

TalkAbroad - Student Workbook

SPAN 102 – Beginner Spanish II

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

Prepare (45 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.

Reggae

un poco regueton

Levantar

La musica country

correr

hispanoamerica musica

- Plan
 - Write a list of 4-5 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 4-5 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.

_____¿Puedo preguntar sobre lo que comen?

cuál es tu comida favorita para cocinar

¿Qué tipo de bocadillos comes?

Que desayunas

Cuales son los ingredientes

¿Te gusta comer en restaurantes o prefieres comer en casa

Que almuerzas

Cuales son los ingredientes

Que cenas

Cuales son los ingredientes

¿Te gusta comer postre y de qué tipo?

Te gusta hacer?

¿Puedo hacerle algunas preguntas sobre la salud

Practicas algun deportes?

Que haces para mantener la salud

- 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 have a hard time listening to spanish. I can understand it when I read it. When I hear it being spoken I have a hard time understanding it. _____

 - What are some techniques to help navigate a conversation? What sort of phrases would be helpful?
 Some helpful things are to talk about things you like first to break the ice. _____

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
 _____ It went alright, I get very confused when I hear Spanish. When its written down I am fine but when I have to listen I get confused. _____
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 - About what percentage of your partners' speech did you understand?
 70% _____

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

____ Be more prepared for questions,. Ask more about his ethnicity. _____

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

_His voice was more fluent. He liked soccer and loved running for health. His favorite food was enchiladas which is a popular dish in southern america. _____

- 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?

____ He and his friends love soccer. He really liked different cultural food. _____

- List three new words you learned from this conversation.

_____ Reggae, Levantar la Musica

country_____

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

_____He was very passionate about his spanish language and sharing his
culture._____

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

_____Write out a script and pronounce the words

better._____

