



Tips for teaching a successful Vamos Series class

- ✓ Set up guidelines for Student Responsibilities, Reward and Consequence System, as well as an attention getter. These are Futura standard classroom management techniques, which are reviewed at training and can be found on the teacher intranet.
- ✓ If you are teaching an older class you can feel free to adapt the songs into chants or age appropriate raps. You can also replace songs with games on occasion depending on the personality of your class.
- ✓ Really use the provided puppets as they will make the class come alive*.
- ✓ *Allow your older students to take turns "being" Dani and Beto each day and have them use the puppets for the conversation components.
- ✓ Have the conversation/puppet components of the class printed onto notecards or have them tabbed in your curriculum book so that the class moves seamlessly from activities to the conversation portions.
- ✓ Emphasize Dani and Beto and a sense of fun and adventure throughout the course.
- ✓ Read through the lesson plans well in advance and prepare the suggested items needed.
- ✓ Know that there is more material provided each week than you will be able to cover in a one hour class. This is so you can pick from a variety of activities to choose those best suited for your particular class.
- ✓ Be sure to really know the songs before you teach them. (Use the provided video tutorials if necessary.)
- ✓ Utilize the many support documents provided on the intranet.
- ✓ Be sure to have any provided CDs with you each week.
- ✓ Teach your class bilingually! This class is a vocabulary-based Spanish class and the Spanish language must be incorporated throughout each class. It cannot be conversation focused as the students will range in Spanish abilities. (I.e: Some students will have had no previous Spanish and others will have had extensive Spanish.) Set a goal to speak 50% in Spanish. This means you will need to speak in Spanish first, followed by English. Follow the guidelines in the lesson plans. You can use cognates and gestures where appropriate instead of English.



- ✓ Be mindful of your spending limit. If you need students to bring in supplies or other items, send a note home the week prior to the class. (Please okay the note with your BAM prior to sending it home.) Utilize your public library and the Futura library. Also, sign up for a teacher savings program for printing. Office Max, for example, gives discounts of 15% to teachers.
- ✓ Be sensitive to age appropriateness-Remember that some of your students may be non-readers. Be sure to pay attention to this and adapt your lessons and activities accordingly. The activities that are not appropriate for younger students are noted and an alternate activity is given in most cases.
- ✓ **Be enthusiastic and have fun!** The goal of this class is to get students excited about the about Spanish and hopefully motivate them to want to further study the Spanish language in other Futura Language Professionals courses.