

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**  
**Spanish Immersion Program**  
**Serpas**

Please double-space and write only on the right-hand page so that you can write corrections on the facing left page.

**Write neatly and legibly. Keep it simple. Strive for accuracy, not complexity. Use the structures and vocabulary that we are studying at the time.**

Always reread what you have written and check for:

**A. Spelling B. Accents C. Agreement D. Verb Forms F. Lower/upper case letters**

Journal assignments are always due on Friday. Corrections are due the following Friday, together with the next assignment.

POINTS: 75 points for each entry: 50 for the original and 25 for the corrections

The evaluation will be based on content (10/50), grammar (20/50) and structure (20/50). **One point will be subtracted for every 3 errors on grammar, spelling and structure.**

**CORRECTIONS**

A: If a word is misspelled, only write the word.

B: If there is a mistake in agreement, rewrite the words that agree with each other, whether noun/modifiers or subject/verb.

C: If there is a mistake in the sentence structure, rewrite the entire sentence.

**One point will be subtracted for every error on the corrections.**

For your journal you are going to talk about yourself and tell a story. You will incorporate the grammatical points and vocabulary being learned in every chapter of your texts. Do not jump around or get ahead of yourself. Keep it simple (Do not complicate things trying to say too much) Every entry must be **150** words minimum in length for the first 6 weeks, a minimum of **200** words in length for the following 3 weeks and a minimum of **250** words for the last 3 weeks.

**Write only in the right side of the notebook. You will do corrections in the left side.**

**Week 1:** Introduce yourself, describe yourself,, how many people are there in your family, what do you like to do, what time do you get up and go to sleep and why, what is the geography of the place you comes from, what do you study.

**Week 2:** Talk about your family, draw a family tree, describe two family members, say something about the place they live, what are your favorite colors, how do you dress, what do you have to do every day, where do they like to go, what can they do well, etc., comment on some historical event in your life.

**Week 3:** Describe your home, draw a picture of it, describe your daily routine, tell us about your favorite season of the year, what you like to do and why you like that season, when is your birthday, compare

yourself to someone in your life, give some geographical or historical information about your place of origin.

**Week 4:** Describe what you like to eat, tell us about who you know and what you know, write down the recipe for one of your favorite dishes (use the command form to tell us how to prepare it), describe your favorite vacation when you were little, where did you go, what did you do etc.

**Week 5:** Describe your favorite celebration, what do you do, where did you spend it, how did you decorate etc, tell us about what you like to do in their spare time, what chores do you have to do at home, tell about what you liked to do, play, had to do when you were little.

**Week 6:** Describe your health, what do you do to keep healthy, describe an accident or an illness you had when you were young, what do you and your favorite friend do with each other, what does you like most about your life, what are the things that you worry most about, what things happen to you that you don't want to feel responsible for.

**Week 7:** Describe what you think you need, want and have, what do you want others to do for you, what are your favorite artistic and cultural events, what are your talents, what bothers, frightens, and makes you happy.

**Week 8:** What worries you about the environment, what have you done about it, what have you done lately that has made you happy, what relationships have you had that have made you happy or sad, what was the most difficult stage of your life, describe your ideal friend or mate.

**Week 9:** Talk about your job and finances, tell us about your ambitions for the future, what do you think the future is going to look like. Describe what makes you happy and sad. Write a poem. (In your oral exam you are going to recite, not your poem, but a poem you choose from a known poet from memory)

**Week 10:** Describe how you would like to be remembered, what thing will always be important for you, write about a person you admire and how he/she influenced your life, what things in your life are permanent and which are fleeting (fugaces)

**Week 11:** What do you consider unjust and why, when you feel alone you... talk about your feelings towards the home of their youth.

**Week 12:** What is the importance of having a feeling of responsibility for you and how do you portray this feeling through your actions, what things make you feel truly free, describe the most difficult moment in your adult life.

For your oral exams you will have a conversation about yourself **with your partner** with the information you have written about in your "diario". Make sure you ask questions and show interest in the story they are creating, you may bring pictures; you **may not bring any notes**. The first 3 weeks the oral will require a minimum of 5 minutes in length total; the second 3 weeks a minimum of 8 minutes, the next three weeks a minimum of 12 minutes and the last three weeks a minimum of 15 minutes. Your final oral presentation will require a minimum of 15 minutes in length, which you will do individually on week 13.