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Evidence Journal #1

Before I started learning Spanish on Duolingo, I didn't know the basics of Spanish. I could rarely make out what my Hispanic family members would tell me at family gatherings. I

knew a few common phrases, but there was still a huge communication barrier that prevented me from connecting with my family. I could barely understand television and shows that were on whenever I visited my dad's house on the weekends. I could not understand the songs that my dad would play on the car radio. To produce my first piece of evidence, I had to practice developing my Spanish skills on Duolingo. A few problems I encountered were not being able to figure out what certain word meant or forgetting their meanings. I was able to solve this through google searching. Conjugating verbs was also difficult for me, so I looked up a conjugation chart which I continue to reference each time I struggle with conjugating. A few of my standards and targets were to develop my Spanish speaking skills to the point where I am not only able to understand but be able to communicate with others in Spanish. I definitely wanted to learn conjugation and become comfortable with the basics of Spanish. I also wanted to learn specifically about food related concepts since I go to many Hispanic restaurants and in case I work in a restaurant so that I can communicate with Spanish customers. Someone who has undergone this learning process would learn Spanish isn't too complicated and actually is very simple once you get the hang of it. One thing I would like to improve on is my pronunciation of the Spanish language.

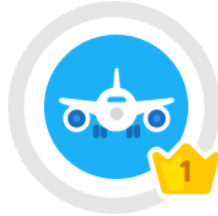
Evidence 1: 4 Duolingo Crowns (1)



Intro



Phrases



Travel



Restaurant

Evidence 2: 4 Duolingo Crowns (2)



Family



Shopping



School



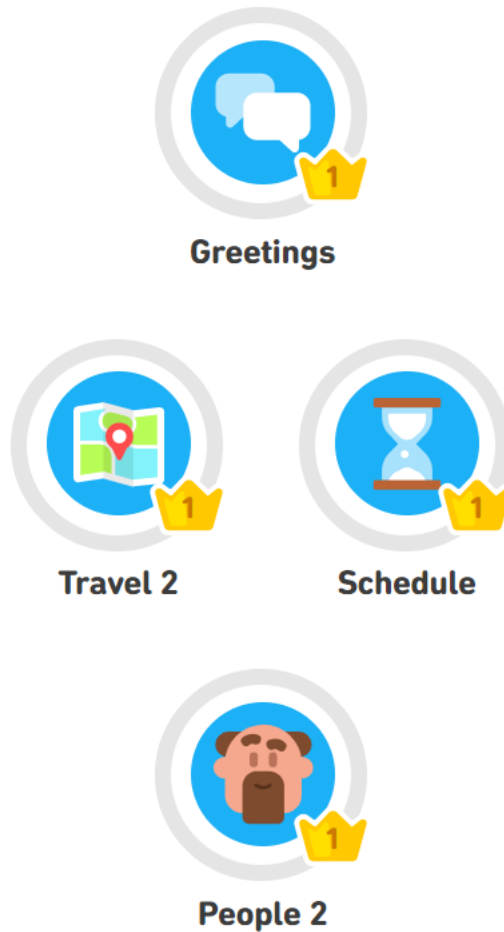
People

Evidence Journal #2

I knew little about the subject of families and relations in Spanish. I knew a superficial amount from television, but through practicing I was able to learn about family titles on a deeper level. I did a lot of researching about the topics that came up when I didn't understand and that helped me to get through the lesson much faster with a deeper understanding. A problem I encountered was forgetting what I had learned and having issues remembering what certain words meant. Each time this occurred I would just go to the internet or ask my father. This helped me further ingrain the knowledge of the lesson into my head. I would continue asking my dad about the subject since he is very knowledgeable about the Spanish language and capable of translating words when I need him to. I wanted to learn about family titles because I have a very large extended family and it would be very beneficial for me to learn how to understand and talk about family members. I wanted to be able to use that knowledge to understand my family's discussions and hopefully communicate about my family as well. Someone else looking at this piece might learn that the Spanish I can be a challenging language to learn, but if you are

dedicated and persistent enough it will work wonders. One thing I would like to improve upon is my pronunciation of words and short-term memory. My short-term memory failed me many times throughout this process, but I would like to work on training my brain to be better at memorization and more efficient. Better pronunciation would help me to communicate in Spanish much more effectively.

Evidence 3: 4 Duolingo Crowns (3)



Evidence 4: 4 Duolingo Crowns (4)



People 3



School 2



Family 2



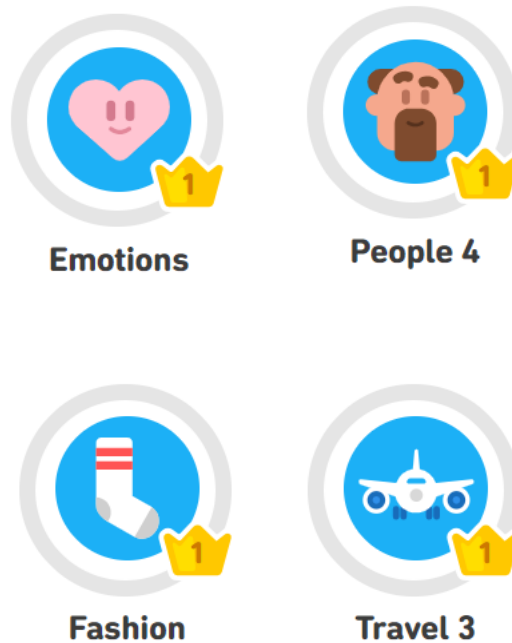
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Evidence Journal #3

I knew very little about numbers prior to using Duolingo. I only knew how to count to ten but after the lesson on numbers, I absorbed a lot of information that I can now use and apply for the rest of my life since numbers are so helpful to know. I took the lesson on Duolingo and through a lot of trial and error, I finally knew and understood numbers on deeper level and felt not only comfortable, but confident with them. A problem I encountered was number memorization but after a lot of practice the information had sunk in. When I needed to rejoin my memory, I went to the internet as a source for help and kept trying to practice fervidly on Duolingo. It was difficult to truly and deeply absorb all of the information, but a lot of practice was the key to my

successful memorization. I counted a lot in my head which proved to be a useful and effective technique to get used to the Spanish number system and order of it. I also wrote down numbers and their Spanish translations on flashcards and studied them which helped me a lot in helping instill the order of the numbers. I thought learning about emotions in Spanish would help me immensely since I would know how to communicate with people about emotions which would be a valuable skill in any work trade or career path. One thing I would like to improve on is pronunciation of Spanish numbers so that I can communicate far more effectively. I would also like to be able to think of numbers faster and more effortlessly so that I can communicate and work well with Spanish numbers under pressure.

Evidence 5: 4 Duolingo Crowns (5)



Evidence 6: 4 Duolingo Crowns (6)

Evidence Journal #4



Colors are one of the concepts I am most familiar with in Spanish, but similarly to most subjects I only knew the basics. Upon practicing on Duolingo, I absorbed knowledge of colors that I had forgotten and learned about a few colors I did not know in Spanish previously. Throughout my Duolingo lessons, I took my time as when I would see a color and a Spanish translation of it that I was not familiar with, I would search on the internet for color charts in Spanish and attempt to memorize them. I also took the time to write down the colors on flashcards with colored markers and since I believe I am a visual learner, I felt that it was a major factor in truly absorbing the information and knowledge. I thought learning about colors would be not only interesting but helpful as well. I have always felt that knowing colors in a different language really reveals a lot about the beauty and character of a language and I appreciated learning about this subject, so someone looking at this piece would definitely see that. From an artistic point of view, I was very excited to learn about all of the colors in Spanish and I also believe that if I ever have a career centered around design, I would be very well prepared in knowing how to communicate about colors in not only English, but Spanish as well. Once again,

my pronunciation of colors is off, and it could be a lot better. There is a lot of room for improvement like with any skill, and I intend to practice as much as I can to improve my pronunciation skills so that I can communicate much more effectively for the rest of my life.

Evidence 7: 4 Duolingo Crowns (7)



Household



Rest. 2



Family 3



Shopping 2

Evidence 8: 4 Duolingo Crowns (8)



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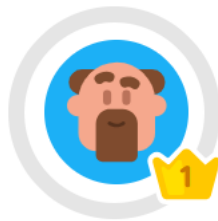


Evidence Journal #5

Previously to using Duolingo as a platform to help me learn Spanish, I only knew a few simple phrases in Spanish. Through practicing phrases on Duolingo I have opened my mind to so many more phrases that will definitely stick with me and be applied for a life time. Some phrases were harder to memorize then others, but I tried my best to use techniques that would help me learn and absorb the phrases in the most effective ways possible. Throughout my entire Duolingo journey, flashcards have played a huge role in allowing me to absorb information visually and truly ingrain the knowledge in my brain. When I'm struggling to memorize anything, flashcards are always able to help me immensely. Learning an assortment of helpful phrases in Spanish is one of the most beneficial things one can learn because phrases will allow one to ask for help or communicate important basic words. Knowing phrases can be useful when traveling, talking to Spanish relatives, or in a career field. Most importantly, knowing basic phrases will allow people to ask for help in the case of emergencies if necessary. Someone looking at this piece of evidence might conclude that I put a lot of effort and time into learning Spanish phrases because they are one of the more complicated and difficult subjects to learn because they require time and patience to truly absorb the information. One thing I could improve on is my ability to think of the correct common phrase quickly. In order to get better at remembering the correct Spanish

phrase, I must put more time and practice into learning and practicing with phrases. I think it would be very beneficial if I seek out more Spanish phrases that I haven't learned yet.

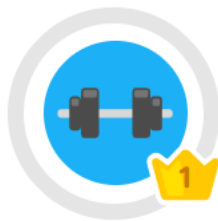
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Commun. 2



Routines 2



Activ. 2



Weather

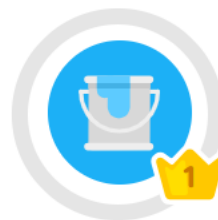
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Interest



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