

Say 1 Add 1 Method©

A Magia Escolar Teaching Strategy

When introducing new vocabulary and grammar, the Say 1 Add 1 Method© serves as a practical teaching strategy that is easy to master and to implement. The method is a form of rehearsal and is effective because it helps students retain information through repetition. Below is an example of the Say 1 Add 1 Method© being used to teach the alphabet:

1. The teacher guides students in learning the Spanish alphabet in the following sequence:
 - a. Students say, "a..." (repeat 3x).
 - b. Students say, "a...b..." (repeat 3x)
 - c. Students say, "a...b...c..." (repeat 3x)
 - d. Students say, "a...b...c...ch..." (repeat 3x)
2. The teacher continues this method for the first seven letters. Then students recite letters "a-f" once with the teacher and then two times without the teacher.
3. The teacher repeats step 1 and 2, starting with "h..." and continues until all letters have been pronounced.

Another benefit of the Say 1 Add 1 Method© is that it is flexible and that it is contingent upon student progress. If students have not mastered the pronunciation of a certain letter, accent pattern or word, then the teacher can start from the beginning or repeat the sequence again.

By using this method, students will rarely feel inundated with content because their initial encounter with material is processed through rehearsal which makes learning new content less intense.