A guide to Interview 1 (dialogue) for SPAN 1A

1. Students will select a partner and develop a dialogue together using questions from the Oral Proficiencies. For interview 1, you will prepare your dialogue using OPs 1, 3, 6, and another OP of your choice.

2. Students are expected to accurately use the grammar and vocabulary studied in class. Therefore, you are advised to review all grammatical structures and vocabulary items from the text and incorporate them into their dialogues.

3. Provide your Professor or Graduate Assistant with a typed copy of the dialogue before beginning the dialogue.

4. The dialogue will include asking each other (at least) 6 questions. The questions need to be well developed; that is, short questions such as ¿tú? or ¿usted? will not count as part of the 6 questions.

5. Take turns asking each other questions, like in a real conversation.

6. Answer questions in complete answers as we have practiced using the Oral Proficiencies.

7. Ask 2 questions to your professor or Graduate Assistant.

8. Follow-up questions. In order to make the dialogue as natural as possible, listen to what your partner and your Professor (or Graduate Assistant) say, so you ask at least 3 follow-up questions (cuándo, dónde, a qué hora, de dónde, quién, cuántos, cómo, con quién, etc.)

9. Your Professor (or the Graduate Assistant) will ask 2 follow-up questions to each student.

10. The conversation must last at least 4 minutes per student (not including pauses).

11. Students will be graded on their use of grammar and vocabulary covered in class as well as fluency, and listening.

12. Do not read. Therefore, no books, papers, or notes of any kind may be used at all.

13. The dialogue will be recorded.

14. In order to prepare for this dialogue, students are advised to prepare the dialogue with plenty of time, so you can practice it--without reading it--at least 3 times before the day of your interview.

15. The place of the dialogues will be in the classroom or in my office (depending on the time of your interview).

16. If you do not show up or cancel the interview, you will receive a zero. There is not time to reschedule.

17. One of you will use the usted (formal) forms; and the other will use the tú (informal). In the final interview, you will switch.