Progress Report

Brenda Reyes

Upper-Intermediate/Advanced

Comentarios del profesor:

Brenda is a joy to have in class. Unfortunately, I have not had the pleasure to be her instructor for the entire duration of the 40hr course. However, we have spoken in great lengths about the tasks and challenges she has overcome during her studies. With this knowledge, I feel confident in saying, Brenda has made great improvements and continues to show her dedication to the learning process. She doesn’t shy away from topics, she is making a conscious effort to improve areas of weakness, and she is asking more complicated questions with every passing day.

Brenda has a brilliant mind filled with opinions. When given open written or spoken exercises it is common for students to shy away from topics they feel they don’t have the vocabulary to discuss. Fortunately, this is not the case with Brenda, she confidently marches into uncharted waters soaking up new vocabulary along the way. This has proved to be very helpful in both her fluidity of conversation and ability to express her opinion in a socially acceptable manor.

Like every student, Brenda is progressing and has specific areas we are targeting for development. One of these areas, for example, listening comprehension. Due to the lack of native English speakers in her everyday routine, listening practice can be difficult to come by. However, I am proud to note she has taken it upon herself to watch movies, speak in language exchange programs, and listen to music as an effort to lessen this gap.

With every passing day Brenda’s understanding of the English language improves. This can quickly be verified by the quality of questions she is producing. Enquiring for clarification of a topic or structure is a fast, targeted, method of improving understanding. While always eager to continue the flow of the conversation or activity at hand, Brenda places value on asking specific question and to take advantage of the one-on-one instruction she is receiving.

Overall, Brenda has demonstrated the ability to express herself over a variety of topics. She is progressing rapidly and with confidence. If she continues to ask questions, correct habitual errors, and remain open to the process I have no doubt she will be mastering the English language with ease.

Sugerencias para el futuro:

I think Brenda would benefit greatly by increasing the amount of time performing two specific activities. First, more free, independent writing that is then corrected by an instructor. While a full-length text can be time consuming to produce, it does provide the opportunity to clearly visualize errors and misunderstanding. Second, I believe Brenda would yield value from interacting with groups in English. While, she has strong speaking skills, interacting in a group setting with more than one native English speaker requires heavy listening and cultural interpretation abilities. I believe even a small amount of practice in this area could yield great improvements her professional engagements. Overall Brenda is progressing at an excellent rate and I encourage her to continue on with her language studies. She is a delight to work with and I look forward to having more classes together in the future.