

SPANISH 110 – ORAL EXAM 1 (mid-quarter)

PURPOSE

You and two of your classmates will participate in a conversation mediated by your instructor that will last 10 minutes. The purpose of this activity is to evaluate your spontaneous speaking ability.

You will be evaluated in groups of three. You need to choose partners and sign up for a date and time during week six of the quarter.

During this activity your instructor will evaluate your ability to carry on a conversation.

PREPARATION

Because you will be evaluated on your ability to express yourselves using what you have learned in the first part of the course, you should review the *Interacciones* and *Tareas* sections of chapters 1-5.

It is a good idea to meet at least once with your conversation partners ahead of time to see if you can sustain a ten-minute conversation. However, you should NOT come to the exam with a practiced/memorized dialogue. Remember, the purpose of this activity is to evaluate your spontaneous speaking ability. Nevertheless, it is a good idea to have some idea of what your conversation will be about and review the vocabulary you will need.

TOPICS

These are some examples of conversation topics each of which could be the basis of a conversation or which could be integrated together.

A. Meeting for the first time: you, your partner, and the instructor are just meeting for the first time and you meet, introduce yourselves, and exchange basic information such as names, where you are from, what you are studying, etc.

B. Friends and family: what relatives you have, how old they are, and what they and/or your friends are like.

C. Activities and interests: this is a good topic to integrate with topics A and/or B. Be sure you are very comfortable with the uses of the verb *gustar* (p. 43, pp. 54-55) if you choose to talk about things you like.

D. Shopping: Talk about purchases you plan to make for several other people, where you will make the purchases, what the gifts will cost and why you are buying a particular item for a particular person.

E. Vacations and travel: Talk about a trip you plan to take, where you plan to go, how you will get there, where you will stay, etc. You can also talk about why you are interested in your destination and activities in which you will participate/attractions you will visit. You can talk about what time of year you will travel and what items you will pack

NOTE: You are not limited to these topics but whatever topic you choose you need to give it a lot of thought to make sure you have the vocabulary you need to tackle it.

Remember that:

- you should NOT memorize sentences
- you will NOT have access to note cards or any written material during the conversation, although you are encouraged to bring pictures or other props.

GRADING

Each oral exam is worth 5% of your course grade. You and your two partners will be graded individually based both on individual contributions and on interactions. Please see evaluation sheet for grade breakdown.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

You must be present and ready at your assigned time. NO MAKE-UPS ALLOWED.