

Classroom Procedures

A word of Explanation

In a few minutes Spanish class will begin. Hopefully, you will be pleasantly surprised to learn that the language of communication in the class will be Spanish. I understand this can cause frustration at first. It would be easier for me to teach you in English, but, as backwards as it seems, that would be the worst thing I could do to you, because I want you to learn Spanish. You have to learn to think in Spanish—both listening and speaking.

Your tendency will be to hang on to your English and not let go, but if you do that you'll never be able to communicate in Spanish. Faithfully follow the eight tips listed below and your task will be much easier:

1. Listen carefully to what is said, trying to understand.
2. Communicate as best you can in Spanish.
3. Try not to feel pressure or anxiety.
4. Learn with and from others.
5. Ask for help or clarification if you need it.
6. Prepare yourself outside of class.
7. Be spontaneous & uninhibited.
8. Think positively. ☺

We are all on the same team.

Un saludo, your Spanish teachers,
Señorita Hawkins y Señor Wilding

