UW GenCyber 2021

Scaffolding for Heritage
Portuguese and Spanish Speakers
to learn New Content



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Brief Introduction about us:

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When **SUMMER 2021**

Format of the Online Summer Camp

- Program A
 - 3 weeks 21 hrs of coursework (Asynchronous only)
- Program B
 - 3 weeks 21 hrs of coursework (Asynchronous)
 - **1 week** 20 hrs of coursework **(Synchronous)**
 - **Mon Fri** 9:30 am 3:00 pm PST

UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON

Cybersecurity +

Portuguese Language Summer Camp

Summer Camp in Portuguese and Spanish Cybersecurity Concepts for High School Students

WHEN

Program A (Asynchronous): July 12th - July 30th, 2021

Program B (Asynchronous and Synchronous):
July 12th - July 30th, 2021 (Asynchronous) and
August 2nd - 6th, 2021 [9:30 - 3:00pm PST] (Synchronous)

WHERE

ONLINE

WHO

High school students (including entering 9th graders)

Heritage speakers of Portuguese and/or Spanish (Heritage speakers grew up speaking the language at home.)

Female and minority students are encouraged to apply.

There is no cost to the participants.

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The Portuguese Cybersecurity Program at the UW is an opportunity for high school students in the United States to become familiarized with the principles of Cybersecurity, while learning and/or improving their Portuguese Language Skills. We are offering two online programs: an asynchronous 3-week program or a combination of a 3-week asynchronous and one-week synchronous program.















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Student Language background

24 participants

- 6 Spanish-speakers
 - 4 heritage speakers and 2 L2 speakers
- 1 heritage speaker of Spanish and Portuguese
- 17 Portuguese-speakers
 - 11 heritage-speakers and 6 L2 speakers



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SCAFFOLDING

"the building of a target language structure over several TURNs in an interaction." [1].

" one way in which learners acquire new linguistic structures." (2)

- (1) Longman Dictionary of Language Teaching & Applied Linguistics
- (2) The Practice of English Listening Comprehension Teaching

Jiang Qian School of Foreign Languages, Yunnan Normal University

SCAFFOLDING

"a process the teacher helps students by doing what they cannot do at first, and allowing students to slowly take over parts of the text construction process as they are able to do so. The teacher controls the focus of attention, demonstrates and segments the task and so on."

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FIRST LEVELS OF SCAFFOLDING

- Introduction of cybersecurity concepts (asynchronous course)
- Videos introducing new content in English first
- Introduction to cybersecurity topics through guest speakers (in English)

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VIDEO - GUEST SPEAKER



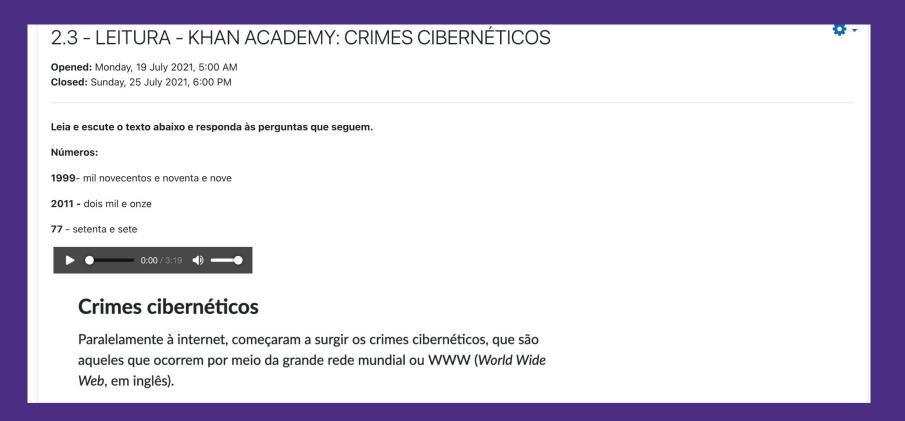
TYPES OF SCAFFOLDING: READING TASKS

- Texts divided into shorter parts
- Readings were voice-recorded
- Use of glossaries
- Comprehension Qs from general to specific

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READING ASSIGNMENT SAMPLE

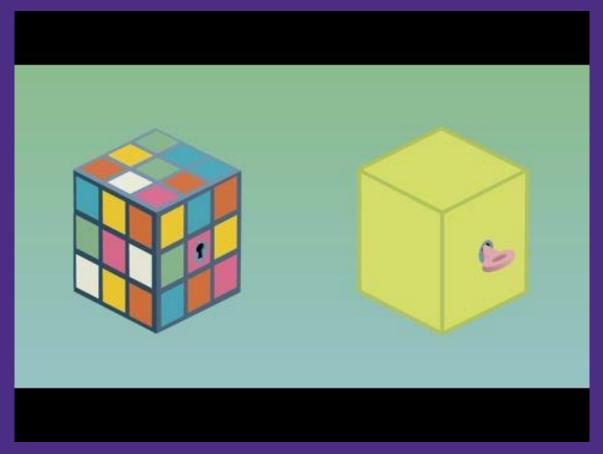


TYPES OF SCAFFOLDING FOR VIDEOS

- Videos in English and in Portuguese
- Use of subtitles
- Authentic material adapted from reliable sources for middle and high school students

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SAMPLE OF VIDEO



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SAMPLE OF VIDEO - SENHAS SEGURAS



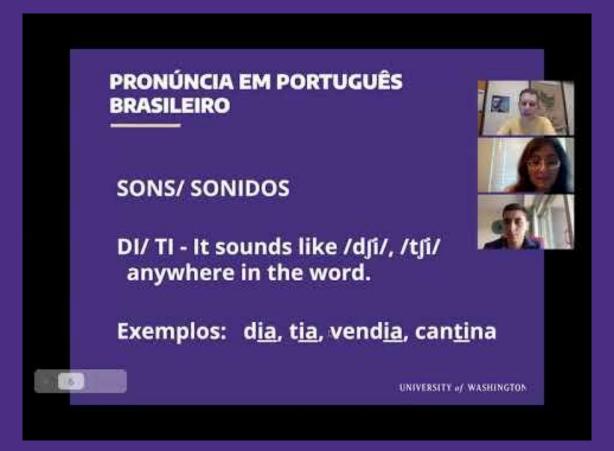
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TYPES OF SCAFFOLDING FOR SPEAKING

- Interview with professionals
- Preparation time to write questions
- Division of roles (e.g. someone to introduce the speaker)
- Collaboration among students
- Mini-lessons

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MINI-LESSON



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COLLABORATIVE TASKS



TAKEAWAYS FROM THE SCAFFOLDING TECHNIQUES

- It introduces students new vocabulary and concepts and it offers way to review and recycle them
- It enables students to perform tasks above their level of proficiency
- Scaffolding works better in a supportive environment

Thank you!

¡Gracias!

Obrigada! Obrigado!



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