account, click Create Account.







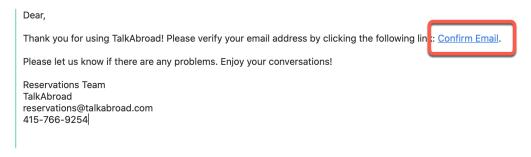
4. Fill out your required information and be sure to: select the time zone where you live, the Student Account option, and the language you are currently studying.

Don't forget to agree to the Terms of Service.

5. After clicking on *Create Account* you will see a confirmation page that asks you to verify your Email account to finalize the account creation.



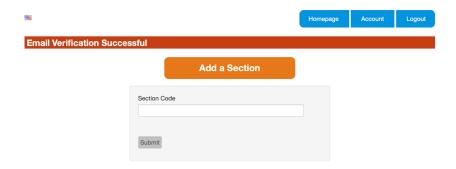
6. Sign in to the email account that you provided to verify the account and follow the link provided.



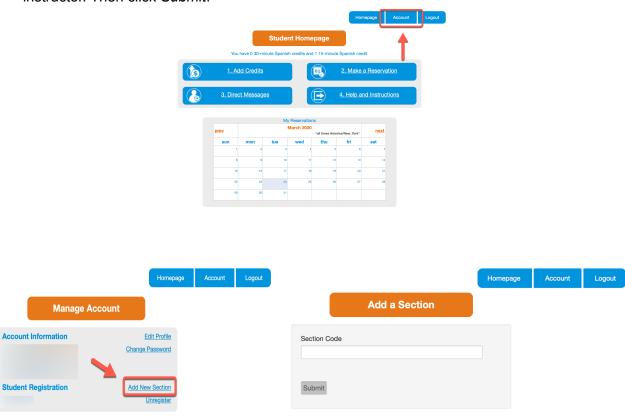


Class Registration

7. After clicking on the *Confirm Email* link, you will be redirected to talkabroad.com and asked to enter a Section Code. When prompted, enter the section code provided by your instructor. Then click *Submit*.



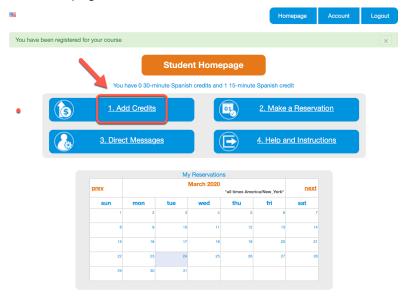
8. If you already have an account you can click on the *Account* tab from the student homepage section and then *Add New Section*. When prompted, enter the section code provided by your instructor. Then click *Submit*.





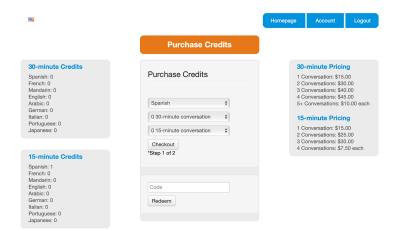
Purchase Credits

9. From the Student Homepage click *Add Credits*.

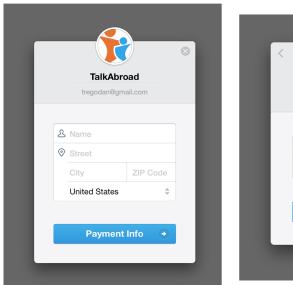


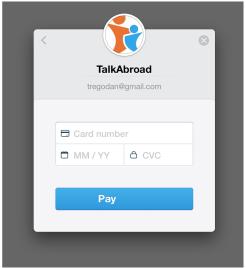
10. The Purchase Credits screen will show you how many credits you already have and allow you to purchase new credits. The appropriate language will be pre-selected for you. Select the number of credits for the *15-minute conversations* that you would like to purchase (the same number that your instructor has assigned to you). Enter the following in the *Redeem code* box: Then click *Redeem*. Once you see that the discount is applied, click *Purchase*.





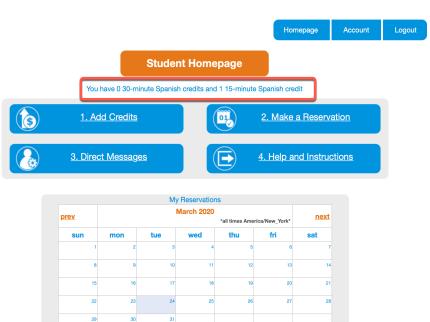
11. Now fill out your billing info and credit card number in the following boxes.





12. Once successful, you will see the number of conversations available on your Homepage.

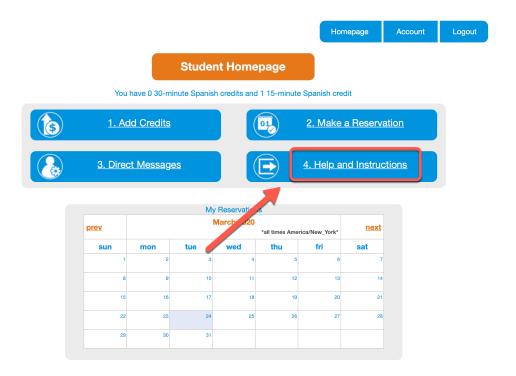




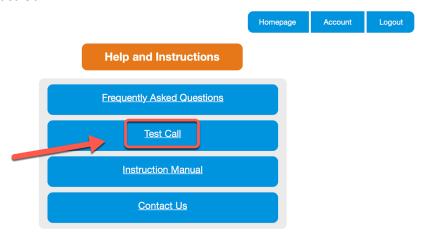


Complete a Test Call

- 13. Before you make your first reservation, you must complete a test call.
- 14. Click Help and Instructions on the Homepage.

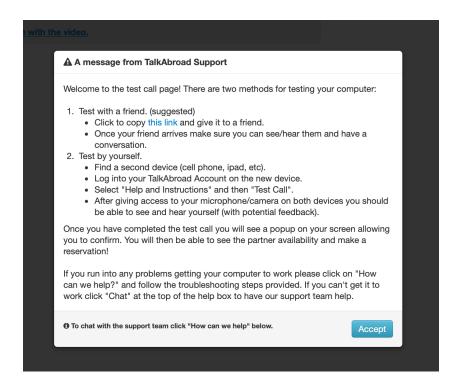


15. Now click Test Call.

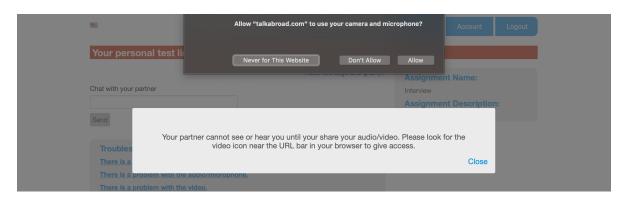




16. You will see a screen with the test call instructions. The easiest way to complete a test call is to ask a friend to help by joining on the call with their device. You can also use another device you own to complete the test call.

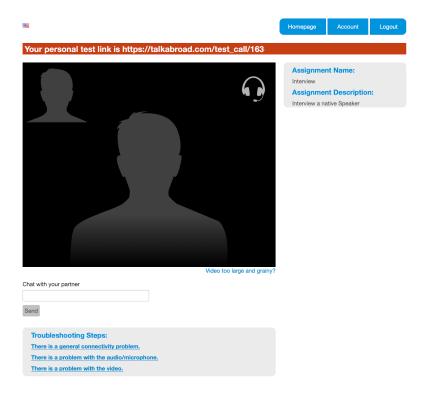


17. Click *Accept* and then follow the instructions to allow your browser access to the camera and microphone. This will look different across devices, platforms and browsers.





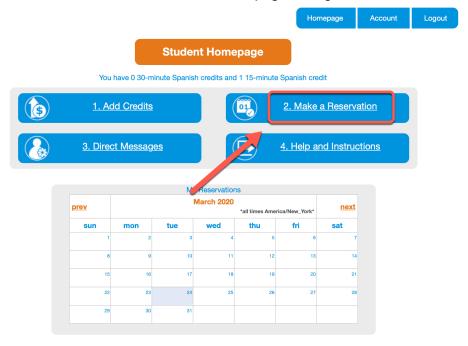
18. You will now be able to complete the test call. If anything is not working, you can follow the troubleshooting tips at the bottom of the call window.



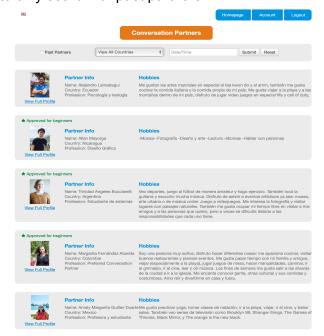


Make a Reservation

19. Click Make a Reservation on the Student Homepage to begin.



20. Now you will be able to see the available partners. You can scroll down the list or choose to search by country or specific date and time. If you have had a conversation in the past, you can also select the box to only search for past partners.





21. Click *View Full Profile* underneath the partner's picture to learn more about the partner and to schedule a conversation. You will notice that some partners also have a star above their picture with the text *Approved for beginners*. These partners are trained especially to help students that are just getting started on the language journey.



Homepage

Account

Logout

Conversation Partner: Allan Mayorga

Partner Info

Name: Allan Mayorga Country: Nicaragua Profession: Diseño Gráfico

About me

Hola soy Allan, nací en Costa Rica y viví 6 años ahí pero mi familia es de Nicaragua. He vivido en Nicaragua por 18 años pero ahora vivo en Italia. Tengo 26 años, estudié Diseño Gráfico y ahora estoy estudiando italiano.

Hobbies

-Música -Fotografía -Diseño y arte -Lectura -Idiomas -Hablar con personas

Books

Me encanta leer e imaginar lo que leo a la vez, es como volar en un mundo lejano. He leído muchos libros desde pequeño pero los que más me gustan son estos: Biblia, Finis Mundi, Azul, Maya's Notebook.

Music

Escucho varios géneros musicales pero los que más me llaman la atención son el Indie, folk, jazz, alternativo, etc. Bob Dylan, Josh White, Abandonkansas, Nirvana, The Marías, No Vacation, Rivers & Robots, Ryan Delmore, The walking tree, The almost, REZ Band.

Movies

Me gustan las películas de entorno medieval y de contenido poético. También me encantan las historias reales adaptadas en filmes, por supuesto que no dejo a un lado la comedia. Estás son algunas películas de mi agrado: Los amos de Dogtown, El ilusionista, Forrest Gump, A través del Universo, El Señor de los anillos, El Hobbit.

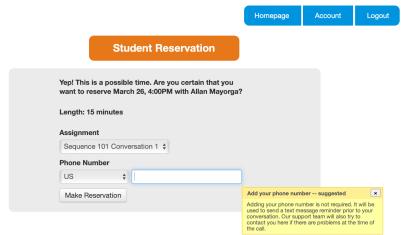




22. After reading through the profile, decide if you want to schedule a conversation with this partner. To keep looking at other partners, click *Back* on your browser. To schedule the conversation, scroll down to the calendar. Here you will find a list of available time slots. Click on one to schedule the conversation for that time. Remember, you can only schedule a conversation 36 hours in advance.

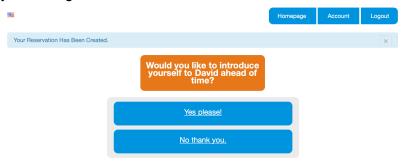


23. Once you click on the time to schedule the conversation you will see a Student Reservation screen asking you to confirm your reservation and enter your phone number. It is a good idea to enter your phone number in case of technical difficulties.





24. After you make the reservation you will be asked if you want to introduce yourself to the partner before the conversation starts. This will be in the form of a text comment. This step is completely optional but highly encouraged.



25. Head back to the Homepage to see your scheduled reservation in the calendar. You will also receive and email with the conversation information.

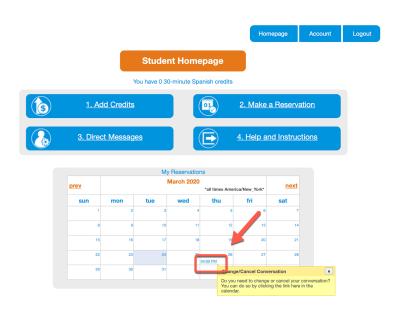


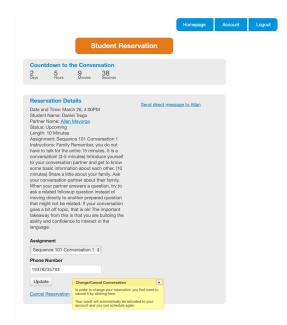




Complete Your Conversation

26. Now you can view your conversation in your calendar on the Student Homepage. Click on the the conversation to view information or change the reservation. When it is time for your conversation to begin, you will be directed to the conversation when you login to talkabroad.com

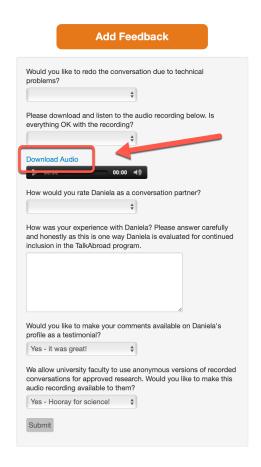






Download your conversation

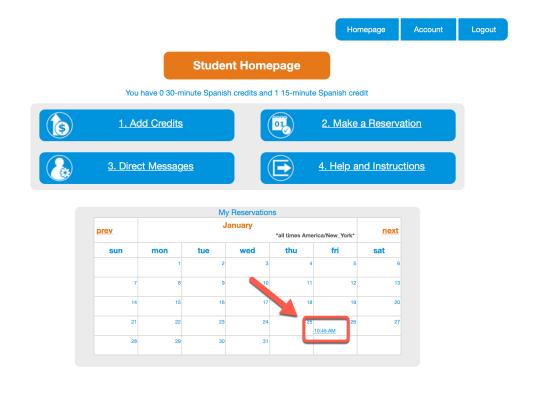
27. After your conversation has ended you will be prompted to rate the conversation and given the opportunity to download the audio file of your conversation. You will also receive an email with a link to the feedback form. The feedback form will also load the next time you login to talkabroad.com.

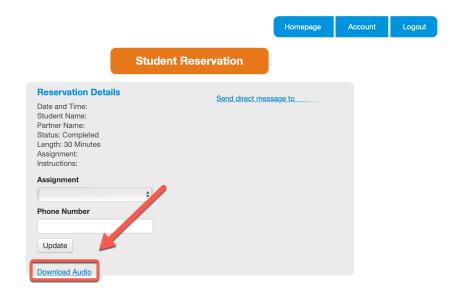


28. If there were any issues due to technical problems during the conversation or with the audio file, you can report them here (on the website) and someone from TalkAbroad will be in touch.



29. You can also download the audio from any previous conversation by clicking on the link to that conversation in the calendar.





Contact

If you have any questions, please contact our support team.

