

CHERI'S SPANISH STUDY PLAN

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BASIC PRINCIPLES

- Language study should incorporate all four areas of learning: *Speaking, Writing, Listening, and Reading.*
- Use Spaced Repetition for easier memorization.
- Practice conversation with other Spanish speakers as often as possible. Don't be afraid to sound stupid or make mistakes.
- Short and frequent studying is better than "cram sessions."
- Make it fun!



HOW I STUDY

- With a Teacher:** Once per week, meet with [Spanish tutor](#) via Skype to work on grammar, pronunciation, and conversation practice. Complete the homework assigned by the teacher. (Cost: \$80/mo, Time: 1 hr/week)
- With "News in Slow Spanish."** 3-4 days per week, read a segment of the News in Slow Spanish, mousing over words I don't know to translate them. Read the news transcript out loud to myself. Listen to the recorded version, twice. Then read out loud one more time. (Cost: \$22/mo, Time: 3-4 hours/week)
- With Anki Flashcards.** Whenever I encounter *useful* words that I don't know, add them to my Anki deck. Every day, review flashcards for 20-60 minutes. In the beginning, focus on words that seem practical for everyday use. (Cost: Free, Time: 5-7 hours per week)
- With Writing Things Out.** When learning grammar, write examples down on paper. For example: Sentences with properly conjugated verbs. I'll do my best to use sentences that I would say in real life. (Cost: Free, Time: 2 hours per week)

Total: Cost: \$102/mo, up to 15 hours per week

HOW I PRACTICE & PLAY

Bonus activities:

- Spanish Meetup:** After a month of classes with my teacher, I'll start attending the local Spanish meetup even if I'm nervous. (Cost: Drinks & Snacks, Time: 2 hours per month)
- Books:** I picked up two books that I enjoy and know well in English, in Spanish editions. I'll attempt to read them, and see how much I understand.
- Television:** I'll watch television shows in Spanish, probably with Spanish subtitles on in the beginning.