

Unit 2 Puerto Rico | Theme: Household Chores and Activities

Content Area: **World Language**
Course(s): **Spanish I / 8th Grade**
Time Period: **Marking Period 1**
Length: **5 Weeks**
Status: **Published**

Summary

The unit theme is household chores & activities, contextualized with life in the Caribbean. Students will learn vocabulary and grammar to describe the appearance & layout of homes, as well as discussing typical activities completed at home.

Standards

Priority Content Standards

WL.NH.7.1.NH.IPERS	Interpersonal Mode of Communication
WL.NH.7.1.NH.IPRET	Interpretive Mode of Communication
WL.NH.7.1.NH.PRSNT	Presentational Mode of Communication
WL.NM.7.1.NM.IPERS	Interpersonal Mode of Communication
WL.NM.7.1.NM.IPRET	Interpretive Mode of Communication
WL.NM.7.1.NM.PRSNT	Presentational Mode of Communication

Supplemental Content Standards

Interdisciplinary Connections (Standards)

Please select relevant "Standards for Mathematical Practice (2023)", science and engineering practice standards "Grades 9-12/6-8 (2023)", ELA anchor statements, Social Studies practice standards. (3-6 total are suggested)

Planning and Carrying Out Investigations
Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information

Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking
 Developing and Using Models
 Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions
 Analyzing and Interpreting Data
 Engaging in Argument from Evidence
 Asking Questions and Defining Problems

Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills PRACTICES

WRK.K-12.P.1	Act as a responsible and contributing community members and employee.
WRK.K-12.P.2	Attend to financial well-being.
WRK.K-12.P.3	Consider the environmental, social and economic impacts of decisions.
WRK.K-12.P.4	Demonstrate creativity and innovation.
WRK.K-12.P.5	Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.
WRK.K-12.P.6	Model integrity, ethical leadership and effective management.
WRK.K-12.P.7	Plan education and career paths aligned to personal goals.
WRK.K-12.P.8	Use technology to enhance productivity increase collaboration and communicate effectively.
WRK.K-12.P.9	Work productively in teams while using cultural/global competence.

Climate Change Standards

Select the Performance Expectations.

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Stage I: Desired Results

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<i>Objective (Transfer)</i>	
<i>Students will be able to talk about where they live and about daily household chores, as well as some activities done in their leisure time.</i>	
<i>Mastery</i>	
<u>Enduring Understanding</u> <i>Students will understand that...</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication is the ability to understand and be understood in real 	<u>Essential Questions</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What features of homes and neighborhoods are influenced by culture? • What might a typical home look like in different cultures?

world contexts.

- Language and culture are mutually dependent.
- Learning languages provides connections to additional bodies of knowledge.
- Learning languages allows students to realize there are multiple ways of viewing the world.
- Language students have the ability to participate in multilingual communities.

- How do people spend their free time at home?

Acquisition

Students will know . . .

Vocabulary, grammar, and culture relating to:

Vocabulary

- Household & furniture
- Household chores
- Leisure activities

Grammar

- Noun & Article Agreement
- Expressing Existence with *Haber*
- Adverbs in Expressions of Place
- Present Tense Regular Verbs
- Expressions of Obligation with *Tener que* & *Hay que*
- Adverbs of Frequency

Culture

- Mapa Cultural: *Puerto Rico*
 - Old San Juan
 - Salsa, the Essence of P.R.
- Lectura: *El Morro, Blog de viajes*
- Video Mundo: *Bio-optical Organized Knowledge*

Students will be skilled at . . .

- Expressing existence of people & items, as well as location, using "there is/are" in Spanish
- Talking about daily activities and household chores
- Expressing obligation related to chores

Stage II: Assessment Evidence

STAGE II Assessment Evidence	
Practices	Assessments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vocabulary/ grammar exercises • Mini dialogues (Interpersonal mode) • Picture Prompts (Interpretive and presentational modes) • Written, oral and listening tasks (Interpretive and presentational modes) <p>Other Evidence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playing games to practice unit vocabulary (bingo, jeopardy, kahoot, quizlet, etc.). • Oral activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presentations, dialogs and skits. ○ Class discussions. ○ Answering direct response questions using previously acquired vocabulary. ○ Peer conversations • Written practices to help them learn to express their ideas using simple words and sentences (lower level of sophistication) • Listening activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Listen to songs in Spanish. ○ Listen to short dialogues in both formal and informal Spanish and answer questions about what they heard. ○ Listen to conversational videos via Text resources and other media sites 	<p>Unit Evaluation (Interpretative, presentational modes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-4 Quizzes • Unit 2 Assessment

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading activities.• Group and paired activities (Estudiante A / Estudiante B, Diálogos)• Using individual whiteboards to practice unit grammar and vocabulary | |
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Modifications

The following are a list of general accommodations that be made for students depending on their needs and or individualized education plan (IEP):

1. Instructional Modifications

- **Simplified instructions** (e.g., break down multi-step directions).
 - **Reduced language complexity** (use simple grammar and vocabulary).
 - **Use of native language support** when appropriate.
 - **Modified curriculum** (focus on communication rather than grammar mastery).
 - **Alternative assessments** (e.g., projects, oral presentations instead of written exams).
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2. Presentation Accommodations

- **Visual aids and cues** (pictures, icons, gestures).
 - **Written and spoken instructions** provided together.
 - **Captions on videos** (especially for listening comprehension).
 - **Enlarged or high-contrast text** for visual impairments.
 - **Use of assistive technology** (e.g., screen readers, speech-to-text tools).
 - **Preview of vocabulary and grammar topics** before new units.
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3. Response Modifications

- **Allowing verbal responses** instead of written ones (or vice versa).
 - **Use of alternative formats** (typed vs. handwritten, audio recordings).
 - **Extended time** for responses and assessments.
 - **Reduced number of questions or items** without penalizing performance.
 - **Use of multiple-choice instead of open-ended questions**, if needed.
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4. Environmental & Behavioral Supports

- **Preferential seating** (e.g., near the teacher or away from distractions).
 - **Quiet workspace** for tests or assignments.
 - **Frequent breaks** or chunked tasks for students with attention difficulties.
 - **Positive behavior reinforcement and cues**.
 - **Clear routines and visual schedules**.
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5. Social and Communication Supports

- **Peer pairing or buddy systems**.
 - **Role-play and interactive games** to support communication practice.
 - **Scripted dialogues** for students with social communication needs.
 - **Explicit teaching of social norms and cultural context**.
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6. Grading and Evaluation Modifications

- **Modified grading criteria** focusing on effort, participation, or improvement.
- **Use of rubrics with clear, simplified expectations**.
- **Feedback focused on strengths and progress**.

Acceleration

The following are lists of general acceleration strategies/ activities that be offered to

students depending on their ability/ proficiency level:

Acceleration Strategies for Gifted Learners

1. Independent Study or Projects

- Allow students to choose a topic related to the language or culture and explore it in depth (e.g., music, history, literature, cuisine, current events).
- Can be presented as multimedia, presentations, essays, or portfolios.

2. Tiered Assignments

- Provide tasks that match or exceed the student's proficiency level (e.g., using more complex verb tenses or vocabulary earlier).
- Allow for open-ended questions and tasks requiring analysis, synthesis, or evaluation.

3. Novel or Authentic Texts

- Assign authentic reading and listening materials (e.g., news articles, podcasts, poems, or short stories in the target language).
- Provide discussion or analysis tasks afterward.

4. Advanced Grammar and Vocabulary

- Introduce complex grammar structures (e.g., subjunctive mood, idiomatic expressions) earlier than the class.
- Use higher-level vocabulary in assignments and conversations.

5. Foreign Language for Specific Purposes (FLSP)

- Tailor mini-units to student interests (e.g., business Spanish, medical French, travel-focused vocabulary).

6. Dual Language Exploration

- Let them compare two world languages or translate between their native language and the target one.
- Introduce etymology and language families.

7. Mentorship or Peer Tutoring

- Allow them to tutor classmates or lead group discussions.
- Pair with a language teacher or native speaker mentor for conversation practice.

Sample Enrichment Activities for Gifted Students

- **Create a digital storybook or video diary** in the target language.
- **Write and perform a short play or skit** using extended vocabulary and grammar.
- **Translate songs, poems, or short stories** from English to the target language.
- **Create a blog, vlog, or podcast** about language and cultural topics.
- **Debate or discuss current global issues** in the target language.
- **Join or create a language club** or participate in language competitions.
- **Explore cultural comparisons**—e.g., compare government systems, education, or family life across countries.

Stage III: Learning Plan

- Lesson D1.1: La Llegada/ La casa más colorida
- Lesson D1.2: Vocabulario (La vivienda)/ Gramática (Los Nombres y Género)
- Lesson D1.3: Gramática (Los artículos)/ Comunicación
- Lesson D2.1: Los coquies en la casa/ D1 Review
- Lesson D2.2: Desafío 1 Quiz/ Vocabulario (Muebles y Objetos de la casa)
- Lesson D2.3: Gramática (Haber y Expresiones de Lugar)/ Comunicación
- Lesson D3.1: ¿Quién prende la luz?/ D2 Review
- Lesson D3.2: Desafío 2 Quiz/ Vocabulario (Las tareas domésticas)
- Lesson D3.3: Gramática (2) AR Verbs/ ER & IR Verbs
- Lesson D3.4: Comunicación / D3 Review
- Lesson D4.1: Desafío 3 Quiz/ Las cuevas de Camuy
- Lesson D4.2: Vocabulario (Actividades de ocio)/ Gramática (Expresar obligación)
- Lesson D4.3: Comunicación / D4 Review
- Lesson D4.4: Desafío 4 Quiz/ Unit 2 Review (games)
- Unit 2 (Puerto Rico) Test

Modifications

Acceleration

Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion

[Diversity, Equity & Inclusion](#)

Cultural focus that highlights the visual & experienced differences between living in the U.S. & P.R. by explaining the geopolitical influence on buildings & the communities that built them.

Specific Resources for Unit

Technology Integration

Northern supports the integration of the [SAMR Model](#): a framework which extends learning through the use of technology. The installation of interactive boards, the purchase of softwares and subscriptions, and the investment in 1:1 laptops and various other instructional technologies are examples of Northern's commitment to enhancing students' learning and preparing the 21st century learner for college and careers.