

Newsletter

Foreign Language Tutors

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SUMMER TUTORING

Spanish & Computer Science

Students who are looking to get a head start for the upcoming school year may consider private tutoring an option. Our rates are the same year-round.

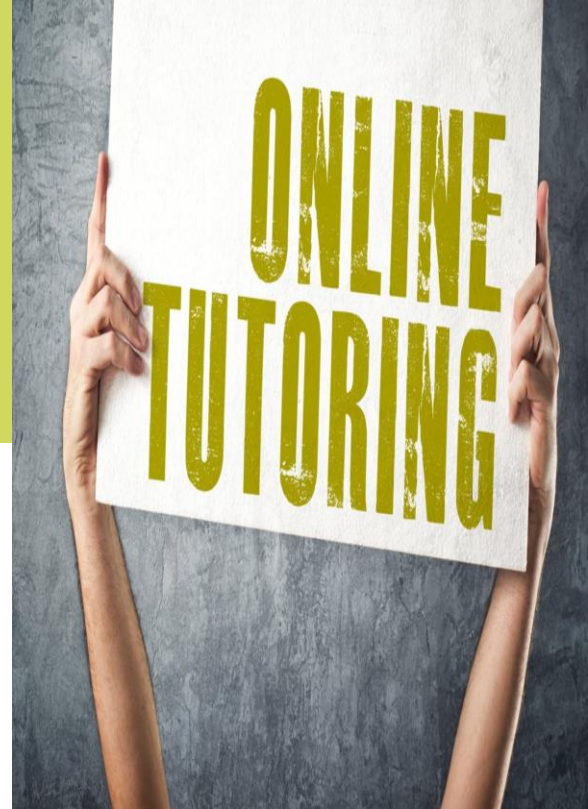
Spanish Tutoring is available starting at 2 years of age. Classes for all levels.

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

Computer Science tutoring for specialized topics:

- SQL (Structured Query Language)
- Data Modeling
- Coding
- Data Management
- Data Science
- Security
- Introduction to cloud services
- Job Interview preparation

"One Language sets you in a corridor for life. Two languages open every door along the way" ~ Frank Smith



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Students' Corner

Rowan

Rowan is our youngest student, only two years old. At such tender age, armed with an excellent attention span and zero inhibitions, Rowan is learning his songs, his animals, body parts and favorite foods as naturally as he is learning all the things a busy toddler can learn. Mom reports he has been using his Spanish to refer to animals. During class he responds to our questions and asks (in Spanish) for what he wants to do next. Rowan's secret weapon: He is fearless, as all toddlers are. He is not concerned about making mistakes or not getting it perfect. He just does it. What a fantastic age to learn another language.

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.

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.



3000 New Spanish Words

01 Words that end with "AL"

Many English words that end with "AL" may be easily turned into Spanish by just changing their pronunciation. Examples of such words are: Global, Local, Legal, Normal, Temporal, Animal, Abnormal, Central, among many others.

For example, the word "Normal"; English vs Spanish pronunciations can be heard in the link below. All other words that fall within this category follow a similar pronunciation pattern. Press Ctrl + Click to follow the link.

[Normal in Spanish | English to Spanish Translation - SpanishDictionary.com](http://www.SpanishDictionary.com)

02 Words that end with “NT”

Many English words that end with “NT” may be easily turned into Spanish by just adding a “E” at the end of the word. Examples of such words are: Important, Constant, Decent, Irritant, Detergent, Arrogant, among many others.

Hence, the English word “Important” becomes “Importante” in Spanish. Let’s hear the English vs. Spanish pronunciation. Press Ctrl + Click to follow the link.

[Important Phrases | How to use Important in English \(spanishdict.com\)](#)

03 Words that end with “TY”

Many English words that end with “TY” may be easily turned into Spanish by replacing “TY” with “DAD”. Examples of such words are: University, Nativity, Productivity, Flexibility, Velocity, Audacity, among many others.

Following this simple rule, the English word “University” becomes “Universidad” in Spanish. To hear the English vs. Spanish pronunciations, press Cntrl + Click to follow the link below.

[University in Spanish | English to Spanish Translation - SpanishDictionary.com](#)

By remembering these simple rules, students will increase their Spanish vocabulary by about 3,000 words without having to memorize any of them. These, and other easy to remember rules are part of our first sessions with students that would like to become conversational.

Conversation nights

Conversation nights will be back in the fall. If you are interested in joining a conversation night, please let me know. These nights are a great way to meet other students who are also passionate about learning a second language. For some of them, Spanish is their third language already! Conversation nights are always free of charge for enrolled students.



SSL Resources

Free online resources

Conjugation help! Press Cntrl+Click to follow the link. Conjugate Spanish verbs 'till your heart's content 😊
<http://www.conjugation.org/>

Videos and Audios, all levels. Press Cntrl+Click to follow the link. Remember to listen, listen and listen 😊
<https://www.laits.utexas.edu/spe/>

500 common expressions in Spanish
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wPFq0PawQ8k>

Book of the month

The book of the month is “***Sapiens. De animales a dioses***” by Yuval Noah Harari. Available in hard copy and audio book. This is a great book for anyone who is interested in science. The author did an excellent job at making complex concepts easy to understand. The Spanish used in the book is also easy to digest for mid-level students.

Reviews:

<https://books.apple.com/us/book/sapiens-de-animales-a-dioses/id897686027>

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, not to mention modern-day life.

For students starting college in the Fall with a major in Computer Science, getting a head start in SQL and Database Modeling is strongly recommended. We tutor all levels, from beginner to post-graduate.

Is the world of Tech for me?

If you have a child who is curious about the world of technology, but is unsure about pursuing it as a career, we can answer all their questions and help them make an informed decision.

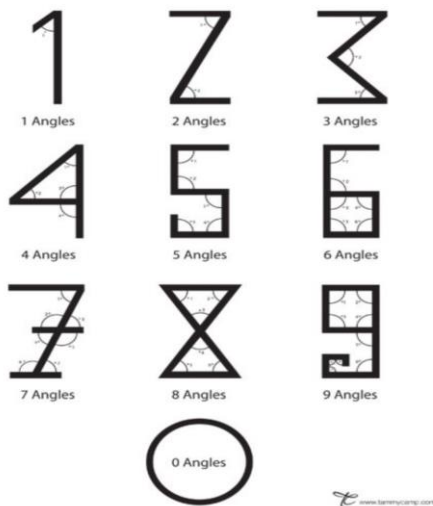
FAQ

Is coding considered to be part of computer science?

Yes, coding is an extremely important part of computer science. Coding is the part that involves a coder, or programmer, telling a computer what to do. Like any form of communication, it happens in a particular language, a programming language. Coders or programmers develop different programs and algorithms. Let's take a very common example of the many uses of algorithms: an Amazon delivery truck. Did you know that to load the items in the truck, someone had to write an algorithm? Yes, we use algorithms to load all kinds of delivery trucks. The algorithms use information such as delivery addresses, size & weight of the items, the capacity of the truck, plus other important information. The algorithm decides what items go in the truck and in which order they need to be placed inside the truck. Pretty cool right? Computer Science is everywhere.

Why do numbers look the way they do?

Do you know why numbers look the way they do? The "original" numbers from 0-9 included built-in angles. The number of angles in each number was represented by the number itself. For example, number zero had no angles; number 1 had one angle, number 2 had two angles, and so on. Look at the picture of our "original" numbers and their angles.



Announcements

Live Worksheets – Important!

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

<https://www.liveworksheets.com/user/login>

Your username is your email address. However, you will have to reset your password. Please let me know if you experience any issues.

New tutors

I am very excited to announce that we have new Spanish and Computer Science tutors. Some of you are already taking classes with them. A formal introduction will be made in the fall. Stay tuned!

Writing room

It is a blog I'm working on. Coming up soon.

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.

Happy Summer

Have a wonderful summer, be safe and enjoy.

Students who are taking the summer off, please remember your summer reading. See you in the fall.