Progress Report

Jorge Marin

Intermediate

Comentarios del profesor:

Jorge is a joy to have in class. Unfortunately, I have not had the pleasure to be his instructor for the entire duration of the 40hr course. However, we have spoken in great lengths about the tasks and challenges he has overcome during his studies. With this knowledge I feel confident in saying, Jorge 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 questions with every passing day.

Jorge 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 Jorge, he confidently marches into uncharted waters soaking up new vocabulary along the way. This has proved to be very helpful in both his confidence and speed of describing unknown words.

Like every student Jorge is progressing and has specific areas we are targeting for development. One of these areas, for example, is the use of a noun or pronoun in every sentence. Due to influence of the native language it is easy to see how this can be a struggle. However, he has taken the criticism in stride and is making a conscious effort to correctly place subjects within both complex and simple phrases.

With every passing day Jorge’s understanding of the English language improves. This can quickly be verified by the quantity and 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, Jorge is beginning to place more value on asking specific question and to take advantage of the one-on-one instruction he is receiving.

Overall, Jorge 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 Jorge 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 Jorge would yield value from interacting with others in English. While not easy, conversing with both native speakers and language learners helps to diversify accent and body language comprehension. Overall Jorge is progressing at an excellent rate and I encourage him to continue on with his language studies. He is delight to work with and I look forward to having more classes together in the future.