

Spanish Elementary Course Syllabus

Level: You may have studied Spanish some years ago, or attended the beginner's course. You have limited vocabulary and some understanding of basic structures

Aim: The course will introduce new tenses and help you to communicate in everyday activities.

Course description: It will be focused on practical, useful and manageable language. You will develop cultural awareness of the Spanish-speaking world. No book is required, the tutor will provide all the material.

Week 1 Make an appropriate social introduction Grammar: Direct and indirect object pronouns, present tense, present continuous Vocabulary: greetings and introductions Listening/Reading: polite comments to people Speaking/Writing: address people appropriately according to their age degree of acquaintance

Week 2 Making plans Grammar: Future tenses, adverbs, superlatives, comparatives Vocabulary: airports and transportations Listening/Reading: intentions, suggestions, advices Writing/Speaking: saying what are you going to do

Week 3 Order a simple meal Grammar: positive and negative formal commands Vocabulary: restaurant, different types of food Listening/Reading: making, accepting and rejecting invitations Writing/Speaking: talk about your favorite food and restaurant

Week 4 Buying things Grammar: wishes and preferences, likes and dislikes, comparisons Vocabulary: shopping phrases Listening/Reading: Costumer's reviews Writing/Speaking: make purchases, get an attendants attention, and ask for prices

Week 5 Talking on the phone Grammar: interrogatives, verb to be, prepositions, Vocabulary: numbers, questions and answers Listening/Reading: telephone conversations Speaking/Writing: making phone calls and leaving messages

Week 6 Negotiate a taxi ride Grammar: prepositions Vocabulary: directions Listening/Reading: maps and descriptions of places Speaking/Writing: ask and give directions

Week 7 Shows and events Grammar: impersonal se Vocabulary: related to cinema, performances, cultural and sporting events Listening/Reading: cinema reviews Writing/Speaking: review films, concerts, etc.

Week 8 expressing what has been done recently Grammar: past perfect, past participle, time markers Vocabulary: daily routine, asking for forgiveness, give excuses Listening/Reading: formal letters Writing/Speaking: formal letters, daily routine, asking for forgiveness, give excuses



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Week 9 Talking about personal experiences and opinions Grammar: conditional tense Vocabulary: expressions of agreement and disagreement Listening/ Reading: environmental issues Writing/Speaking: political views and environmental issues

Week 10 Describing past experiences and events Grammar: Preterit and imperfect Vocabulary: Listening/Reading: people, places and customs in the past Writing/Speaking: describing childhood memories