

## Registros - Activity Logs

The best way to learn a language is to immerse yourself in it - Ideally we should just all go to Spain and live there for a few months - but in reality, we just have to do what we can. The important thing is to do something EVERY DAY. Just a few minutes a day doing reading, writing, listening and speaking will dramatically increase your language ability. It gives you a chance to really see things in context.

Start out with 15/20 min a day - this can be done at anytime - but should be 15/20 solid minutes - not 3 minutes at a time 5 times. You have to give your brain time to switch over to Spanish mode.

Write down interesting new words you run across and try to use them so they become part of your personal vocabulary bank.

If you are doing homework that includes using language in **context** such as reading or writing in Spanish – you can count it. If you are just studying vocab or memorizing – don't count it.

Try to vary what activities you do during the week to practice each skill at least once and to learn a variety of things. These are some ideas to get you started

### READING

Check a book out from Srta T's room or the media center - even some of the more advanced children's books are good practice.

Turn on the Spanish subtitles on a movie

Get on the internet and read a Spanish newspaper or website.

### WRITING

Keep a journal in Spanish

Take notes in a class in Spanish

Write a letter to a pen pal

Write an email

Get one of the books from Srta T that has activities at the back - like the legends books

Translate your favorite poem or song or quote to Spanish

### LISTENING

Check out a CD from Srta T.

Listen to the radio (101.6)

Watch a movie in Spanish

Watch TV in Spanish

Find a native and have a conversation with them.

Go online and listen to a newsbroadcast or radio program in Spanish

Work in the tutoring lab

Call a classmate and talk

Listen to music and look up the words.

### SPEAKING

Find a native or advanced speaker and have a conversation with them.

Call a classmate and talk

### Points for logs

Each day is worth 10 pts. Each weekly log is worth 100 pts.

The point breakdown is: 10 pts for a full time log or 5 pts for half the time, 5 points for each skill practiced (read, write, speak, listen), 5 points if you do significant extra time on at least one day, 5 points just for recording the log (you get these points by answering question #20).

If you miss a day – you CANNOT get 100 pts.

If you do a block during the week – it just counts for the required time – not extra.

You are only required to do 6 days – so to compensate – you will get points back in a separate assignment. If you do all 7 days – that means those compensation points will count as extra credit.

### Recording / Submitting your logs

Keep track somewhere during the week. Don't wait until the end of the week and try to recreate it all - this is when it becomes too easy to cheat a little and not be completely honest.

Logs go from Monday to Sunday.

Each week the log from the previous week is due before Tuesday at midnight.

Log onto your skyward account and open the assignment.

There are 20 questions - answer them **truthfully**.