



Spanish 2A: Full Course Summary

Course Summary

This course builds on the skills the student learned in Spanish I. In this course, the student will learn listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills through a variety of activities. This course is organized into five topics: daily routine, animals, hobbies, the body, and descriptions. The student will learn to express himself using an ever-increasing vocabulary, present-tense verbs, articles, and adjectives. Grammar is introduced and practiced in innovative and interesting ways with a variety of learning styles in mind. Elements of the Spanish-speaking world and culture appear throughout the course, including people, geographical locations, and histories.

Unit 1: La Rutina Diaria (Daily Routine)

In this unit you are going to learn to talk about our daily routine - those things that people do on a daily basis. You will:

1. talk about what you do in a typical day
2. review telling time
3. continue to develop conversational skills
4. learn more about the history of Spain
5. study the art of El Greco
6. study the art of Velázquez

Unit 2: Los Animales (Animals)

In this unit, you are going to learn about many kinds of animals. You will:

1. learn to talk about farm animals
2. learn to talk about tropical forest animals
3. compare nouns
4. use demonstrative adjectives to talk about which things you prefer
5. learn about different musical styles in the Spanish speaking world
6. learn the present progressive in Spanish
7. learn additional cognate patterns

Unit 3: La Diversión (Pastimes)

In this unit you will learn about various hobbies and pastimes. You will:

1. talk about your hobbies
2. talk about sports and other pastimes
3. make comparison statements
4. make superlative statements
5. learn direct object pronouns and placement
6. study art from Spanish and Latin American artists

Unit 4: El Cuerpo (The Body)

In this unit you will learn the parts of your body and how they are used. You will:

1. talk about the body

2. talk about what you do with different body parts
3. talk about a doctor's visit
4. talk about various illnesses
5. learn indirect object pronouns
6. begin to learn the preterit (past tense) verb forms
7. learn about Central American nations

Unit 5: La Descripción (Description)

In this unit, you are going to learn to talk about people with regard to their nationalities and also to describe things and people in more detail. You will:

1. describe yourself and others using ser and adjectives
2. describe yourself and others using estar and adjectives
3. learn the basic differences between ser and estar
4. learn more of the past tense verbs in Spanish
5. learn to talk about people's nationalities
6. learn about Cuba
7. learn about the life of José Martí
8. learn about the Dominican Republic

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