

F.S. Methodology:



Conversational, Fun, Practically Oriented, Total Interactive Approach

Our methodology is based on the way the child's brain works (at different stages) and the adult brain works. By using this knowledge, we choose the right techniques to help the brain retain better and learn more effectively.

We use an array of visual aids and a variety of listening/comprehension resources and tools to make sure both sides of the brain are stimulated at all times, this way the learning process is more effective and students retain and remember better, thus making the classes so much fun.

What happens when anyone has fun, regardless of age or background? You want more of it, so the incentive to learn more comes from within and self feeds.

Our classes are fun and practical. Generally speaking, in children's classes we learn to speak through games, music, dance and a variety of techniques. We only learn the vocabulary and the grammar needed to support the conversations that we are working on; we learn faster this way.

With toddlers we play, sing songs and learn vocabulary, phrases and little conversations. We make it fun fun fun :-). With older kids we use more tools and a vast variety of activities such as listening to stories and talking about them, reading, some writing (little though) because we want to concentrate on the most important skill: CONVERSING.

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- A conversational, interactive, hands-on approach.
- Practically oriented totally.
- Grammar and vocabulary are learned in conversational contexts.
- Students are at the center of the customized classes. In other words, you learn what you need and prefer to learn.
- The teacher speaks little, students speak / participate a lot.
- Usage of visual and hearing aids: posters, music, CD's, etc.

HOW FLUENT WILL YOU NEED TO BE?

This, of course, depends largely on your short-term and long-term objectives. Following are brief outlines of 3 major levels of fluency.

Level I: Elementary (Beginning Class)

- ◆ You will be able to satisfy simple needs, such as ordering meals, shopping, fulfilling courtesy requirements.
- ◆ You will be able to ask and answer simple questions about family and job, and to explain about your daily routine.
- ◆ You will be able to express yourself by using the present and future tenses.
- ◆ Quite a lot of time will be spent pronouncing sounds, to make sure you can be understood.
- ◆ Your listening skills will be improved by the use of videos and listening comprehension activities.
- ◆ You will be able to read street signs, names and isolated words and phrases.
- ◆ You will attain a general familiarity of the culture and will be exposed to the most common characteristics of the native cultures.

Level II: Intermediate (Intermediate & Semi-advanced Classes)

- ◆ You will be able to cope with more complicated living needs, and be involved in casual conversations covering topics such as current events and general professional interests.
- ◆ You will be able to handle limited work requirements, but not serious complications from a social aspect.
- ◆ You will be able to make friends without feeling a major language barrier.
- ◆ Professional/business terminology will be introduced, allowing for a general comprehension in work related areas.
- ◆ While you will probably make some mistakes in pronunciation, your accent will be intelligible and clear.
- ◆ Your cultural awareness will be developed as well, in order to make you feel more at ease when you are immersed in the native culture, or when you meet a native colleague. Stereotypes will be recognized, then discussed and explained in detail.
- ◆ Students will study the appropriate countries by reading and through different audiovisual and written materials. At that point, native speakers from those countries will be invited to class, so that they can be asked questions about their countries, traditions, ways of doing business, climate, people and any other aspect of the culture students are interested in.
- ◆ Field trips will be organized (for example, if we are studying Spain, we will invite students to share *tapas* and *paella* with us. They will be explained the menu and served in Spanish. All the conversations will be in Spanish as well.

Level III: Advanced

- ◆ Your flow of speech will be relatively effortless and natural. You will be able to follow 70% of most conversations, including common idiomatic expressions.
- ◆ You should have the confidence to join in social discussions. Your errors in grammar or vocabulary will be rare, and will not disturb the native speaker.
- ◆ You will be able to discuss particular interests and technical/business topics within your own field with relative ease. You will also be able to handle routine difficulties such as participating actively in meetings, presenting business proposals, making technical presentations, etc.
- ◆ You should be able to read standard newspaper items, reports and other materials related to specific areas of interest, at home or at work. You will understand most of the country's TV.
- ◆ Your cultural awareness will be refined in both social and business areas, so that positive relationships may be established and maintained.
- ◆ Field trips will be available to all students in order to facilitate extra practice and exposure to the particular country's world.
- ◆ You will be able to write business letters and some reports.
- ◆ You will be exposed to the native literature (particularly poetry, songs and short stories), if this is a topic that interests you.

Language Training References

Academy

Alstom Power

Applied Earth Sciences, Inc.

Anadarko

Apache, Corp.

Atlantic Methanol Companies

AWA

Bechtel

BHP Billiton

Brian Thomas

BullsEye Storage

Burnett

Cemex USA

City of Houston

Coastal

Coldwell Banker

Conoco

Conoco/Phillips

Chase Bank

Chevron

Chevron-Texaco

Dresser Rand

Duco

Earth Decision Sciences

East End Chamber of Commerce

Enbridge Energy

Entrix

Enron

Exxon Exploration
Fairfield Industries
Federal Reserve Bank
First Houston Mortgage
Fred Hass Toyota
Geochemical Solutions International
Geoquest
Greater Heights Chamber of Commerce
Greater Houston Partnership
Goup One Marketing
GX Technologies
Gyrodata
Halliburton
Heerema
HIS Energy
Holland & David
Houston Public Library
Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Interactive Networking - INC
John Wood Group
JPMorgan Chase
Kare Distribution
Kellogg Brown & Root
Kerr Mcgee
Kosa
Lofton Staffing Services
Marathon Oil
Mass Mutual
MCT
MD Anderson
Memorial Hermann Hospital Southwest

Merrill Lynch
MI-Northcourse
Minute Maid
Mister Car Wash
Murray International Metals
Ocean Production
Olivo Enterprises, Inc.
Of Mortgage
Pennebaker Design
PGS
Prisma Energy International
Remax
Rotary Club Harrisburg
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Samson International
Schlumberger
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Shen
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Smith International
Staff Force
State Farm
Sterling Bank
Southwest Bank of Texas
Swaco
Sylvia Cavazos Public Relations
Tejas Office Supplies
The Plaza Group
Toyota

Trizec

Unocal Corp.

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Wilson Supplies

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SCHOOLS

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Canales & Simonsons, P.C.

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Petrobras North America, Inc.

Power Procurement Specialists LLC

Price Waterhouse

RenttheSite.com

Roanoke Trade Services, Inc.

Rockwell International

Rowan Companies

Schlumberger Dowell

Sea Promotions

Secure Mortgage Company

Siemens Transportation Systems

Short & Jenkins

Sofreegaz USA

Southwest Bank of Texas

Smith International

Sterling Bank

Stewart & Stevenson Services, Inc.

Strategic Learning Center

Subsurface Consultants

Sylvia Cavazos Public Relations

Tenneco, Inc.

Texaco

Veritas

Vida Magazine

Western Atlas

Weatherford International

Woodfill & Pressler

Woodgroup

Wilson Supplies