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Teaching Spanish as a Spanish Undergraduate Student

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Challenges abound in teaching a foreign language. The experience of teaching a foreign language as a fellow foreign language student has its own unique obstacles and lessons to learn. Without experience or training as an educator, there are certain aspects of teaching that were not obvious prior to this experience. Throughout the course of the semester as a peer tutor, the importance of elaborate and in-depth lesson planning as well as the significance of creating an interactive lesson were ideas that were made apparent. Spanish is a language that requires a substantial amount of studying. Because of this, it was also vital to learn that along with teaching Spanish course material, it is necessary to also provide instruction to students on how to strategize when studying. During this lecture and demonstration, the trials and tactics of teaching a foreign language as an undergraduate student will be assessed.