



Newsletter

Foreign Language Tutors

October 2023

TUTORING

Spanish & Computer Science

Students who are looking for extra help during this school year may consider private tutoring an option. Our rates are the same year-round.

Spanish Tutoring is available starting at 2 years of age. Classes for all levels.

- Spanish as a Second Language
- STAMP exam preparation
- Translation Services
- School help
- Conversation only

Computer Science is an important and ever-growing field. For students of all ages who would like to learn more about it, we offer courses year-round. If there is a topic of interest that is not listed, please inquire, we might be able to help.

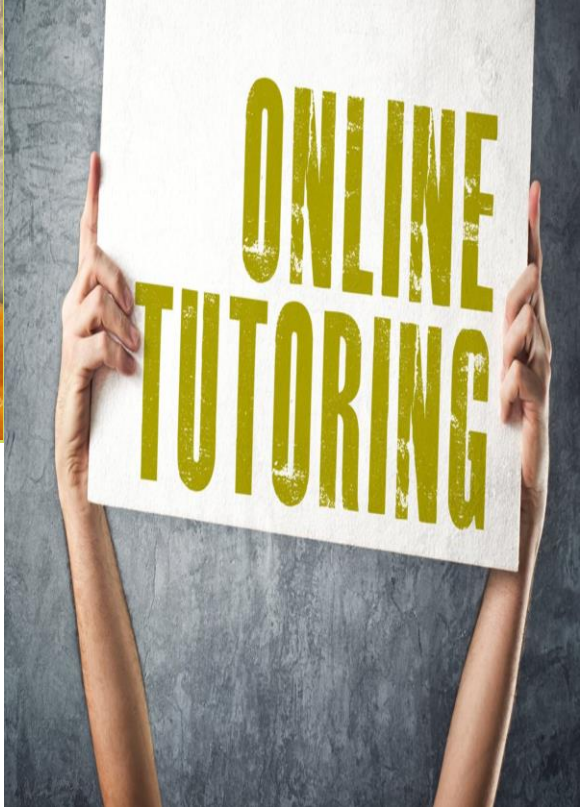
High School students who feel inclined to pursue a Computer Science major, but are undecided and have questions, we can help. We have over 30 years of hands-on experience in the field. All classes are 1-1 and personalized.

Computer Science tutoring for specialized topics:

- Introduction to Computer Science
- SQL (Structured Query Language)
- Data Modeling
- Coding
- Data Management
- Data Science & Artificial Intelligence
- Cybersecurity
- Introduction to cloud services
- Job Interview preparation – Computer Science field

“Everybody should learn to program a computer, because it teaches you how to think.” – Steve Jobs

“If you can speak English and Spanish, then you can communicate with 80% of the world.”



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Student of the month`

Rocky

Rocky is an 8th grader who is very passionate about learning languages. In addition to Spanish as a second language, he also studies French. Rocky has one of the most impeccable pronunciations. If you are a French speaker, or have studied French as a second language, you know how that French accent gets in the way all the time (this is hard to avoid because it happens automatically). Amazingly enough, this never happens to Rocky. He maintains his Spanish completely apart from English and French. He does not mix the accents at all. Rocky's other strength is conjugation. Regular or irregular verbs, he can conjugate them without hesitation. He is close to knowing all the tenses in Infinitive. A few months ago, I was in class with Rocky, and a friend of mine was sitting nearby and heard a good portion of the class. When the class ended, she expressed to me how impressed she was with Rocky's abilities. Rocky is an exceptionally fast learner. Great job Rocky, you rock!

Avant STAMP 4S is recommended for college credit by the American Council on Education (ACE). Universities across the U.S. are recognizing Avant STAMP and creating pathways to higher education for language learners everywhere.

Avant STAMP proficiency tests are aligned to internationally recognized proficiency standards.

Some of our students have been contacted privately recommending them to take the STAMP test this summer. If you were one of the students contacted, this means we consider you are ready for the exam, go for it!

For more information on the Avant STAMP test, go to:

<https://avantassessment.com/test-overview>

STAMP Test

We encourage all our students to take the STAMP Test when they are ready. The STAMP test will provide official accreditation on a foreign language. These credentials may be used in your resume and/or use them for college credits.

Avant STAMP is used to measure real-world language proficiency and earn credentials like Seals of Biliteracy. Its purpose is to improve language-learning outcomes, support excellence in language programs, and enable language credentialing.

5 Common Spanish Idioms

01 Pan comido

Es pan comido! Means "It's piece of cake".

02 Ser un bombon

Ese chico es un bombon! Means "That guy is good looking"

03 Dar la Vuelta a la tortilla

Demos la vuelta a la tortilla. Means "Let's turn the situation around"

04 Importar un pepino

Me importa un pepino. Means "Could not care less"

05 Estar hasta en la sopa

Estas hasta en la sopa! Means "You are everywhere!"

Conversation nights are back on!

Conversation nights are back and are free for students enrolled in a Foreign Language Tutors program. These nights are a great way to meet other students who are also passionate about learning a second language.

Conversation nights take place on Friday or Saturday nights at 7pm EST and are by appointment only. Duration is 30 minutes for kids under 7 years of age and 45 minutes for kids 7 years through adult.

SSL Resources

Free online resources

We've been busy adding useful content to our website and we have a lot more coming up. Press Cntrl+Click to follow the link. Here you will find useful videos, links to books, conjugations, and more.

[Resources | FLang Tutors \(foreignlanguagetutors.com\)](https://foreignlanguagetutors.com/resources)

To find free downloadable material, such as Ascii table for Spanish Characters, Difference between "Bueno, Bien and Buen", plus more, press Cntrl+Click to follow the link.

[Free Downloads | FLang Tutors \(foreignlanguagetutors.com\)](https://foreignlanguagetutors.com/free-downloads)

Book of the month

The book of the month is “**Los renglones torcidos de Dios**” (God's Crooked Lines, in English) by Torcuato Luca de Tena, a Spaniard author. Available in hard copy. The plot: Alice Gould is admitted to a mental hospital. In her delirium, she believes to be a private investigator who is in charge of a team of detectives whose mission is to solve complex cases. According to the letter of her private physician, the reality is that she is obsessed with murdering her husband. Alice's extreme intelligence and her perfectly normal behavior confuses her new treating physicians to the point that they do not know if Alice has been sent to the mental hospital as an injustice, or if she really has a dangerous mental problem. The book is written in easy to digest Spanish and is very good.

500 Spanish Expressions Challenge

Will you dare to join the challenge? For this challenge you will commit to memorize/learn 500 new Spanish common expressions. Why a challenge? Because the only way to grow is to challenge yourself, and let's not forget about the power of accountability! You would not want to disappoint your fellow challengers.

For more information press Ctrl + Click on the link below.

[Join the Challenge | FLang Tutors \(foreignlanguagetutors.com\)](https://foreignlanguagetutors.com)

Computer Science Corner

Computer science is a field that covers a huge number of areas. It is most directly related to math since it improves analytical skills and the ability to resolve specific, well-defined problems. As well as being an important science in its own right, computer science is also one of the most powerful tools used in all areas of STEM, modern-day life and Artificial Intelligence.

FAQ

Are there any potential dangers in *Artificial Intelligence (AI)*?

A potential danger of *AI* is that it could eventually lead to a catastrophe or even the extinction of human beings altogether. Said problem may arise when *AI* is expanded beyond narrow uses. *AI* could become superior to humans both physically and in terms of intelligence, and this could cause the *AI* to either act on its own or to be used by individuals or groups to disastrous ends.

October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month

Be safe when traveling. Airport WIFI is not safe.

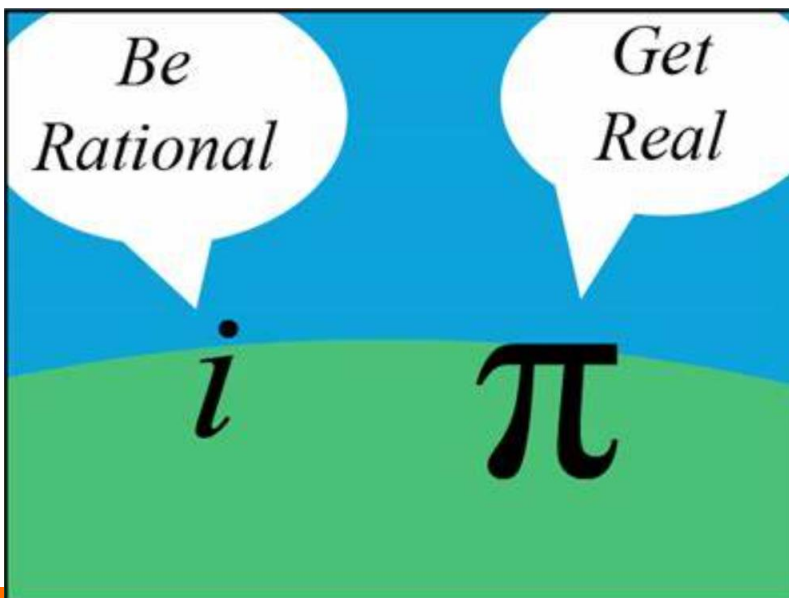
Five ways to keep your data safe when using public WIFI at the airport or at other venues that offer public WIFI. Airport WIFI is generally unencrypted and can be easily faked with networks with similar names.

1. Double-check the official airport WIFI name.
2. Switch to cellular data for handling of personal information.
3. Turn off file and printer sharing.
4. Make sure you're using antimalware software.
5. Use a VPN.

Cool way to remember Pi (a fraction of it)

Pi By Wislawa Szymborza #PoetsForScience

*The admirable number pi:
Three point one four one.
All the following digits are also initial,
Five nine two because it never ends.
It can't be comprehended six five three five at a glance,
Eight nine by calculation,
Seven nine or imagination,
Not even three two three eight by wit, that is, by comparison
Four six to anything else
Two six four three in the world. ...*



Announcements

Live Worksheets – Important!

Live Worksheets has released an improved site. To access your account, please go to the link below.

[Resources | Foreign Language Tutors](#)

Once you're on the page, scroll down and click on the student login button:

Live Worksheets Student Login

Our tutors

Dulce – Spanish tutor

Iliana – Spanish tutor

Gaby – Spanish and Computer Science tutor

Gigi – Spanish and Computer Science tutor

Sandra – Spanish and Computer Science tutor

Referrals

Thank you very much for your referrals. Remember that you get one hour of free instruction for each student referred to us. Offer is effective after the referred student has completed one month of instruction.

Back to School

If you are returning from your summer break, please contact me ASAP with your preferred schedule. Spots are filling fast.