

THE ULAT PROGRAM'S SPANISH II COURSE DESCRIPTION

Introduction

The ULAT (Universal Language Acquisition Tool) world language program, located at www.theulat.com, is a three-year course of studies respecting the Natural Language Acquisition Sequence. This means that the ULAT seeks to replicate the natural means by which native speakers acquire mastery of their first language. During the first year of study, the ULAT laid an oral foundation to the students' knowledge of Spanish, provided them with phonics instruction and engaged them in elementary reading activities. In this second year, while extending their oral abilities, particularly with reference to the verb tenses they are able to use, the ULAT exposes them to more advanced reading selections and involves them in elementary writing activities.

Content

Second year vocabulary: domestic vocabulary (description of the exterior and interior of a home, including rooms, furnishings and household chores), culinary activities, food and beverages, urban life (transportation, buildings, institutions and stores, the giving of directions), nature (solar system, topography, geography, countries, nationalities, languages, weather conditions, animals, insects and plants), manual activities, technology, building materials and tools.

Second year grammar: possessive adjectives and pronouns, demonstrative adjectives and pronouns, prepositions, objectival pronouns, absolute negation, clarifiers and emphasizees, imperative mood, simple past tense, object pronouns, comparatives and superlatives, present perfect tense, pluperfect tense, imperfect tense, future tense, conditional mood, the passive voice, "if" clauses and the present, present perfect and past subjunctive moods.

Evaluation

For an extensive explanation of the forms of evaluation used in the ULAT program, consult item number 20 in the teachers' section of the ULAT website. Depending upon the option selected by the educator, this evaluation can either be provided by the individual responsible for the student's education or by a ULAT instructor.