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Learning Spanish - Part 5 - Using Text Books to Their Full Potential

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Summary:

In this article I talk about some of my experiences during the early stages of my Spanish study.

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Article Body:

In my last article I talked about two different approaches to learning Spanish; 'parrot fashion' and 'immersion'.

Having hindsight is a wonderful thing! It isn't until now, after spending a number of years reading and learning Spanish, that I realize how much I have learned.

I said before that a good way to get started is to start learning new Spanish words and phrases. This is still true, but there are other ways to learn.

The text book I used in order to obtain a basic level understanding of Spanish grammar was called 'Spanish Grammar for Dummies'.

I was learning new words and phrases without necessarily understanding why certain words or sentences were used.

An important part of the learning process is finding a way that best allows you to absorb information. This is where the 'immersion' approach comes in.

Of course quizzes and exercises are not used in the learning process just to keep the student motivated. They are used to test your understanding.

In later chapters in my Spanish text book the exercises and quizzes were more focused on making you think about the language.

Another very important method of learning that my text book allowed me to engage in was through reading and listening to Spanish.

It is important to remember that if you are serious about learning Spanish then you not only want to learn the grammar, but you also want to learn the culture.

It is also important to remember that you want to be able to read and understand the Spanish language. This is why I recommend reading and listening to Spanish.

When I first started working through my first Spanish text book I have to admit that I skipped some of the more difficult sections.

In my next article I intend to talk about the sections of my Spanish text book that were more difficult for me to understand.

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