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The following activity may be used as a supplement to any health/medical curriculum used within a high school Spanish class.

Leer y Hablar: Los Accidentes, Los Desastres, y La Medicina

Subject: Spanish **Grade Levels:** 9-12

Objectives:

- Students will read "Gripe porcina: comienzan a probar vacuna" and discuss their opinions on the swine flu and the precautions seen in various countries.

Materials Needed:

- 1 copy for each student of the following article (with permission)
http://www.bbc.co.uk/mundo/ciencia_tecnologia/2009/07/090722_vacuna_gripe_porcina.shtml
- 2 index cards for each student (The first index card should be labeled "Answer" and the second labeled "Piggy Back.")

Activities: (This should be completed ONLY in Spanish.)

- Divide the class into groups of 3 to 4 students.
- Each group of students will chunk, or divide, the text into 3 or 4 sections (depending on the number of students in each group) and will assign each student a section of text to read.
- Each student will read his or her chunk of text aloud to the group.
- When the group is finished reading, bring all students together as a class.
- Give each student two index cards. One index card will be labeled "Answer" and one index card will be labeled "Piggy Back." When discussing the questions below, each student will be responsible for answering one of them aloud (Answer index card) and will also be responsible for adding to the discussion of a classmate's answer (Piggy Back index card). When a student has completed one of those tasks, he or she will give the appropriate index card to the teacher and will have permission to speak. The student will not receive this card back from the teacher. When a student uses each of the index cards, he or she will not be allowed to "answer" or "piggy back" again in class this day. (This provides the opportunity for all students to participate.)
- The teacher will ask the following questions:
 - ¿Está tomando precauciones para evitar el virus? ¿Cuáles?
 - ¿Cree que en su país se están tomando las medidas necesarias para impedir la propagación de este mal?
 - ¿Qué consejos o recomendaciones le daría a los demás para que logren mantener la calma?

Resources:

- Swine flu article:
http://www.bbc.co.uk/mundo/ciencia_tecnologia/2009/07/090722_vacuna_gripe_porcina.shtml
- Swine flu forum questions:
<http://newsforums.bbc.co.uk/ws/es/thread.jspa?forumID=9111>