

# Student Expectations

Read this before your first session.

**Your main job: complete one focused 30-minute Pimsleur audio lesson six days per week then attend a 45-minute tutoring session.**

<b>Daily Audio Learning</b>	Aim for one 30-minute Pimsleur audio lesson per day, 5 days per week. This is the engine of the program.
<b>Speak Out Loud</b>	Do the lesson in a place where you can answer prompts out loud. Listening silently is not enough for this program.
<b>Dedicated Daily Time</b>	Do not treat a new lesson as background noise. Choose a time when you are not doing another demanding task.
<b>Weekly Tutoring Session</b>	Arrive on time, ready to practice.
<b>Scheduling Changes</b>	Send schedule changes by text or email at least 24 hours in advance whenever possible.
<b>Temporary Virtual Option</b>	If you are traveling, sick, or unable to meet in person, we can use Zoom or FaceTime. In-person is preferred when possible because speaking, correction, and connection are usually better face to face.
<b>If a lesson feels confusing</b>	Do not repeat it immediately over and over the same day. Let it rest, then repeat that lesson the next day before moving on.
<b>Mindset</b>	Mistakes are expected. Your job is not to sound perfect. Your job is to practice consistently, speak honestly, and let correction help you improve.

**Before Session 1: set your daily practice time, add a phone reminder, and complete any assigned first lessons as requested.**

# Tutor Expectations

What you can expect from Anthony and from each tutoring session.

**My role is to help you turn daily audio practice into real speaking through correction, guidance, accountability, and personalization.**

<b>Personalized Guidance</b>	I will connect your weekly practice to your goals: travel, work, family, church, community, or everyday conversation.
<b>Correction</b>	I will correct selectively and respectfully. We will focus first on errors that affect communication, pronunciation habits, or repeated confusion.
<b>Pronunciation Help</b>	I will help you hear and produce Spanish sounds more clearly, using practical examples and repetition.
<b>Cultural Context</b>	When useful, I will explain cultural context, common usage, politeness, and real-life situations behind phrases.
<b>Session Structure</b>	Each session will include review, speaking practice, correction, and a clear next-week assignment.
<b>Communication</b>	I will respond to scheduling or program-related text/email messages within 24 hours whenever possible.
<b>Respect For Your Pace</b>	If a lesson or concept is too confusing, I will help you slow down, repeat strategically, and adjust the plan.
<b>Pimsleur Boundaries</b>	I will not copy, distribute, sell, or play Pimsleur audio or transcripts. You use your own legal subscription, and tutoring uses my own coaching and practice activities.
<b>Professional Learning Environment</b>	I will provide a focused, respectful tutoring setting and clear expectations for each session.

**I will help you build a repeatable practice system and measurable progress.**

## Tips and Ideas to Consider

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These are not extra assignments. They are simple ways to make daily lessons easier to start and easier to finish.

1. Set one daily practice time. Treat Spanish like a standing appointment, not a task you squeeze in later.
2. Put the reminder in your phone with an alert. Use the same wording every day, such as "Spanish audio - speak out loud."
3. Choose a place where you can speak. Your car in a parking spot, a quiet room, a walk in a private area, or a lunch break can work if you have enough time and focus.
4. Do not complete a new lesson while driving. New lessons require listening, thinking, pausing, and speaking out loud. A review lesson in the car is optional only if it is safe and does not distract you.
5. Take one deep breath before pressing play. This helps you shift from the busyness of the day into focused listening and speaking.
6. Use the pause button. Answer before the model when possible, then compare your answer to what you hear.
7. Do not research every word during the lesson. Mark one question and bring it to tutoring.
8. Repeat a hard lesson the next day if needed. Do not punish yourself by repeating it several times in the same day.
9. Read this guide once before starting and revisit the tracker each week. The goal is consistency, not perfection.

**Best practice window: 30 focused minutes, 5 days per week. Minimum rescue habit: 5 minutes of Spanish so one missed day does not become a stopped program.**

# When Life Gets Busy or a Lesson Feels Hard

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Use this page instead of quitting, cramming, or silently falling behind.

## **The Repeat Rule**

- If you mostly understood the lesson but it felt challenging, move forward and bring one question to tutoring.
- If you felt lost or discouraged, repeat the same lesson the next day.
- Do not stack multiple new lessons in one day to "catch up." Consistency is more useful than cramming.
- Tell Anthony what happened. A struggle is not a problem unless we hide it.

**Missed days are part of real life. The rule is simple: restart quickly and communicate honestly.**

## Confidence and Milestones

Confidence is built from evidence, not from waiting until you feel fluent.

**Confidence means you have enough evidence to try again, even when you are unsure.**

<b>Daily evidence</b>	I practiced today, even if it was imperfect.
<b>Speaking evidence</b>	I answered out loud instead of only listening.
<b>Recovery evidence</b>	I asked for repetition, restarted a sentence, or kept going after a mistake.
<b>Tutoring evidence</b>	I received correction and used it in the next attempt.
<b>Milestone evidence</b>	My Week 6 speaking sample is clearer or more confident than Week 1.

### Good milestones for this program

- Week 1: Choose a practice time and complete your first assigned lessons.
- Week 3: Review what is working, what is getting in the way, and what needs adjustment.
- Week 6: Compare your starting point to your current speaking, confidence, and consistency.
- One Pimsleur level: useful as a content-and-consistency milestone, not a guarantee of fluency.

### By the end of six weeks, success looks like:

- You built a repeatable Spanish routine.
- You completed a meaningful block of daily audio practice.
- You can speak some beginner phrases more clearly and confidently than before.
- You know what kind of practice helps you continue.