



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

Quick Start Guide: Students



These instructions are used to assist the learner with the use of Cultural Connections: A game about the Spanish-Speaking World.



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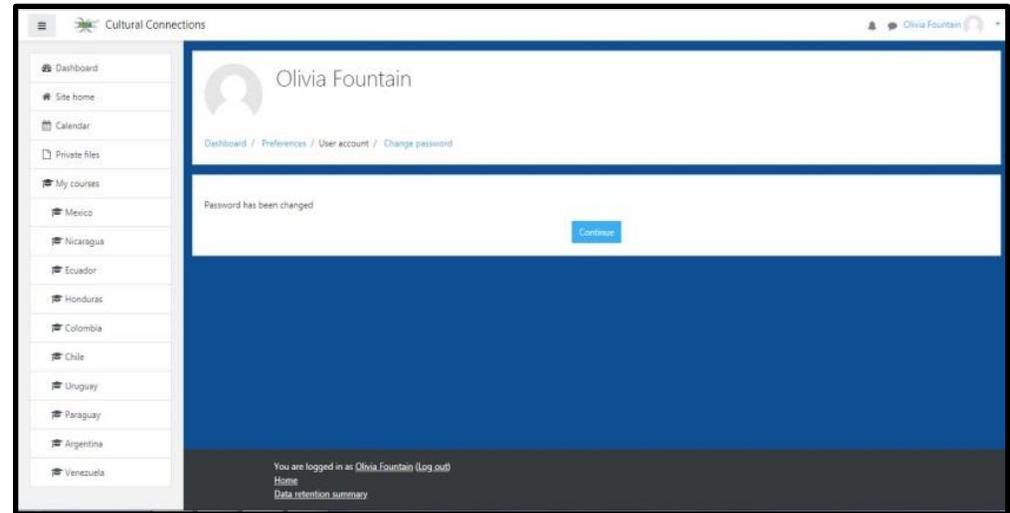
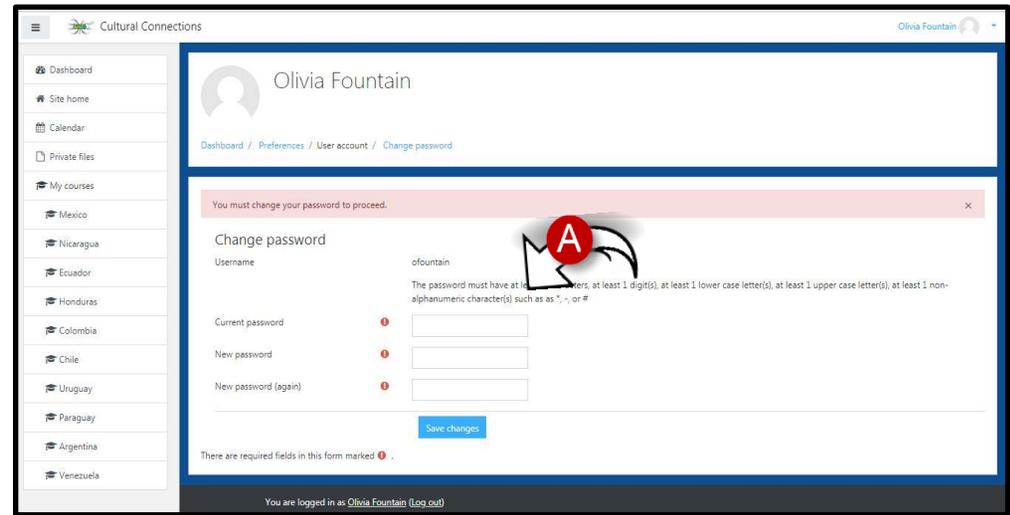
You have been enrolled in the Cultural Connections, an interactive game to help you explore the Spanish speaking countries.

Your teacher will give you the program URL, and your unique username and password.

When you log in the first time, you will be asked to change your password (A) to something secure and personal. Enter the password your teacher gave you, then your new password that meets the requirements. Confirm the new password and save the changes.

Select Continue on the next page.

Before you begin your journey, you will also need to update your profile.





Change the User Information

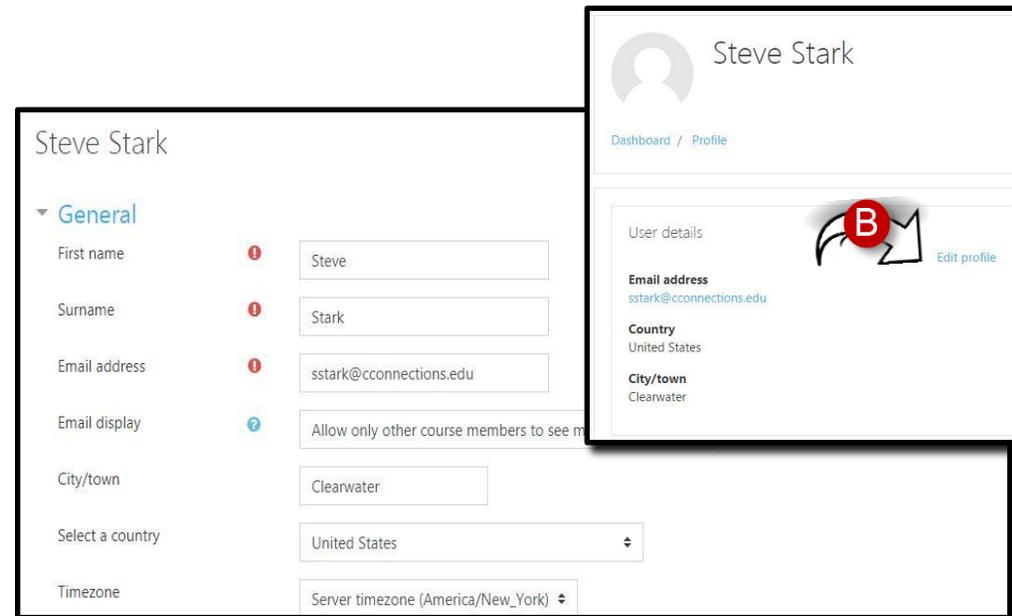
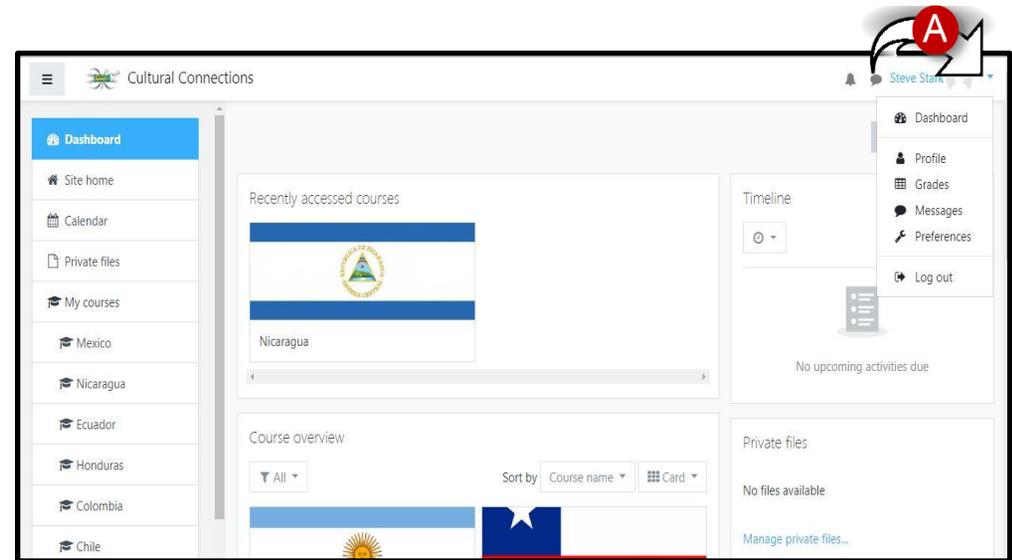
The username you were given was a generic account. You have already changed the password, but now it is time to update the personal information.

Select the arrow next to the profile icon in the top right corner (A).
From the drop down menu, select Profile.

In the User details box, select Edit Profile (B).

Update the first name, surname, email address, city/town and timezone with your information.

Now you are ready to begin your explorations through the Spanish speaking countries.





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The Homepage

This is the homepage of Cultural Connections. When you first log into Cultural Connections, there is a tour of the dashboard. Select Next to continue the tour or End Tour to start exploring the countries on your own.

On the left there is a menu bar with quick access to the Home page, the calendar, your private files and your courses.

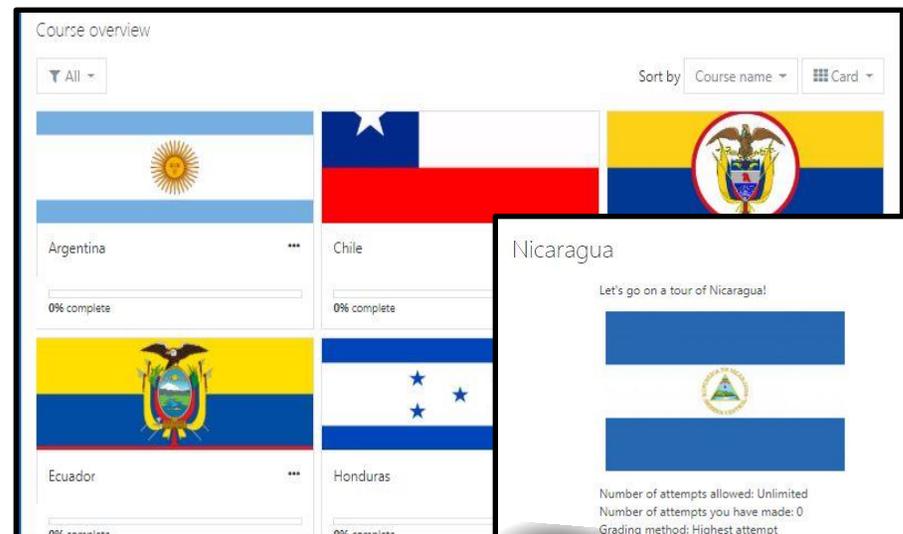
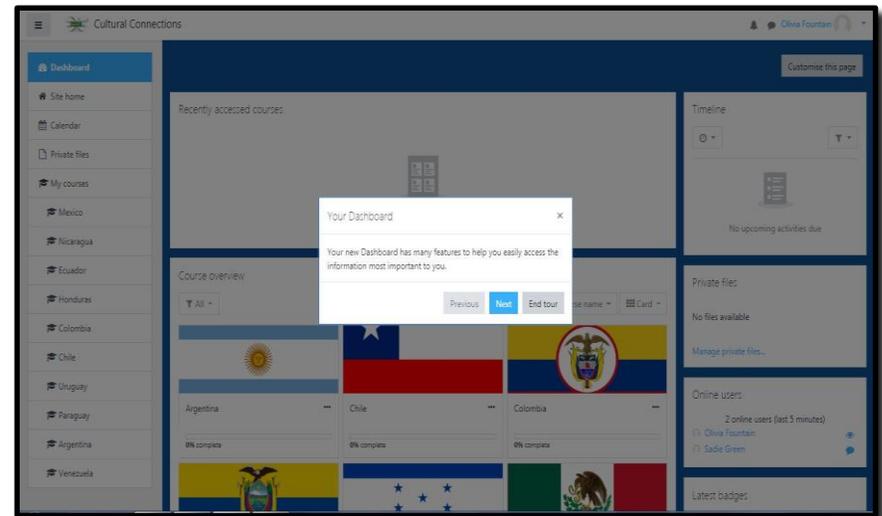
The center has your various courses. The right will show your private files, timeline and any other users that are currently logged into the program.

Launch Game

It is now time to learn about the Spanish-Speaking World! S

Select your first country to visit.

Then select “Enter”





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The game's opening window will appear. If your teacher has assigned more than one country, you may select a country from the drop down menu.

Select the arrow next to the (A) to collapse the menu and open the game in full size.

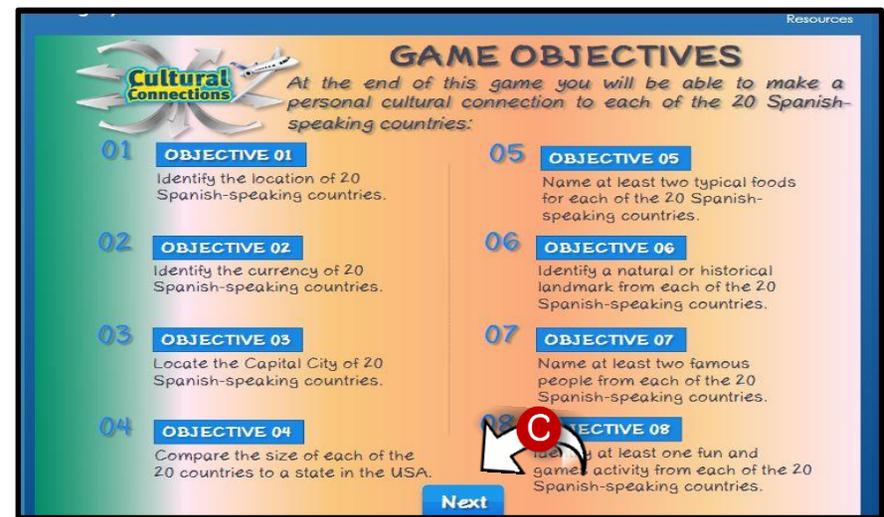
Then select Let's Go (B) on the game board.



Helpful Hint: Turn the volume down using the speaker button on the bottom left.

Game Objectives

Cultural Connections is designed to help you make personal connections to each of the 20 Spanish speaking countries. Learning about the geography, currency, famous people, and foods will help you relate to the country and be able to speak with others knowledgeably about the country. Click Next (C).





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Instructions

Review the Instructions for the Cultural Connections Experience. You will be visiting a country and exploring eight key categories with a tour guide. Once you have finished reading the instructions, select Let's Go!

Choose Your Avatar

Choose your avatar and enter your name, then select "See your Passport" to view your customized passport. A new window will pop up displaying your avatar and name. Select "Get going on your Spanish-speaking country tour! Let's go!" to start the tour.

INSTRUCTIONS

Choose an avatar, grab your Passport, exchange your currency and go on a tour of the Spanish-Speaking world! Follow the instructions and answer the questions given by tour guides.

Your tour guides tell you about eight key categories in each Spanish-speaking country:

- Currency
- Location
- Size (in comparison to USA States)
- Capital City
- Typical Foods
- Natural and Historical Landmarks
- Famous People
- Fun and Games Activities

Let's Go!

Choose Your Avatar!

Enter Your Name

See your Passport

Nicaragua

PASSPORT

OLIVIA

Let's go to Nicaragua's Currency Counter!



Currency

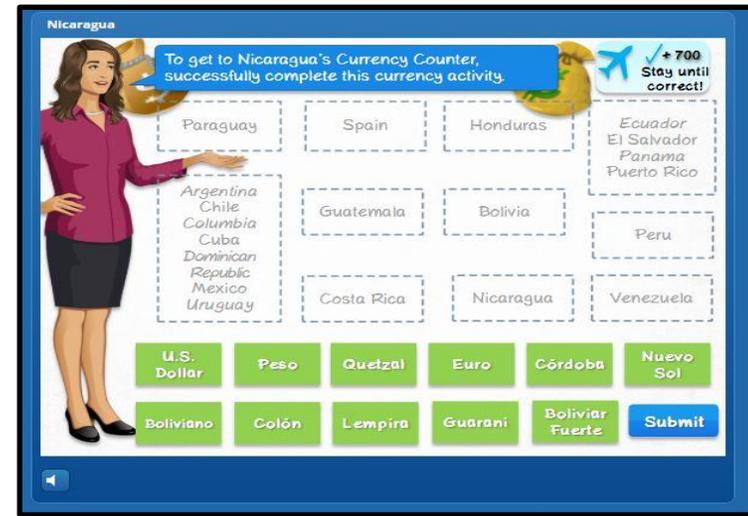
Currency is very important when traveling. Match the currency to the correct country/countries by clicking on the currency and dragging it to the correct country. If it is not correct, the currency will return to the bottom. Once finished, select "Submit".



Helpful Hint: Remember your country's currency because you will need it on the next screen.

Taxi

You are now at the Currency Exchange Counter. Select the type of currency you need, then drag the coin from your avatar to the agent's hand (A). The agent will order you a taxi for your adventure.





Taxi Stops

There are eight stops along the tour of the country. Each stop deals with geography, culture and history of the country. Click to spin for your first stop. When the spinner stops, click on the topic to learn more.

After each stop, you will return to the taxi to spin for the next destination.

The stops will appear in random order.

The stops include:

- Size of Country
- Typical Foods
- Landmarks
- Famous People
- Fun and Games
- Flag
- Location of Country
- Capital City



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The flag of Nicaragua consists of three horizontal stripes. The top and bottom stripes are blue and the center stripe is white. Inside the center of the white stripe, and at the center of the flag, is the country's coat of arms. The two blue stripes represent the Pacific Ocean and Caribbean Sea. The white stripe symbolizes peace, virtue and purity. The blue stripe symbolizes justice and loyalty.



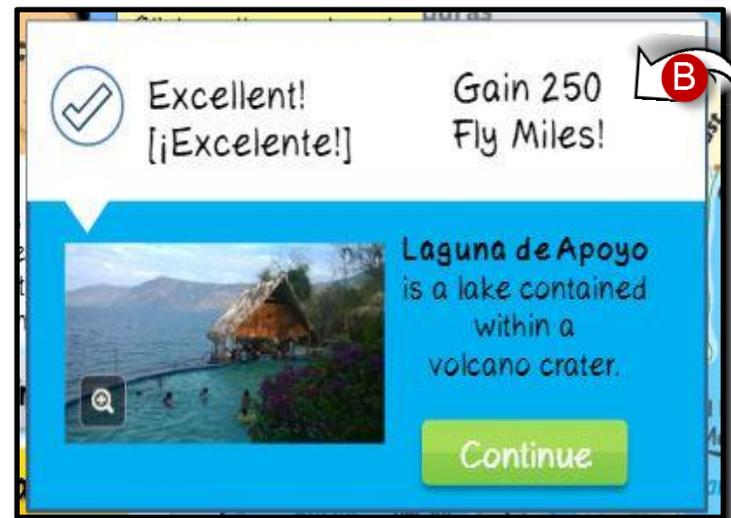
Helpful Hint: Place your mouse on the flag to learn more about the colors and their special meanings (A).



Helpful Information

Each stop is customized to the topic of choice.

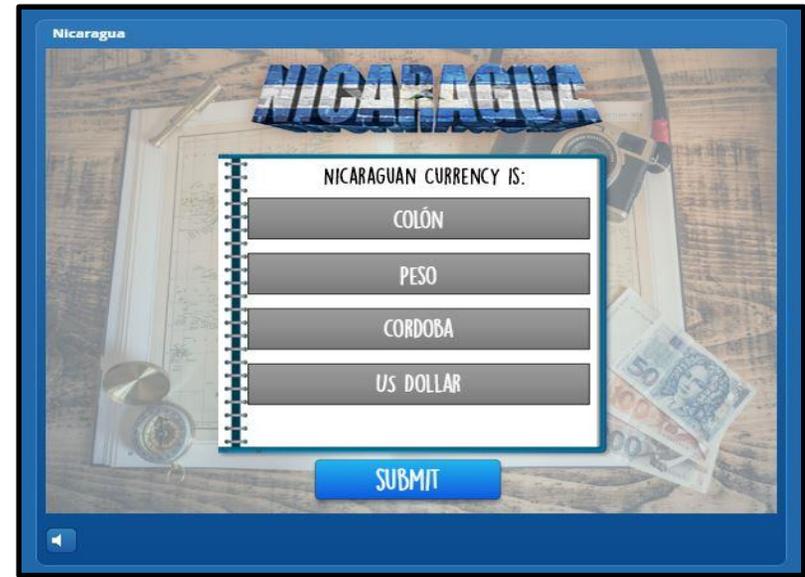
- If you see a “Pin” or “Image” icon, select it to learn more about the topic. **(A)**
- Watch the videos and read all information. The information is part of the final quiz.
- Question types include:
 - Multiple Choice
 - Matching by drag and drop
 - Short Answer
- Answer each question carefully. You are earning Fly Miles for each correct answer. **(B)** Fly Miles will be deducted for the wrong answer.





Tour Completion

Once you have completed all eight sections, you will be brought to a quiz about your country. Each correct answer earns you Fly Miles. Answer incorrectly and you will lose Fly Miles. Select your answer and then select submit to find out if you are correct.





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End of Module

The final screen will share your Fly Miles for that country.

Select "Another Country" to continue your Cultural Connection.



Helpful Hint: Print your country's results to view your earned Fly Miles.

Check Grades

When you are finished, select Grades (A) from the left corner to view your grade for the first country. This grade may not include any written portion your teacher has yet to grade.



Helpful Hint: You will only see the grade for the country that you are currently viewing. Make sure you have a country selected to see the grade.

Grade Item	Calculated weight	Grade	Range	Percentage	Feedback	Contribution to course total
Nicaragua						
Nicaragua	100.00 %	100.00	0-100	100.00 %		100.00 %
Course total	-	100.00	0-100	100.00 %		-