

## **Lesson 0D: Hints for Success in an Online Spanish Course!!**

### **1. You will need to memorize and practice!**

The only way to learn a language is to practice, practice, and more practice. You learned your first language as a child, and you can now communicate in that language easily. You know all of the vocabulary and can form a sentence or question, correctly conjugating the verb without much thought. In order to communicate in another language, you will need to memorize new vocabulary and practice forming sentences over and over and over again, until it becomes almost as natural as your first language!! Did I mention that you will need to practice??

### **2. Study and practice “out-loud”!**

You will double your efforts by talking out-loud as you study. Your visual memory is utilized as you read, but speaking also activates your auditory learning and memory.

### **3. Be consistent and timely!**

The material is divided into lessons that should be studied individually. Don't try to complete too many lessons or memorize too much too fast. Study and practice each of the lessons separately and then begin to put them all together. Also, don't let too much time pass between completing lessons or you will spend much of your time and effort reviewing old material rather than learning something new. Try to be consistent!

### **4. Find a Spanish “Friend”!**

In an online Spanish course, there is not a classroom full of students to help you practice your new skills. This would be a great time to find someone in your family, neighborhood, school, church, or community who speaks Spanish and would be excited about helping you study and practice. Learning another language is all about being able to understand and communicate with others in their language. Practice, have fun, and learn to laugh at yourself and life with your new Spanish “Friend”!

### **5. Ask lots of questions!**

In an online Spanish course, you do have instructors who would love to be in a classroom with you each day!! We want to help so please involve us in your learning. Let us help with anything that you are struggling to understand, concerns you have, or suggestions on making this course even better!!

**\*\*SpIQ101 Intro: About Me\*\***: It is time to complete your first required assignment!! You will need to go back to the “Topic Outline” for this course by clicking on the “Back (←)” button at the top, left corner of your internet browser. Go to part 3: “Assignments, Quizzes, Tests” and click on the first assignment – “SpIQ101 Intro: About Me”.

After completing this assignment, go to part 2 and click on “Unit 01” to begin the first half of Spanish I – Quarter 1!!