ENHANCING LANGUAGE
LEARNING AND WHOLE PERSON
DEVELOPMENT IN THE SECOND
LANGUAGE CLASSROOM

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## Objectives

- Retention
- Increasing intrinsic motivation
- Create an environment that fosters a sense of belonging and a comfortable space to use L2 while making errors
- Learning focused on the wholeperson development
- Moving students into a growth mindset



## Methodology

- The first day of class, students were surveyed and asked to share their ideas about habits of a successful language student.
- From these reflections, instructors had a class discussion and/or individual meetings on the importance of being aware of one's mindset during the semester. Students were provided with strategies to help them shift from a fixed mindset to a growth mindset.
- We incorporated a variety of activities into our courses (true beginner 101, high beginner 150, intermediate 201). We utilized input-based strategies and activities that were scaffolded, meaningful, personalized, and interesting to our learners.
- Post exam reflections were given to students for them to analyze their metacognitive strategies.
- Indirect and Direct Measures were administered to all students in the final course of the sequence (201).

Students tend to not consider...

• How second language is learned and acquired

Spanish Student Survey Nombre

- 1. What do you believe is important to understand and learn in this course?
- 2. What do you believe to be critical characteristics of a successful student in this course?
- 3. How will you study and prepare for graded assessments in this course?

• How a set mindset may affect the learning process

• Critical characteristics of a successful language student

• Ways to prepare for these assessments

#### ¿Quién soy? Me llamo ¿Cómo te llamas? ¿Dónde vives? Vivo en ¿De dónde eres originalmente? Soy de\_ Mi cumpleaños es el (día) de ¿Cuándo es tu cumpleaños? (mes). ¿Cuántos años tienes? 4 4 4 :Tienes una mascota? Sí, tengo\_ No, no tengo una mascota. ¿Participas en una actividad extracurricular? Sí, participo en \_ OR Juego\_ ¿Qué te gusta hacer? (3 cosas) Me gusta\_ ¿Qué te gusta hacer en tu tiempo libre? Me gusta ... ¿Adónde fuiste ayer? (3 lugares) Yo fui Ir+al Ir+a la

## ¿QUÉ HICISTE ESTE FIN DE SEMANA / LA SEMANA PASADA? What did you do this weekend / last week?

Irregular Preterite Verbs										
	Yo (I)		Nosotros (We)							
Fui a	Fui de compras al centro	Fuimos a	Fuimos a ver el partido de fútbol							
	comercial.		americano.							
	Fui a la casa de mi abuela.		Fuimos de compras.							
Hice	Hice tareas.	Hicimos	Hicimos quehaceres (chores)							
	No hice nada.		No hicimos nada.							
Estuve	Estuve en mi casa.	Estuvimos	Estuvimos en la casa de mis tíos.							
Vi	Vi una película.	Vimos	Vimos a nuestros amigos.							
	Vi a mi familia.		_							
Vine a	Vine a la universidad.	Vinimos	Vinimos a la residencia estudiantil.							
	Vine a la clase de									
Conduje	Conduje a Nueva York.	Condujimos	Condujimos a la casa de mi hermana.							

Regular Preterite Verbs										
	Yo (I)		Nosotros (We)							
Compré	Compré unos pantalones negros.	Compramos								
Estudié	Estudié para el examen.	Estudiamos	Estudiamos inglés y química anoche.							
Jugué	Jugué golf con mis amigos.	Jugamos	Jugamos baloncesto.							
Miré	Miré videos en YouTube.	Miramos	Miramos una película en Netflix.							
Pasé	Pasé tiempo con mi novia.	Pasamos	Pasamos tiempo con							
Trabajé	Trabajé todo el fin de semana.	Trabajamos	Trabajamos en casa.							
Comí	Comí Comí una comida deliciosa.		Comimos en el restaurante mexicano.							
Leí	Leí un libro.	Leímos	Leímos una novela.							
Escribir	Escribí mucho.	Escribimos	Escribimos un libro.							

## Examples of word chunks

#### **RESPUESTAS (REJOINDERS)**

(Reactions and short phrases to keep a conversation going)

That's great!

How interesting!

Of course/You bet

Finally! At last!

That stinks!

How gross!

I think not.

Forget it.

Whatever

It's not fair!

It's/He's/She's crazy!

It doesn't make sense.

How fun!

Of course

Cool!

APPROVAL

Qué bien! ¡Qué divertido! Qué interesante!

Suave!

Claro / ¡Claro que sí! Por supuesto Por fin! De acuerdo Yo también ¿Verdad? Fantástico!

Agreed Me too Right? True? Fantastic! Fenomenal! Phenomenal! Es obvio! It's obvious!

DISAPPROVAL

Esto apesta! Qué aburrido! How boring! Qué asco! Qué vergüenza! How shameful! Está loco! No tiene razón. Creo que no. No es justo! Ni en pintura! In your dreams!

> You're a monster! It's not important. Who cares?

¿A quién le importa? Olvidalo. Lo que sea

Eres un monstruo!

APATHY No importa.

SYMPATHY Qué triste! How sad! Qué lío! What a drag! Pobrecito! Poor little thing! :Qué barbaridad! How awful! :Qué lástima! Too bad! Es tan triste! It's so sad! Lo siento I'm sorry ¡Ay, caramba! Oh, my gosh!

DISBELIEF

¿En serio? ¿De veras? No puede ser! No lo creo. ¡No me digas! No es posible! :Qué ridículo!

Are you serious? Really? It can't be! I don't believe it. You don't say (to me)! It's not possible! How ridiculous!

El domingo hablar pasado almorzar De repente gustar salir nadar tomar anteayer

Estación 3: Tus amigos y tú Uds. van a viajar de Roanoke a Machu Picchu

1. ¿Qué ponen ustedes en las maletas?

2. ¿Dónde se quedan ustedes?

3. ¿Cómo van Uds. a Machu Picchu de Aguas Calientes? ¿En moto, auto, etc...?

4. ¿Qué necesitan Uds. para viajar?

5. ¿Cómo están ustedes? p. 164

¿Qué piensan ustedes hacer cuando están en Machu Picchu?



#### Can-Do Proficiency Statements

Are you able to do the following tasks? Read the can-do statement below and rate yourself on your ability to perform it. Think carefully!

- 1. I can perform this function with ease.
- 2. I can perform this function, but not easily.
- I am not sure I can perform this function. I need to review this or seek help from my professor or a peer tutor.

#### Español elemental 102: Assessment / Practice Prompts: Lesson 5

Instructions: On the page 151, Lesson 5:

- 1. Read through the list of objectives (see the top of the page). There are tasks that you should be able to complete.
- 2. Read through the situation below and mark the column according to your ability to perform the task indicated
- 3. Prepare to communicate about these situations.
- 4. Practice your pronunciation.

Lesson 5	Yes! I can totally do this.	Um, I can do this but	I don't know what to say in	Comments
I can say my favorite place to go for vacation.		probably not very well.	this situation.	
I can select the appropriate transportation for my vacation.				
I can say the dates of my vacation.				
I can select a single or double room for a reservation.				
I can describe the weather in my city.				
I can say my birthday.				
I can pronounce maletas, tren, pasaje, autobús, and piso.				
I can say my favorite season.				
I can state what I am doing right now.				
I can state how I feel today				



#### AFTER THE EXAM – EXAM REFLECTION

Exams can be stressful, so after the exam take the time to critically reflect on your experience. Exams can be valuable learning opportunities.

Reflect on	What to do					
Your preparation	<ul> <li>Which study activities/strategies were the most helpful? Which were least helpful?</li> </ul>					
	<ul> <li>How realistic was your study schedule? Were you able to complete tasks in the time you allocated?</li> </ul>					
	<ul> <li>How able were you to predict the topics on the exam? How can you be more informed?</li> </ul>					
Your performance	How well did you understand and follow the instructions given for the exam?					
	<ul> <li>Did you bring everything you needed with you to the exam?</li> </ul>					
	Were you able to follow your time plan for the exam?					
	Did you have enough time to answer all the questions?					
	Did you spend enough time on questions that were worth significant marks					
	<ul> <li>Which concepts and topics were you the most/least confident answering?</li> </ul>					
	<ul> <li>What kinds of questions did you find easier to answer? Which did you find more difficult?</li> </ul>					
	What kinds of emotions did you feel during the exam? Did you have any stress management techniques?					
What you might do	Which study activities and habits will you continue to use in future?					
differently in the	<ul> <li>Which study activities and habits will you need to change? Why?</li> </ul>					
future	<ul> <li>Can you predict which concepts and topics you were tested on this semester may be important in future semesters?</li> </ul>					
	What have you learned about yourself as a student from this experience?					
	<ul> <li>Think about the support that you may need from family, friends, lecturers, tutors, learning advisers, counsellors and fellow students.</li> </ul>					
	<ul> <li>Write down three/four strategies you could put in place to enhance your preparation and performance your next exam.</li> </ul>					

#### Examen Reflection

•	Read and reflect on the first topic: Your preparation  O Write 3-4 sentences to summarize what you did to do prepare for this exam. Use the questions in this section to guide you in your reflection. You do not need to answer every question but you should include pertinent information in your summary.
•	Read and reflect on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> topic: Your performance
	<ul> <li>Write 3-4 sentences to summarize your performance on this exam using the questions in this section to guide you in your reflection. Again, you shouldn't answer every question but rather use them as a basis for your summary.</li> </ul>
•	Finally read the 3 <sup>rd</sup> topic: What you might do differently in the future
	<ul> <li>Think about how you prepared yourself for the exam, what you might do differently for the next exam, including some things that you might you change in your</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>preparation.</li> <li>Write three strategies that you will continue to use or will change for the next exam.</li> <li>It is ok to use bullet points or a list for this section.</li> </ul>
	1.
	2.

## Post-Exam Reflection Survey

Va	ame:	CM:	Hour:
Po	ost-Exam Reflection		
m Yo es	nis activity is designed to give you a chance to refle aportantly, on the effectiveness of your exam prepa ou will be graded on completeness, not on whether asponses will be collected to inform the professor re is exam and how we can best support your learnin affore the next exam to inform and guide your prepa	ration. Please answo your answers make egarding students' ex g. You will get this co	er the questions sincerely. you look good. Your periences surrounding mpleted assignment back
l.	How satisfied were you with your score on this e very satisfied satisfied	xam? unsatisfied	very unsatisfied
,	When did you start preparing for this exam?		
		-	
3.	Approximately how many hours did you spend p	reparing for this exa	m?
1.	What percentage of your test-preparation time w (make sure the percentages add up to 100):  (a) Doing practice problems (practice homework (b) Reading textbook sections for the first time (c) Rereading textbook sections (d) Reviewing your notes from class (DyKnow or (e) Reviewing the DyKnow notes posted on Moo (f) Reading problem solutions (practice homework (g) Other (Please specify:	k, practice exam, or o r other) dle ork, practice exam, o	ther)
ő.	Now that you have looked over your graded examination to each of the following (make sure the percentage). Not being clear on what the problem was ask (b) Trouble with basic principles (c) Trouble with remembering formulas (d) Trouble with remembering definitions (e) Not being able to put multiple concepts toget (f) Careless mistakes (g) Ran out of time (if so, see Question 6) (h) Other (Please specify:	entages add up to 10 ling ther	
	(The rest of the questions are on the back of t	this page.)	

If you ran out of time, what could you do to increase your speed on the next exam? (For example: practice more, memorize more, pace yourself better.)

7. Between your answers to parts (a) and (b) below you should list at least four items total.

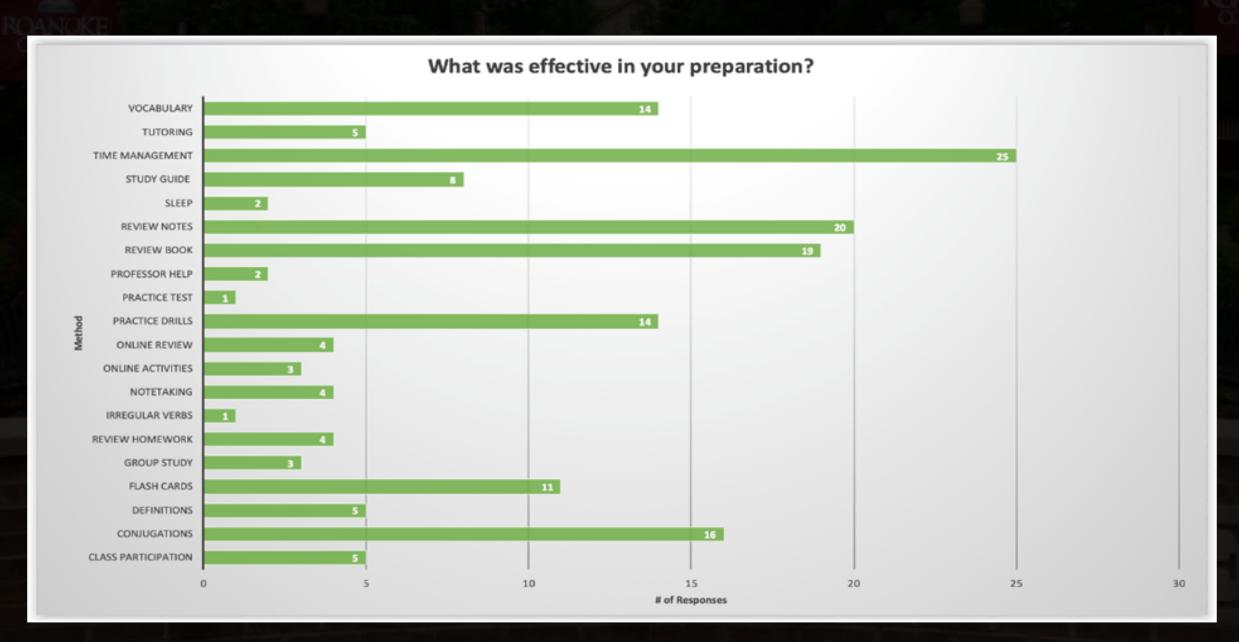
Examples include: spending enough time studying overall, starting your studying sooner, spending enough time doing one of the activities on the previous page (if so, name it), having a specific good or bad study habit (if so, name it), working on a specific skill or a specific type of problem that will come up again on the next exam (if so, name it).

(a) Based on your responses to the first three questions, name one to three things you feel you did well in preparing for this exam and should continue.

(b) Based on your responses to the first three questions, name one to three things you could do differently in preparing for the next exam. (If you got 95% or better on the exam this question is optional.)

Is there anything the professor might be able to do to help the plan that you have laid out above? If so, name one thing.

## Data



## Indirect Measurement Data

QUESTION	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	Fall 2018
	(279)	(286)	(259)	(242)	(279)	(184*)	(221)	(298)	(143)
#2 I can communicate information about my daily routine.	78.6%	80.1%	78.2%	83.5%	85.0%	83.6%	84.6%	90.6%	86.9%
#6 I can talk about activities that I will do in the future.	58.3%	55.0%	44.7%	53.1%	53.8%	62%	74.6%	78.5%	70.8%
#7 If I were in a country where is spoken, I would be able to order food at a restaurant.		79.2%	79.0%	79.7%	81.0%	81.5%	86.9%	86.2%	81%
#9 If I were in a country where is spoken, I would be able to formulate questions related to situations such as asking for directions or requesting basic information.	63.0%	68.4%	58.7%	64.2%	68.4%	69%	61.1%	70.4%	74.1%
#11 If I were in a country where is spoken, I could arrange for lodging with the desk clerk and check in.	47.6%	48.2%	46.3%	53.7%	56.0%	59.2%	62.3%	70.7%	61.5%

## Direct Measurement Data

AY	2012-2013		2013-2	2014	2014-2015		2015-2016		2016-2017		2017-2018		Fall 2018	
Number of Students	(306)		(306) (290) (327) (251)			(318)		(321)		(125)				
	N	I	N	I	N	I	N	I	N	T	N	I	N	I
OA #1 %	34.2	65.8	22.5	77.5	36.0	64.0	26.1	73.9	22.6	77.4	24.9	75.1	27.8	72.2
OA #2 %	25.0	75.0	18.5	81.5	28.5	71.5	23	77	11.1	88.9	22.8	77.2	31.5	68.5
AY average OA #1 and #2	29.6	70.4	20.5	79.5	32.2	67.8	24.6	75.4	16.8	83.2	23.9	76.2	29.7	70.4

### Conclusions

- The vast majority of students surveyed believe they are only learning if they receive good grades on assessments. They believe their grade equals their knowledge and ability.
- Students fail to see learning as a partnership between teacher and student with the students in an active role.
- Active participation is crucial yet undervalued by most students.
- Correlation between student ability and perception of ability.
- Mechanical learning is valued by the students yet not sufficient for language acquisition.
- Dip in performance in Fall 2018: conversations need to be spontaneous and authentic (not forced or memorized material).
- A single metric needs to be developed to be used by all faculty members in the ML Department at Roanoke College.

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