

# BIENVENIDOS 1- Why Study Spanish?/Cognates (UNIDAD Preliminar)

Content Area: **World Language**  
Course(s): **7th Grade Spanish**  
Time Period: **Semester 1**  
Length: **180**  
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## Summary

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In this unit , students will gain an awareness of learning strategies that will help them acquire the Spanish language more effectively. Learners will explore words that they already know, as well as words and expressions they can recognize (cognates). Students will identify four important reasons to learn Spanish. Students will also recognized that Online translators like Google Translate might not always be accurate and quick fix.

## Standards

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### Priority Content Standards

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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

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### Interdisciplinary Connections (Standards)

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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**

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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**

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Select the Performance Expectations.

### [ClimateChange Education](#)

### **Stage I: Desired Results**

<b>STAGE I Desired Results</b>	
<i>Objective (Transfer)</i>	
Students will	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>gain skills to not rely on technology to identify Spanish words and understand context</li> <li>Identify their own personal ways they learned english</li> <li>Identify four important reasons to learn Spanish</li> </ul>

- learning strategies that will help them acquire the Spanish language more effectively (1 week)

***Mastery***

Enduring Understanding

*Students will understand that...*

- Communication is the ability to understand and be understood in real 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.
- As the world moves towards a global community, it's imperative World Language study allows our students to engage in conversations, interpret authentic material, and present concepts in a language other than their own
- Learning a World Language opens doors to a greater variety of career options, increases lifelong learning opportunities, and enhanced leisure activities
- Language and culture are mutually independent.

Essential Questions

- How will students approximate native-like pronunciation in Spanish?
- What can I learn about my language and culture from studying the languages and cultures of the Spanish speaking world?
- Why is it important to understand the perspectives of another culture?
- What are some linguistic and cultural similarities and differences between Spanish and English?
- How can one express complex ideas using simple terms and by just observing the other?
- How do culture, customs, and heritage influence our own?
- Why is diversity important to us?
- How do other cultures and customs compare to our own?

***Acquisition***

*Students will know . . .*

*Vocabulary, grammar, and culture relating to:*

- [Important introduction teacher phrases / student phrases for class that is posted on the board](#)
- [cognates](#) & FALSE cognates (words that look similar in English and Spanish and mean the same thing)
- lists are varied based on teacher's discretion and based on Encuentros Spanish textbook
- identify reasons why Spanish language requisition is important to them focusing on the 4 in the textbook and also creating their own reason, especially if they know someone who speaking Spanish

*Students will be skilled at . . .*

- recognizing their own personal reasons for taking Spanish / 2nd language
- reading passages and understanding context based on cognates (words that look like English and mean the same thing)
- identifying words and phrases from their community and prior knowledge (like pintat, tacos, etc)
- recognize false cognates (words that do NOT mean what they look like) in order to avoid culture issues

## Stage II: Assessment Evidence

STAGE II Assessment Evidence	
Practices	Assessments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vocabulary/ grammar exercises</li><li>• Mini dialogues</li><li>• Picture Prompts (Interpretive and presentational modes)</li><li>• Written, oral and listening tasks (Interpretive and presentational modes)</li></ul> <p>Other Evidence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Playing games to practice unit vocabulary (bingo, jeopardy, kahoot, quizlet, etc.).</li><li>• Oral activities<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Presentations, dialogs and skits.</li></ul></li></ul>	<p>Unit Assessment (presentational / interpretive / interpersonal modes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• reading comprehension</li><li>• Assessment- online quizizz</li><li>• create a list of cognates for the class</li></ul>

- Class discussions.
- Answering direct response questions using previously acquired vocabulary.
- Peer conversations
- Listening activities
  - 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
- Reading activities.
- Group and paired activities (Estudiante A / Estudiante B, Diálogos)
- Using individual whiteboards to practice unit grammar and vocabulary

## **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).

### **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**

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**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.

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## 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.

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## Stage III: Learning Plan

Sections of the text book: Pages 20-21: Razones para Espanol Pages 24-25: Cognados / Estrategias (1 week)

- Assessment on Unidad Bienvenidos- Why Study Spanish?
- Lesson 1- pgs. 20-21: Tres Razones para aprender Espanol & Also Icebreaker (important phrases for class)
- Lesson 2- Why study Spanish? Nearpod activity (1-2 days)
- Lesson 3- Google Translate Fails / Why Google Translate is not reliable (1-2 days)

- Lesson 4- pages 24-25- reading comprehension
- Review Unidad Bienvenidos- Why Study Spanish? (cognate games)

## **Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion**

### Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

NB World Language department believes that effective world language instruction promotes and advances social justice by affirming the dignity of students, languages, and cultures. To this aim, the revised standards afford each student the opportunity to use the target language to tell their own stories and to value and advocate for equity, global awareness, and intercultural understanding. The department recognizes the need to encourage dialogue and relationships on equal terms and empower the students to advocate for themselves and others by providing the tools for ongoing inclusive and equitable communication.

## **Specific Resources for Unit**

- Spanish 1 textbook (*Encuentros 1*) with supplemental materials and student workbook
- Internet sites

<https://classroom.google.com/h>

<https://www.liveworksheets.com/>

<https://wayground.com/admin>

<http://www.studyspanish.com/tutorial.htm>

<http://www.learnspanish.com/>

<http://spanish.about.com/>

<http://www.onlinenewspapers.com/>

<http://www.univision.com/portal.jhtml>

<http://www.youtube.com/>

<http://a4esl.org/>

[www.quizlet.com](http://www.quizlet.com)

[www.kahoot.com](http://www.kahoot.com)

[www.edpuzzle.com](http://www.edpuzzle.com)

[www.gimkit.com](http://www.gimkit.com)

[www.nearpod.com](http://www.nearpod.com)

## **Technology Integration**

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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.

Computer, Smart/ Activ board and internet

Student Chromebooks

Google classroom

Teacher created slides

Review games and activities

Listening to podcasts, audio recordings etc.

Kahoot/quizlet/gimkit/Quizizz(wayground)

Nearpod

Formative

EdPuzzle