

Spanish Verb Wall Workshop

Saturday ~ ~ February 13, 2010 ~ ~ 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

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Photo of SVW in a classroom in Jackson, TN

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Presented by Pam Kaatz, creator of the original SVW

AKA La Anciana Venerable, Pam taught Spanish for 30 years and since retiring has continued sharing her special techniques with teachers.

**Grammatical concepts may be visualized rather than verbalized.
Meanings of verb forms may be internalized rather than memorized.**

To find out more about this incredible system, go to www.verbwall.com Click on Verb Wall Virtual Workshop, then click on Spanish.

Open the Wall Photo and click on areas for close-up view and detailed explanations of each tense.

On the home page, click on WORKSHOPS and read about Workshops 1&2, which will be combined for our Orange, CA, workshop.

If your district requires a registration form, just print out the one provided. We do not have to have the form, but we DO need all the requested information.

WORKSHOP FEE and REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Discount price applies if payment by check or purchase order is received by 01-22-10.

\$45 includes lunch and useful materials

DISCOUNT  **\$40**

\$145 includes lunch and useful materials

DISCOUNT  **\$140**

AND the Spanish Verb Wall kit

Those who do NOT pre-purchase the Spanish Verb Wall will have to order it at the regular price: \$150 + \$10 S&H; Other great materials will be available on-site; bring cash, check or PO. Check catalog for ideas.

My most popular product teaches the countries and capitals with a chant: *El Rock de las Capitales*

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WAYS TO REGISTER: BE SURE TO INCLUDE THE REGISTRATION FORM FROM THE WEBSITE OR ALL THE REQUESTED INFORMATION!

**Mail personal check or school check with form or information*;
OR mail, phone, fax, or e-mail PO number with form or information;
OR pay with a credit card I only use the PayPal system. You may go to the catalog and scroll to the last item in the Spanish materials list. It is a “donation” blank, allowing variable amounts. Enter the appropriate amount. You will might be charged a handling fee, but I will not receive that money, it pays the PayPal fee.**

**Before you say –“I teach Spanish 1, I don’t need this”—
let me explain WHY you really do!**

Most Spanish students suffer from a condition with which I am VERY familiar, having suffered from the same condition: **L.L.B.D.S.** or **Language Learner Brain Damage Syndrome**

My students whom I taught with this system, could *speak* Spanish better than I could when I received my Master’s degree. Of course, I knew more grammar and literature than they did—but I was incapable of moving from one verb form to another with ease.

(It took living in Argentina for a year to cure my **L.L.B.D.S.!!**)

When we *memorize* anything sequentially, we are unable to access the information randomly. When we *acquire* the information randomly, the brain is able to access the information as needed without going through the memorized lists.

Many teachers have reported that they have strengthened their *own* language ability by teaching with the SVW. Perhaps they, too, suffered from LLBDS, having been taught rote conjugation.

***If you are having to pay for this yourself and the lump sum is too much for you to handle in one payment, you may divide the amount into three separate checks, the first dated before the deadline date, and the others for the two following months. You might also find that you want to purchase some materials other than the SVW. If so, I will work out a payment plan for you individually. I do this all the time for teachers, so I have an efficient system for holding checks.**

A friend of mine who started using the SVW with her 7th and 8th graders who were able to take the Spanish 1 test and go into Spanish 2 in High School, was a *persona non grata* in her district. HER students in Spanish 2 knew much more than the ones who had taken Spanish 1 in 9th grade at the HS. She was told by her district coordinator that she was “covering too much material” and that her students “knew too much when they got to Spanish 2” and that she should “stop making the other teachers look bad.” Fortunately for her students, she ignored these instructions and continued doing what she knew was best for the kids!!

All of this is explained in the workshop, with active lesson demonstrations.

Here is a novel idea: You can actually have FUN while you are learning!!
I have sat through many workshops and in-service training sessions, so I know how *boring* they can be. You will be so busy and involved that these 6 hours will fly by. Most participants say they wish we had more time.

I honestly do not know if you are able to receive any kind of continuing education credit in your state. I do these workshops all over the country and each state has different rules. Print out the workshop descriptions for your administrators; these will show that you will come away with an incredible amount of *useful* ideas for your classroom, which is what is really important. If your district needs some type of *curriculum vitae* in order to see if I am a “worthy presenter,” go to the website, click on Company and within that click on Curriculum Vitae.

Remember:

Communication should be the vehicle for learning, not something that you practice later after memorizing vocabulary and grammar rules!

It CAN be done, and I can show you how!

DRESS CODE: STRICTLY ENFORCED

Extremely casual and very comfortable!!

One time when I was doing a workshop in Michigan, I had to pretend that the airline had lost my luggage with my “business casual” garments

because the teachers came so dressed up!

Please, let’s relax and have a great time!!

We will provide lunch, but no breakfast.

Feel free to bring any additional snacks that you might want.