ORAL GRADE

There will be 2 in-class oral activities. You are expected to talk with our partner for at least 40 minutes about certain topics that I will give you. You will be graded for:

* **Vocabulary** : You should try to use all the Spanish vocabulary you know, using the new vocabulary as often as possible, always in the right context.
* **Fluency** : It has to do with the pace of your conversation (> natural pace).
* **Pronunciation** : Reading aloud and listening to Spanish speaking television/ radio carefully may help you improve your pronunciation.
* **Grammatical Accuracy** : Are you using present tense for routine and preterite tense for referring to the past? Are you structuring your sentence correctly? Is your communication organized? Did you prepare at home or not? Last minute communication will definitely fail on this category. Review grammatical structures and be ready to use them.
* **Understanding/ listening/ communication skills** : Are you understanding everything the first time or does your partner need to repeat it several times? Do you react in a coherent manner? Is it possible to understand you too or not?

**TO PREPARE:** Go over the questions and know how to answer them. Review then the **vocabulary** that you have already studied. The topics chosen will be related to the vocabulary from the chapters studied. Of course, it is a good idea to go over the main **grammar** structures seen in these chapters. Not being familiar with the grammar you need will affect your fluency and also the communication of your message, apart from the grade for grammatical accuracy.

**BEFORE COMING TO CLASS:** After doing a general review of vocabulary and grammar, look once again at the specific topics I gave you. For each topic, you can prepare one **vocab card** in which you will include 3 nouns, 3 adjectives and 3 verbs (all in the infinitive form). These words should have some **coherence**, showing that you have already thought about the topic, and not that you have picked 3 random words from the vocabulary right before coming to class. These file cards (turned in at the end of the activity) are the only extra help you can have during the activity. You cannot open your book or look up information while in class. Do not write complete sentences either –you will be penalized. Be ready to speak fluently –not read!