Progress Report

Marcelo Clemente

Upper-Intermediate/Advanced

Comentarios del profesor:

Marcelo is a joy to have in class. I have had the pleasure to be his instructor for the entire duration of the 40hr course and have greatly enjoyed watching him tackle and overcome various challenges along the way. I feel confident in saying, Marcelo has made great improvements and continues to show his dedication to the learning process. He doesn’t shy away from topics, he is making a conscious effort to improve areas of weakness, and he is asking more complicated questions with every passing day.

Marcelo 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 Marcelo, he confidently marches into uncharted waters soaking up new vocabulary along the way. This has proved to be very helpful in both his fluidity of conversation and ability to express his opinion in a socially acceptable manor.

Like every student, Marcelo is progressing and has specific areas we are targeting for development. One of these areas, for example, a stronger grasp of common past tenses. These are very common in native speech and are essential to advancing in his studies. Unfortunately, due to the lack of native English speakers in his everyday routine, practice can be difficult to come by. However, I am proud to note he has taken it upon himself to make a conscious effort to use new tenses at every given opportunity throughout our classes.

With every passing day, Marcelo’s understanding of the English language improves. This can quickly be verified by the quality of questions he 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, Marcelo places value on asking specific question and to take advantage of the one-on-one instruction he is receiving.

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

Sugerencias para el futuro:

I think Marcelo 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 Marcelo would yield value from interacting with groups in English. While, he 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 in his professional engagements. Overall Marcelo is progressing at an excellent rate and I encourage him to continue on with his language studies. He is a delight to work with and I look forward to having more classes together in the future.