

Strategies for learning Spanish



- FOCUS, FOCUS and MORE FOCUS
- Learn how to use the dictionary correctly. (www.wordreference.com)
- Make flashcards: Grammar, Vocab, Anything
- Repeat out loud – sound it out.
- Do not be afraid to make mistakes. Learn from them and keep moving forward.
- Teach someone a Spanish mini-lesson.
- Watch/listen to Spanish TV/Music/Radio/Cartoons.
- Read **anything** in Spanish, menus, newspapers, magazines, streets, stores, instruction books, etc.
- Praise yourself for your efforts.
- Do not wait for the teacher to evaluate your progress.
- Go to a Spanish or Mexican restaurant and order in the target language.
- Do not make excuses.
- Name objects in Spanish.
- Relax before going to class and before studying.
- Talk to yourself in Spanish.
- Try not to translate – work towards **thinking** in Spanish.
- Practice speaking Spanish with friends/family.
- Form a study group with classmates.
- Review class notes.
- Don't understand? Just say so. You'll get help.
- Stay strong in the (hopefully not silent) struggle.
- Write down words that you do not know, then find out what they mean.
- Keep your expectations realistic.
- Daily practice just takes 10 minutes.
- Observe errors, then **make corrections!**
- Memorize using images, sounds, rhymes (mnemonic devices).
- Be present (both physically and mentally).
- Do **everything** with purpose.
- Go to tutoring & Test Corrections! Free points are good points.

