



## *Get Ready to Learn Spanish!*

**Here is the recipe to get ready for learning Spanish.**

1. Browse through the classes at Spanish for Life, take the placement test, and register for the one that suits you.
2. Immerse yourself in Spanish everyday. (TV, radio, magazine, conversational partner)
3. Schedule study times on a calendar like an appointment. 15-20minutes a day is much more effective than 1-2 hours the night before your class.
4. Find a native Spanish speaker to be a “conversational partner.” Treat him or her to their favorite beverage in exchange for a 1/2 hour-1 hour conversation. Maybe he or she will enjoy practicing English with you.
5. Do the assignments from class.
6. Get phone numbers of other students and meet for study sessions.
7. Use flash cards when you are waiting for something: in your car, purse, desk drawer, and kitchen. 5-10 minutes of study time is invaluable.
8. Find a Spanish resource for a hobby or activity that you love: A cooking magazine, a golf video, gardening manual, aerobics DVD, or CD of your favorite genre of music. This will make learning a part of what you do naturally and you will enjoy it!
9. Attend a community event. There are several museums of Latin art, plays, library programs, movies, etc, that will spice up your experience.
10. Travel to a Spanish speaking country. Make intentional effort to speak Spanish and go to safe local attractions that will not cater to you in English.