


Final Exam Checklist

You	Jacob (the ideal Spanish 1101 Student)	
	I've been studying my AR, ER, and IR verbs as vocabulary words and drilling their conjugations daily for approximately 10 minutes a day.	
	I created vocabulary lists for each chapter and have been studying them daily. Well, the truth is I use the professor's flash cards on Quizlet. Plus, I made my own bookmarker-vocabulary lists for each chapter and look at these bookmarks before I study other subjects. I've included my verbs as vocabulary words, too.	
	I like to create and practice dialogues in Spanish. When my friends can't study with me, I talk to my imaginary friend, Héctor. Please, don't tell anyone!	
	I can keep a simple conversation going for at least two minutes in both formal and informal situations. I found out that this skill also allows me to more easily solve CLOZE paragraphs that test my use of verbs in context.	
	I learned the rules for dividing words into syllables and finding the "natural" accent. When someone pronounces a word, I can tell whether or not the word breaks these rules and needs to have a written accent placed above a vowel. This skill has helped me to improve my listening and pronunciation skills and to respond to questions and simple survival situations more accurately. Someday they'll mistake me for a native speaker of Spanish.	
	I can spell all the words I have learned in Spanish, both silently with written letters or out loud with phonetic sounds. Figure this will help me tell the bus driver where I need to get off, just in case I mispronounce the street name. Have yet to test my skills with an operator.	
	I can count and spell numbers in Spanish from 0 to a billion. Practically speaking, this allows me to give my phone number in paired digits and include the year when citing dates. I also know which numbers change in gender and when they are being used as adjectives. Believe it or not, I know how to say I have 500 Facebook friends. I can even count out the change I need to give back to someone after a purchase.	
	I can state and spell all the days, months, and seasons and I can identify the correct season for different locations on the globe. I figure this will help my pack for my next trip to Argentina and fill-out the Argentine custom's forms correctly.	
	I can identify all the people and objects in the classroom environment, as well as all the common academic subjects in Spanish. At least I can to chat about something on Livemocha.com now. Figure this will help me should I finally decide to study abroad.	
	I've learned to resolve common tasks or problems using formal and informal commands (I use the acrostic "Las Vegas" to remember these commands). Finally I can ask my Spanish teacher to repeat things slowly and tell my partner to answer some questions for me.	
	I can conjugate and use irregular verbs like SER, ESTAR, IR, HACER, and TENER. This allows me to make plans, tell people how I feel, find out where the party is, and even make lasagna. 😊	

	I can describe my friends and family in terms of their physical and personal characteristics, as well as name different nationalities in Spanish. The professor now thinks my parents are from Belize, all my other classes are boring, and that my roommate is a large unfriendly boxer. You think this will influence my grade?
	My knowledge of question words lets me ask friends about their daily activities in a multifaceted manner. I can ask Bruce why he is with Wanda and George where he was last night at 2:30 am. I have truly become dangerous.
	I can tell time in Spanish and know how to use time to qualify when certain actions/events occur. You think Paraguayans share the same concept of time as we do?
	I realize that GUSTAR is a "backwards verb" and know how to use it in combination with indirect object pronouns (me,te,le,les,nos). This lets me avoid eating pizza with anchovies and negotiate my girlfriend's questions diplomatically. Sí, mi amor, ¡me gusta mucho este programa de televisión! ¿No te gustaría ver una película de acción mañana?
	I can construct sentences with compound verbs like TENER QUE, TENER GANAS DE, IR A, NECESITAR, DESEAR, DEBER, etc. This has been very liberating. I've created a list of questions for my girlfriend starting with ¿De verdad? Tienes de ganas de ir al cine otra vez. ¿No va a ser más romántico ver una película en Netflix solos aquí en mi cuarto?
	I know what an idiomatic expression is and can use more than 10 idiomatic expressions created with the verb TENER alone. Cuando hablo español, tengo cuidado y por eso tengo mucho éxito en la clase del Prof. Keeth.
	"Possessive adjectives" are no match for me. I can use all of them in sentences with correct adjective-noun agreement. What is more, I know how to clarify ambiguities like "su libro" while reading by using contextual clues. And, when asked, I can convert "su libro" into the alternate possessive expression "el libro de Frank". (I realize that in Spanish the "apostrophe-s" doesn't exist). Mi casa es su casa, pero mi cerveza, ¡no!
	I recognize that "todo" can be used as an adjective or pronoun just like mucho. Also, I realize that "bueno" is an adjective, whereas "bien" is an adverb. I say this knowing adjectives describe nouns and agree in gender and number, whereas adverbs don't. Todo está bien. Mis amigos tienen todo en orden para la fiesta, todos los regalos y toda la comida. Vamos a pasar un buen tiempo.
	After I listened to Dr. Keeth talk about the historic evolution of SER and ESTAR, I gave up trying to over-rationalize when to use one verb versus the other. I just memorized the list of uses and started pigeonholing my answers. Ahora, sí estoy listo para el examen, porque no sólo soy inteligente sino también estoy más tranquilo con mi estratagema.
	I figured out the best way to practice the prepositions of place we've been learning in class. My roommate is never home and I am always having to tell his friends where he's gone. So now, I answer the phone and pretend I'm his roommate from Venezuela. Aló. ¿Kirk? No, Kirk no está. Está en el café cerca de Walmart..... No, Kirk no está. Está en la residencia a la derecha.....