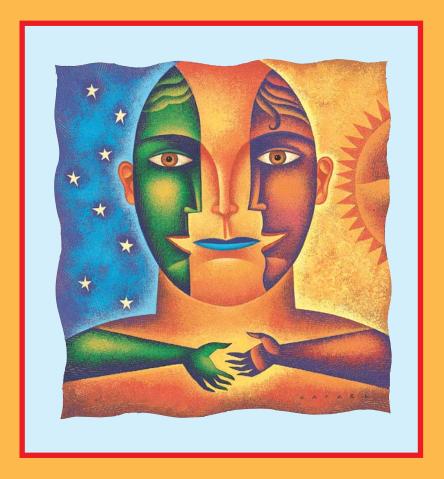
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Preface

Welcome to Entrevistas: An Introduction to Language and Culture! As technology offers increased opportunities for communication among people and nations, it has become even more crucial to provide students with the necessary tools for developing global communication and multicultural understanding. With these goals in mind, we are delighted to bring you the second edition of Entrevistas, an exciting introductory Spanish textbook that will help turn your classroom into a setting for engaging communicative interaction. Richly supported by print and multimedia supplements, including an integrated video and CD-ROM, Entrevistas will help you accomplish the following objectives:

- to promote the teaching of language in a cultural context
- to combat stereotypical perceptions of Hispanics that your students may hold
- to develop students' communicative language abilities while simultaneously providing them with clear and comprehensive grammatical coverage

Entrevistas: Highlighting the Cultural Context of Language

The title of the textbook closely reflects its goals and organization. Through interviews with native speakers from throughout the Spanish-speaking world (presented on video and in audio formats and integrated within the text), we have sought to highlight the cultural context of language. Troubled by some students' misunderstanding and lack of

empathy for other cultures as part of language study, we critically examined the treatment of culture in first-year Spanish textbooks before setting pen to paper in *Entrevistas*. Although integrating language and culture was a common goal of these textbooks, culture often remained physically and symbolically separated from the remainder of the textbook. Furthermore, culture lacked an authentic voice: it was compartmentalized into high and low culture, at times diminished through show-and-tell pictures and artifacts or simplified through pedagogically contrived texts.

In *Entrevistas*, culture moves from the margins to the center. It drives the organization of each chapter and provides the context for communication. As students acquire the linguistic skills that are essential for effective interaction, they also begin to make connections between the native and target cultures. We believe that by listening to the daily rituals and the aspirations and concerns that these authentic voices communicate, students will modify stereotypes they may have and broaden their global cultural understanding.

How Does *Entrevistas* Help You and Your Students Attain These Goals?

A number of unique sections throughout each chapter will help you and your students in their study of Spanish language and culture. Here is a description of just some of these innovative sections.

 Maps, timelines, and demographic information in the chapter openers orient students to geographical, historical, and racial issues that represent cultural points of reference for native speakers.

- Interviews with native speakers, presented in audio and video formats, provide a point of departure for the development of listening strategies, contextualized grammar practice, thematic readings, process-writing activities, and cross-cultural comparisons.
- Excerpts from English-language guidebooks, travel narratives, and reference works in the Análisis cultural sections provide an "outsiders'" point of view; follow-up questions invite students to analyze critically the content and to compare it to the "insider" interviews.
- Cultural images in the Señas culturales sections highlight architecture, myth, folklore, ecology, music, and other artifacts that symbolize a country's national identity.

The entrevistas: What Are They?

As the name of the textbook suggests, interviews are the point of departure for students' exploration of the Spanish-speaking world. Each chapter contains two interviews that represent a synthesis of several dialogues with native speakers of a given country. From these exchanges, we distilled commonly represented information, themes, and opinions into an interview of appropriate length and level of difficulty for the beginning-level student. Although the language was modified for pedagogical goals, every effort was made to retain natural-sounding language and authentic cultural voices. These lively, engaging interviews invite students to share the lives, concerns, and aspirations of native Spanish speakers.

Culture as Content

Whereas culture is often relegated to the margins in many textbooks, in *Entrevistas* we have sought to restore culture to a central position in the language program. In doing so, we have related culture to broader instructional goals, making it a tool for the exploration of various disciplines, such as history, anthropology, and sociology. Culture also serves as a springboard for exercises emphasizing higher-order thinking skills, including analysis, hypothesis, and synthesis. In addition, we emphasize the importance of cultural (self-) awareness for the development of a

knowledgeable and socially responsible citizen in the global community.

Traditionally, a distinction has been made between "high C" (Olympian) culture—the artistic achievements, historical events, political institutions of a people—and "low c" (hearthstone) culture—everyday patterns of thinking and behavior.

Nevertheless, these categories can and do overlap. To illustrate this point, is the tango an example of high or low culture? From its humble origins in the barrios of Buenos Aires, it has developed into a "high" art form, the subject of theater and film. And yet, going to a local bar to watch a tango performance may not qualify as a representation of Olympian culture.

As a further illustration, *Don Quijote* may be considered an exemplar of high culture, yet a portrait of Don Quijote and Sancho Panza on a wall hanging may not. Likewise, a performance of *Man of La Mancha* may not meet everyone's criteria for artistic achievement.

The difficulty in making the high/low distinction when defining culture leads us to another observation: culture is not monolithic. That is to say, cultural processes and products differ geographically within the same national entity; between generations, sexes, and races; between immigrants and native-born citizens, and so on. Culture is dynamic, changing rapidly through global communications, technological advances, political turmoil, as well as through other influences.

Despite this variation, we recognize that there exists significant congruence in belief and practice to bind a people together and to allow us to speak of a (national, regional, professional) culture. It is this ambiguity that makes the characterization of a culture so slippery.

Representing culture "authentically" in a textbook is a challenging proposition. No one person or text can express the multifaceted nature of culture. We have therefore decided to introduce a multiplicity of voices, calling on the experiences of native speakers in the **Entrevistas**, presenting the viewpoints of the print media in the **Lecturas**, identifying cultural icons in the **Señas culturales**, and exposing a cultural outsider's observations in the **Análisis culturales**.

An additional challenge in the teaching of culture is the lack of critical awareness on the part of some students: they may have never reflected on their





own values, behaviors, and world views, and on what distinguishes them from other members of society. Furthermore, students may hold negative associations with linguistic and cultural diversity and therefore stubbornly cling to an ethnocentric point of view.

We have addressed the first problem by providing numerous exercises that encourage self-reflection and critical analysis. By reflecting on their own experiences and by sharing these experiences with others, students will become aware of the cultural diversity within their own classroom and, by extension, within the greater society.

Helping students develop empathy for other cultures is an important goal of *Entrevistas*. The interview format—an encounter between a nonnative speaker and a native speaker—"opens up" the culture, explaining beliefs and behaviors. Throughout *Entrevistas*, we have attempted to avoid generalizations and stereotypes. Nevertheless, in order to avoid overly complex definitions/characterizations that might make it difficult to define/characterize national identity, we make references to **los norteamericanos**, **los colombianos**, and so on. We trust that the readers of *Entrevistas* will understand these terms in the spirit of cultural diversity—and unity.

A Word About Grammar

The unique approach to culture in *Entrevistas* is complemented by a comprehensive and practical coverage of grammatical structures. The following features characterize the treatment of grammar in *Entrevistas*:

- carefully sequenced grammar activities, moving from form-focused exercises to those that require a more creative use of language
- presentation and practice of linguistic items in contextualized, functional frames
- a focus on process strategies—both in the textbook and in the workbook—that encourages students to view listening, reading, and writing as active tasks, requiring meaningful interaction as well as high-order cognitive processing
- continuous attention to the development and reinforcement of linguistic accuracy and culturally appropriate behaviors

Entrevistas: In Step with the National Foreign Language Standards

In response to the *Goals 2000: Educate America Act*, the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) received funding to develop K–12 content standards for foreign language education. Working in collaboration with professional organizations such as the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSP), among others, ¹ ACTFL launched the National Standards in its 1996 volume, *Standards for Foreign Language Learning: Preparing for the 21st Century.* The Standards and their challenging vision of educational reform were embraced by government, business, and over fifty professional and state organizations.

The Standards are organized into five goal areas: Communication, Cultures, Connections, Comparisons, and Communities. These "five C's" are symbolized by five interlocking circles, representing the close interrelationship among these goals. Each includes two or three content standards that describe what students should know and be able to do as a result of their language study. The Standards differ from a skill-based paradigm, where listening, speaking, reading, and writing are divorced from content and communication. Rather, the Standards emphasize the four skills as instruments for acquiring cross-disciplinary knowledge, developing critical-thinking skills, and communicative strategies. Although the goals do not prescribe curriculum, they necessarily influence pedagogical approaches and performance outcomes.

More specifically, the Standards ask us to reconceptualize our approach to culture. As Phillips notes: "In spite of much lip service over the years, culture remained at the periphery of instruction, most frequently referred to as a fifth skill, a capsule, a cultural note at the bottom of a textbook page, or a Friday 'fun' activity Teachers taught the culture as they knew it; students learned items randomly, not as connected threads or themes. In most courses, no systemic process was visible that enabled students to observe cultural manifestations; to analyze the patterns of behavior; to hypothesize

¹ The other organizations included in this project were the American Association of Teachers of French (AATF) and the American Association of Teachers of German (AATG).

about origins, usage, or context; and to understand the perspectives of the people in the target cultures. In sum, most cultural content learned was fact or act in isolation from how it related to the values and attitudes of a person or a people."²

With its integrated, multifacted approach to culture, *Entrevistas* exemplifies the fresh spirit of the Standards. Culture is organized thematically by chapter. Within each chapter, however, students are exposed to a multiplicity of *products*, *processes*, and *perspectives*. From authentic interviews with native speakers, to artifacts symbolizing national identity, to "outsiders'" reflections on behaviors and institutions, *Entrevistas* provides sustained opportunities for hypothesis and analysis, inviting students to make connections between beliefs, behaviors, and cultural artifacts.

In addition to culture, *Entrevistas* reflects the four additional goal areas described in the National Standards. Through its presentation of functional language, role-play, small-group, and personalized activities, *Entrevistas* emphasizes *communication*. The documents, readings, and other exploratory activities help students make *connections* among discipline areas. Ample opportunities are provided for cross-cultural *comparisons* in the follow-up activities to the interviews and also in additional reading and listening exercises. Finally, Internet-based and experiential activities allow students to explore *communities*.

What's New to the Second Edition?

In addition to the all new design for the Second Edition, we have made the following changes in response to instructor feedback on the First Edition.

 There are thirty all new video interviews with native Spanish speakers from seventeen different countries from around the Spanish-speaking world. All are available on VHS videotape or

- digitally on the Interactive CD-ROM included with every new copy of the textbook.
- In response to reviewer comments, grammar explanations have been simplified or clarified to make it easier for students to understand some of the more complex grammar points of the Spanish language. Additionally, a new form-focused Análisis estructural activity that allows students to focus on the new grammar rules before moving on to the more communicative activities has been added to many grammar explanations.
- New readings have been selected for Capítulos 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 12, 13, 14, and 15, thus keeping content current and of interest to today's students.
- A new Portafolio cultural feature, which combines the A ti te toca and the Portafolio cultural from the First Edition textbook and Manual de práctica respectively, provides a combination composition (Redacción) and Internet cultural research and in-class presentation activity (Exploración), thus expanding on the four-skills approach of Entrevistas.
- Capítulo 13, with the new title El mundo actual, adds the topic of technologies such as cell phones, the Internet, and so on to the First Edition's general theme of Los medios de comunicación.
- There are some new names for First Edition features. The two Entrevistas sections in each chapter are now called Entrevista 1 and Entrevista 2, Se dice que... sections are now Análisis cultural, and Señas de identidad have been renamed Señas culturales.
- Regional maps of the Spanish-speaking world and an English-Spanish dictionary have been added to the textbook.
- Finally, the activities, content, and themes have been revised and in some cases expanded to keep the textbook fresh and up-to-date.



² Phillips, June K., ed. 1999. Foreign Language Standards: Linking Research, Theories, and Practices. Lincolnwood, Ill.: NTC, p. 8.



A Guided Tour of Entrevistas





Chapter-Opening Pages

Each chapter begins with a list of cultural and grammatical objectives that preview goals and content. These pages also contain timelines that relate important historical, political, and cultural events in the United States, Canada, and the country or region of focus. Maps allow students to situate the homes of the native-speaker interviewees as well as geographic features that provide points of reference for that country's inhabitants.

Demographic information emphasizes cultural and linguistic diversity.

Following the chapter-opening pages, each chapter is divided into two major sections: **Parte 1** and **Parte 2**. The contents of each **Parte** are easily distinguished by the unique border treatment along the outside edge of each page: red and orange for **Parte 1**, red and blue for **Parte 2**.

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Vocabulary is organized thematically and often presented visually through line drawings, photos, and realia wherever appropriate to illustrate culturally significant contrasts and similarities. Students are given ample opportunity to practice new lexical items through form-focused and communicative activities.

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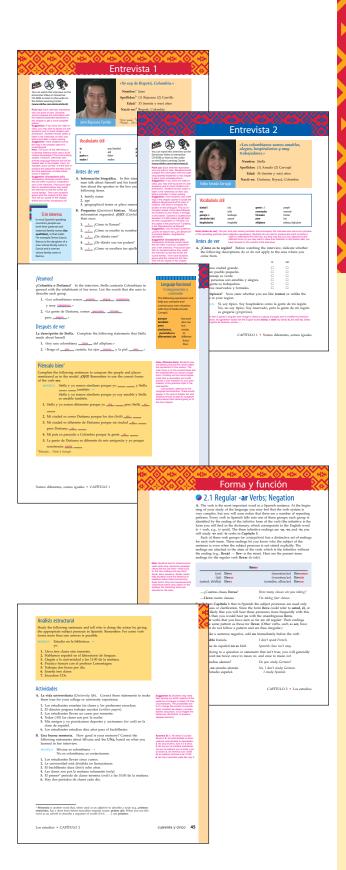
Entrevista 1, the first of two native-speaker interviews recorded in audio and video formats, personalizes the cultural themes of the chapter, illustrates vocabulary usage in context, and previews grammatical structures. Biographical information and photos acquaint students with the speaker's immediate surroundings and cultural context.

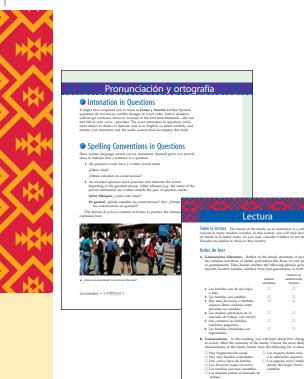
The interview is introduced by **Antes de ver** activities, which facilitate comprehension by activating relevant vocabulary, grammar, and discourse items. As students watch the interview, they are given specific tasks to perform in the ¡Veamos! section. Their comprehension is checked through **Después de ver** activities.

The second native-speaker interview can be found in **Parte 2** in the corresponding **Entrevista 2** section. At the end of each **Entrevista 2** section is a special **Piénsalo bien** activity that asks students to compare the two interviewees from the chapter.

Forma y función

An average of two grammar points are presented in this section, both of which are closely linked to the interview. Charts and bulleted lists facilitate self-study. Each grammar presentation is followed by a series of activities that emphasizes meaningful use of language. At the end of many grammar explanations there is a new **Análisis estructural** section with a form-focused activity designed to focus students' attention on the grammar rules before they attempt the more communicative activities.







Análisis cultural

In this section of Entreolates, you will see quotes taken from popular pr sources. These passages make certain assertions or generalizations about the countries you will study in each chapter. It is important to learn to treat these quotations critically, evaluating them against what you know about the regions and phenomena described. Is the information present consistent with the native speaker's perspective in each interview? Use what you have learned in this chapter, and your own experiences, to answer the questions that follow the quote.

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Greetings are very important in Colombia. Take the time to greet ever manally, Give the person you are greeting your undivided attention. Me hake hands with each other and with women. Women choose whether to to shake hands with other women symetimes women will clasp are their foreign street of the street of the street of the street of the class of the street of the street of the street of the Colombians often compilain that North Americans and Europeans de now how to greet someone. Colombians take a long time in greetings, considerable of the street of the street of the street of colombians self-american spoiler questions. North Americans spically rougers beyond the greeting phase after one or two questions. Expect qualitations as to your health, your trip, your relatives, and any friends or cqualitances you have in common. Don't rush! Rushing is interpreted allousness or disrespect.

- How would you greet Jairo Bejarano Carrillo in Spanish? Would your greeting be different if he were a woman?
 Is the role of the greeting in Colombia similar to, or different from the role of the greeting in your own country?
- 3. Give some examples of greetings you consider (im)polite
- I. What misunderstandings might arise from an inappropriate greeting in Colombia? Could a similar situation arise in your country?

Pronunciación y ortografía

This section, which separates Parte 1 from Parte 2, presents major spelling rules and pronunciation contrasts between English and Spanish. Listening, pronunciation, and writing activities are provided in the Manual de práctica.

Lectura

Parte 2 contains the same major sections as Parte 1. However, Parte 2 also includes additional focus on reading and writing. The **Lectura** is an authentic text (journalistic or literary in nature) that is thematically linked to the chapter content. Lectura sections begin with **Antes de leer** activities that emphasize process strategies such as the activation of background knowledge, scanning for information, guessing from context, cognate recognition, and so on. Después de leer activities check comprehension.

Portafolio cultural

The final activity in the chapter has two parts: Redacción and Exploración. Redacción introduces a writing task that is thematically integrated into the chapter and invites students to synthesize vocabulary, grammatical structures, and cultural content. Exploración directs students to make use of the vast cultural resource that the Internet can be as well as other resources to explore the themes presented in the chapter. Process writing strategies that support the **Redacción** assignment and a list of key words for the Exploración component can be found in the Manual de práctica.

Additional Features

Análisis cultural

Students' knowledge of the Spanish-speaking world is often shaped by the media or the personal tales of tourists. These impressions are rarely challenged. It is the goal of the **Análisis cultural** section to provide a forum for critical analysis of these popular portrayals as presented in excerpts from Englishlanguage travel guides, travel narratives, and reference books. Students are invited to discuss these passages in light of what they have learned through the native-speaker interviews and readings.

We realize that instructors differ in their philosophies toward the use of English in the Spanish-language classroom. In this case, we believe that the opportunities for culture learning and the development of critical-thinking skills provide a strong rationale for this activity. Indeed, as students' linguistic skills develop, the language of the accompanying questions changes to Spanish.

Señas culturales

The flag, baseball, and apple pie. . . . These have been traditional American cultural icons, calling up historical, political, and emotive attachments to the nation. As American society becomes more diverse, these icons are perhaps less meaningful.

Nevertheless, Americans can readily generate a list of people, places, events, or institutions that evoke their country and form part of its cultural mythology. In this section, we have asked native Spanish-speakers to do the same, and we have highlighted at least one symbol of cultural identity in this section. Students are then asked to analyze and reflect upon issues of personal, social, and national identity.

Lenguaje funcional

Functional language, that is to say, language used to carry out communicative tasks, such as requesting, inviting, agreeing, and refusing, is presented in this feature. Students are asked to practice language functions in context through role-play activities based on the theme of the chapter.

Si te interesa

This feature provides additional details to the cultural, lexical, and grammatical presentations in the chapter. Since linguistic rules and cultural behaviors may appear to be arbitrary or capricious to students, these explanations attempt to address the "hows" and "whys" of language systems. In addition, many students are genuinely interested in furthering their knowledge of culture and language. The **Si te interesa** explanations can provide a point of departure for their exploration.





If you don't know the word for a general description of an object, such as hojas in the

Son cosas verdes que comes en una ensalada. No es la lechuga.

other technique is to compare the unknown object to a known object, by using the pattern

Es/Son como + known object + pero es/son más/menos + dese Son como la langosta pero son más pequeños.

Si te interesa

As you have seen, the werbs ser and estar both can be translated as to be but have different connotations. When describing food and dishes, use ser with adjectives to say what they are like in general. Algunas manzanas son verdes, (Some apples are green [in color].) Use estar with adjectives to say what some specific food or dish is like Estas manzanas están verdes. (These apples are green junipe). By the same token, a food can be rich, as in high in





New Media Supplements

There are some exciting new or updated media supplements for the Second Edition.

- The new *Video*, which is available to adoption institutions and also for student purchase, contains all of the new native-speaker interviews integrated in the **Entrevista** sections of each chapter. Students will have the opportunity to view speakers from diverse countries of the Spanish-speaking world while learning about their lives, their customs, and their culture. Each interview is separated into manageable segments that contain useful on-screen interview questions, providing structure to the interview and also helping to facilitate comprehension.
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- Www.mhhe.com/entrevistas2) offers even more practice with the vocabulary and grammar presented in the textbook, audio files of the interviews, and sample links to various

websites that students can use as a starting point to explore further the cultural themes presented in each chapter. Several additional resources including links to the *Instructor's Manual / Testing Program, Audioscript, Videoscript,* digital transparencies of some of the drawings and PowerPoint presentations of the grammar tables found in the textbook are available in the password-protected Instructor's Edition.

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- The Interactive CD-ROM is available in a multiplatform format and offers students opportunities to practice the vocabulary, grammar, and cultural topics presented in the textbook, and to view the new native-speaker interviews, all in an engaging multimedia environment.
- Www.mhhe.com/entrevistas2) provides even more practice with the vocabulary, grammar, and cultural topics presented in the textbook. It also contains audio-only versions of the native-speaker interviews. (Please see the section about premium content on the Online Learning Center presented earlier in this preface.) The Instructor's Edition contains resources to assist instructors in getting the most out of the Entrevistas program.
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A Letter to the Student

Dear Student:

Welcome to *Entrevistas*, an innovative program that introduces you to the Spanish language and the diverse cultures of the Spanish-speaking world. The title of the textbook reflects its goals and content: by watching interviews (entrevistas) with native speakers, interacting with your classmates, and exploring the community outside your classroom, you will learn not only the vocabulary and structures of the Spanish language but also gain insight into the thought patterns, behaviors, and traditions that form the basis for cultural understanding.

Throughout Entrevistas you will encounter numerous activities that ask you to analyze, reflect upon, and synthesize ideas expressed by a wide variety of speakers and writers. Indeed, your investigation of "foreign" cultures will lead to increased understanding of your own culture and empathy for those you might have considered "different." You'll have a chance to begin exploring some of these issues in the preliminary chapter, titled **Para empezar.** By the end of the course, you will know far more than just the grammar of the Spanish language. You will have discussed immigration patterns to the United States, minority populations in Peru, the Caribbean cuisine, housing in Spain, the indigenous languages of Paraguay, and many other topics of interest.

Learning a foreign language is an enriching undertaking. To make the most of your experience, you may need to develop specialized study strategies. Here are some principles to keep in mind:

- Language is more than a set of grammar rules.
 Although structural accuracy is an important component of communication, you must also learn how to communicate in a manner that is appropriate to the situation. Likewise, in addition to building a strong vocabulary, you will also need to learn ways of paraphrasing so that you will be able to communicate effectively when you don't know an expression or it has slipped your mind. Body language and gestures are also important communicative strategies.
- Active language use is far more important than talking about language. The ability to recite the rules of Spanish grammar does not guarantee that you

- will actually be able to communicate in the language. Spend your time communicating in the language, creating messages, obtaining information, listening for details, and so on.
- Don't be afraid to make errors! Errors are a natural part of the language-learning process and are to be expected. Do not let fear of making an error prevent you from communicating. Even if your language is not perfect, your message may be understood. Of course, accurate use of language is an appropriate goal of language study. Pay careful attention to the models you have available: your instructor, the video, the audio program, and the other components of Entrevistas. If you are corrected, do not take it as a personal affront. Rather, use this feedback to check your understanding of the linguistic system and to improve your communication skills.
- Language learning is a long-term process. Therefore, you must have realistic expectations of your performance after one semester, one year, or several years of language study. Advanced proficiency is often best achieved after long periods of practice and residence in a country where the target language is spoken.
- Be an active language learner. Study models, look for patterns, and make informed guesses. If you do not entirely understand a passage, do not ask for a translation immediately. Make use of the language you already know: for example, words that look like English words or that may be related to other words you know in Spanish.

Throughout *Entrevistas*, you will learn other tips for refining your language-learning skills. Although language learning can be hard work (involving memorization and close attention to detail), your efforts will be rewarded with a deeper understanding of yourself and the global village of which you are a citizen. ¡Adelante!

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