

# Unit 4: Global Community

Content Area: **World Languages**  
Course(s):  
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## Enduring Understandings

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- Language connects people.
- Language and culture are inextricably linked.
- Perspectives, practices, and products are windows into a culture.
- Environment and climate vary across geographic regions.
- Meaning is conveyed through phrasing, intonation, and syntax.
- Comparing and contrasting between one's native-language and the target-language ultimately improves one's awareness and development of each independent language.
- Using cognates and context clues is a strategy that can be used to enhance comprehension of oral and written discourse across all languages.
- Culture is the customs, arts, social institutions, and achievements of a particular nation, people, or other social group.
- Syntax is the arrangement of words and phrases to create well-formed sentences in a language.

## Essential Questions

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- How does culture make each Spanish-speaking country unique?
- How do the connections between perspectives, practices, products, and language intersect?
- How does the content of the language I'm studying help me to better understand my native language and who I am in the world in which I live?
- Why do specific elements within a clause impact the structuring of the verb?
- How does syntax of the target-language equate/differ from syntax of one's native language?
- How does problem solving and collaborating with peers enhance one's success in the classroom and the world at large?

## Content

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### Vocabulary:

Phase 1: La Comunidad (Members & Landmarks)

Phase 2: Spanish-Speaking Countries & Capitals; El Medioambiente (Environment)

### Structure:

Phase 1: Present-Tense Regular “-IR” Verbs

Phase 2: Estar + Location; Tener

### Recall:

Phase 1: Present-Tense Regular “-ER” Verbs; Structuring a Verb to Support an Improper Noun; Ser; La Familia; Características; Noun/Adjective Agreement

Phase 2: Estar (3rd-person singular; 3rd-person plural); Ser; Noun/Adjective Agreement; Present-Tense Regular (“-AR;” “-ER;” “-IR”)

### Culture:

- Traditional Roles of Indigenous Men and Women--Maya; Inca; Aztec
- Jorge Guillen (Spain)--Cima de la Delicia
- Incas--Quechua (Protection and Revitalization of Language)
- Emilia Pardo Bazán (Galicia)--Naturalism
- Geographic Features
  - Amazon Jungle (Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela, Bolivia, Brazil)
  - Andes Mountains (Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Chile and Argentina)
  - Isthmus (Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama)
    - Panama Canal
  - Atacama Desert (Chile)
  - Pampas (Argentina, Uruguay)
  - Sierra Madre de Chiapas (El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico)
  - Cordillera de Talamanca (Costa Rica, Panama)

## **Skills**

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### Phase 1:

- Spontaneously recall and utilize terminology associated with “community” in the target-language
- Explain the difference between an infinitive and a conjugated verb
- Rephrase main ideas through oral and written discourse in the target-language
- Compare and contrast peculiarities of regular, present tense “-ER” and “-IR” conjugated structures
- Examine linguistic features unique to present tense “-IR” conjugated structures
- Express from the first-person point of view within oral and written discourse through utility of regular, present tense “-IR” verbs
- Communicate information from the third-person point of view within oral and written discourse through utility of regular, present tense verbs “-IR” verbs

### Phase 2:

- Spontaneously recall and utilize terminology associated with “environment” in the target-language
- Cultural customs, climate, environmental conditions, and lifestyles are impacted by geography which cause variation across Spanish-speaking countries
- Investigate features of nouns (singularity/plurality; femininity/masculinity/neutrality) in order to utilize 3rd-person structures of the verb, “estar,” to support use of a prepositional phrase in the target-language while expressing details of position
- Rephrase main ideas through oral and written discourse in the target-language
- Compare and contrast peculiarities of present tense conjugated structures of the verb, “tener,” to present tense “-ER” conjugated structures
- Communicate information within oral and written discourse through utility of regular, present tense verb “tener”

## **Resources**

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- Textbook: Avancemos 1
- Verbs: [Present-Tense “-IR” Verbs](#); Estar (3rd-person singular; 3rd-person plural) + Location; [Tener](#)
- Vocabulary List: La Comunidad; [Spanish-Speaking Countries & Capitals](#); El Medioambiente

- Technological Platforms: NewsELA; Gimkit; Duolingo; YouTube
- Google Chromebooks
- G-Suite
- Graphic Organizers

## Standards

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WL.NH.7.1.NH.IPERS.1	Exchange basic information by recombining memorized words, phrases, and sentences on topics related to self and targeted themes to express original ideas and information.
WL.NH.7.1.NH.IPERS.2	Ask and respond to questions on practiced topics and on information from other subjects.
WL.NH.7.1.NH.IPERS.3	Make requests and express preferences in classroom settings and in various social situations.
WL.NH.7.1.NH.IPERS.4	Give and follow a series of oral and written directions, commands, and requests for participating in classroom and cultural activities.
WL.NH.7.1.NH.IPERS.5	Imitate appropriate gestures, intonation, and common idiomatic expressions of the target culture(s)/language during daily interactions.
WL.NH.7.1.NH.IPERS.6	Using information from brief oral and written messages on global issues, exchange information with classmates and others about global issues, including climate change.
WL.NH.7.1.NH.IPRET.1	Identify familiar words and phrases in culturally authentic materials related to targeted themes.
WL.NH.7.1.NH.IPRET.2	Understand the main idea and occasionally infer the meaning of some highly contextualized, unfamiliar spoken or written words, phrases, and short sentences in culturally authentic materials related to targeted themes.
WL.NH.7.1.NH.IPRET.3	Respond and act on a series of oral and written instructions, directions, and commands.
WL.NH.7.1.NH.IPRET.4	Recognize some common gestures and cultural practices associated with target culture(s).
WL.NH.7.1.NH.IPRET.5	Identify some unique linguistic elements in the target culture.
WL.NH.7.1.NH.IPRET.6	Interpret some common cultural practices associated with the target culture(s).
WL.NH.7.1.NH.IPRET.7	Comprehend some familiar questions and statements from short conversations and brief written messages from informational and fictional texts that are spoken, viewed and written.
WL.NH.7.1.NH.IPRET.8	Demonstrate comprehension of brief oral and written messages using contextualized culturally authentic materials on global issues, including climate change.
WL.NH.7.1.NH.PRSNT.1	Recombine basic information at the phrase and sentence level related to everyday topics and themes.
WL.NH.7.1.NH.PRSNT.2	Create and present brief messages using familiar vocabulary orally or in writing.
WL.NH.7.1.NH.PRSNT.3	Describe orally and in writing people and things from the home and school environment.
WL.NH.7.1.NH.PRSNT.4	Tell or retell stories from age- and level-appropriate, culturally authentic materials orally or in writing.
WL.NH.7.1.NH.PRSNT.5	When speaking and writing, use simple sentences and try to connect them with a few transition words.

## **Modifications**

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### Special Education and 504s:

Including but not limited to

- Specific accommodations and modifications as indicated in a student's IEP and/or 504
- Use an alternative instructional method to address individual learning style
- Provide study guide for assessments
- Provide additional time to complete assignments

### Students at Risk of School Failure:

Including but not limited to

- Reduce length of assignments
- Allow for different modes of assessment
  - Writing assessments using sentence strands
  - Reading assessments with running vocabulary lists
  - Speaking assessments with detailed prompts
- Repeated check-ins during class sessions
- Prioritize tasks in checklist, note completion

### English Language Learners:

Including but not limited to

- Connections to prior knowledge/background
- Connecting content to ELLs' background knowledge
- Teacher will model how to complete a task or assignment
- Use of think-alouds to show progress through the steps of the task
- Use of adapted texts

## Gifted and Talented:

Including but not limited to

- Acceleration or compacting of content
  - Using unseen vocabulary in the context of learned syntax to stretch communication
  - Scaffolding for other students
- Flexible pacing
- Use of advanced or complex concepts and examples
  - Extending verb discussion beyond “ir” and into high frequency irregular verbs
- Connections to other content areas

## **Assessments**

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Including, but not limited to

- Use formative measures to track individual and/or class progress toward standards-aligned objectives
- Help students track their individual progress toward standards-aligned objectives
- Determine whether small group or individual interventions are needed to advance learning of standards-aligned objectives
- Use formative and alternative assessments that reflect awareness of cultural differences represented in the classroom
- Assessment of standards and standards-aligned objectives as indicated in curriculum units
- Department common assessments, and Midterms and Finals
  - Interpersonal Conversations
  - Tasks which require close reading and writing
  - Products which are centered in the target language through the three modes of communication

## **Interdisciplinary Connections**

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### Mathematics:

- Understanding of the numerical system through a secondary language
- Analysis of graphs and charts

### English Language Arts:

- Close reading of text to understand new information
- Gathering relevant information from a text in the target language
- Using language to express ideas and relay information

### Science:

- Identifying and addressing global issues such as climate change

### Social Studies:

- Investigating historical figures of Spanish speaking countries
- Identifying cultural and historical contexts of Spanish speaking countries and peoples.

## **Technology**

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- Use of electronic platforms identified in the resources section such as
  - G-Suite
  - DuoLingo
  - Gimkit
  - Laptop Use