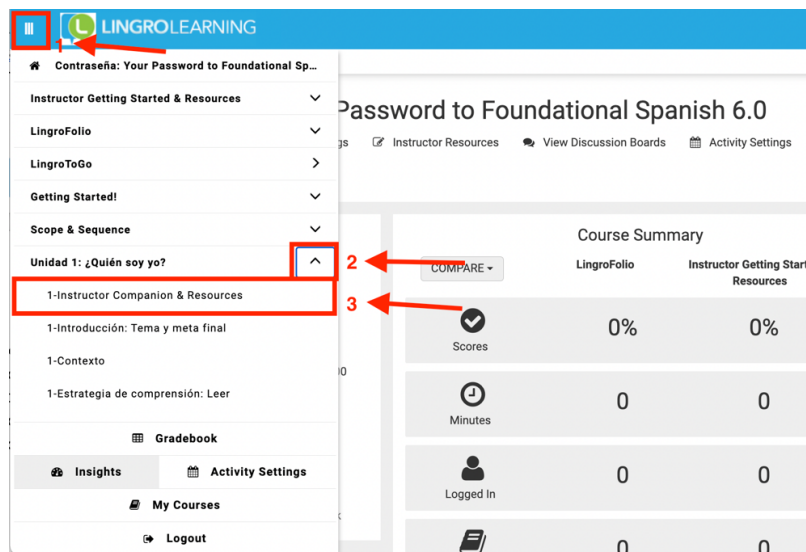


# Instructor How-to Tutorial: Conversar Communicative Practice

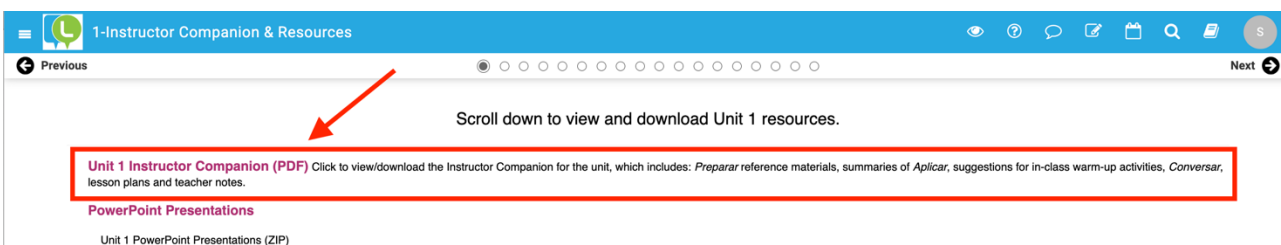
The **Conversar** communicative practice or in-class activities are designed to be completed in pairs and groups to give students the opportunity to put their language to use. Every unit in Contraseña has a set of Conversar activities to choose from for in-class time. The same exact activities can be found in different locations within the platform. This tutorial will review four ways of accessing the Conversar activities for instructors to choose the best method that fits their teaching style and class needs.

## Access Conversar from the Instructor Companion

1. To access the Instructor Companion, navigate to the Main Menu, click on the Unit you wish to view and then click on Instructor Companion and Resources inside the Unit.



2. Then click on Instructor Companion at the top of the list to view it.



- You can scroll down or click on the section you wish to see from the table of contents.

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- The Instructor Companion is a good place to start when planning the lesson because you can see the **Conversar** activities and all related teacher notes in one place. Suggested warm-ups are also provided. A suggested amount of time per activity is indicated, but please note that it is a suggestion as many factors will affect how long it takes to complete a **Conversar** activity.

**Para clase**  
**Conversar** activities are designed to use as is or adapted to fit your students. Refer to individual Teacher Notes for each **Conversar** activity for additional teaching suggestions and ways to expand the activities.

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**Conversar**  
**Conversar 1-3 Mímica. (13 min.)**  
**TN Suggestion:** For classes without synchronous (virtual or face to face) meetings, this can be done in stages, with students recording short videos of themselves acting out two or three words and posting to the class site for others to guess.

In groups of four, form two teams of two players each, **Equipo A** and **Equipo B**. You're going to practice describing descriptive adjectives by playing a game of charades!

Follow these guidelines to play:

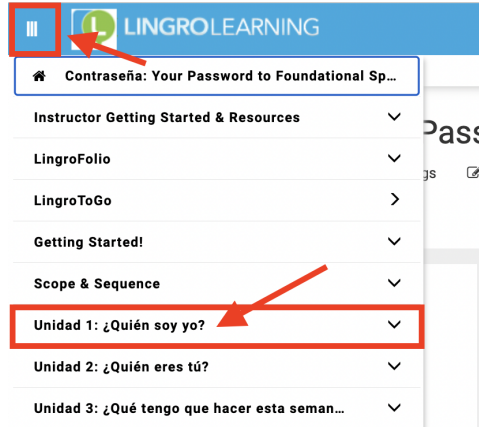
- The first player (silently) decides on a descriptive adjective and acts it out.
- That player's teammate gets one chance to guess the correct word.
- If s/he can't guess, the other team gets a chance.
- Each correctly guessed word item earns one point for that team.
- Take turns by teams and players until one team gets to 10 points, or you run out of time.

PUNTUACIÓN (Score)	
EQUIPO A	EQUIPO B

## Access Conversar inside each unit section

- Click on the Main Menu and access the Unit you would like to view by clicking on the Unit title.

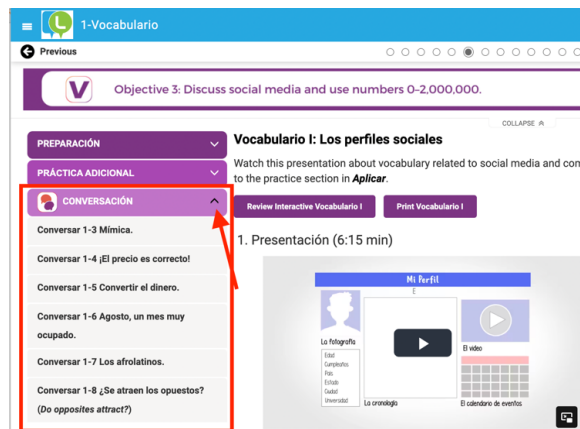




- Once inside the unit, click on the section you want to see: **Vocabulario**, **Gramática**, etc...



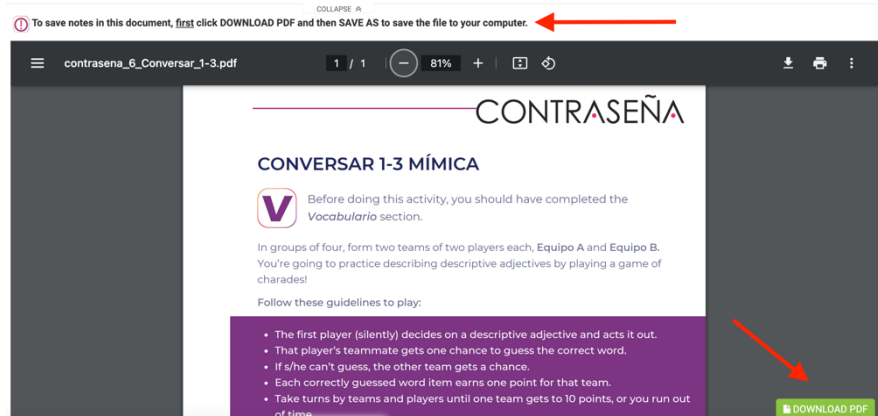
- Each section has subsections or categories on the left of the screen that organize the content. Click on the drop-down arrow of **Conversación** to expand the list of **Conversar** activities.



- Each **Conversar** activity is a fillable PDF that instructors and students can download, save to their laptops and then fill with their notes or responses. Note

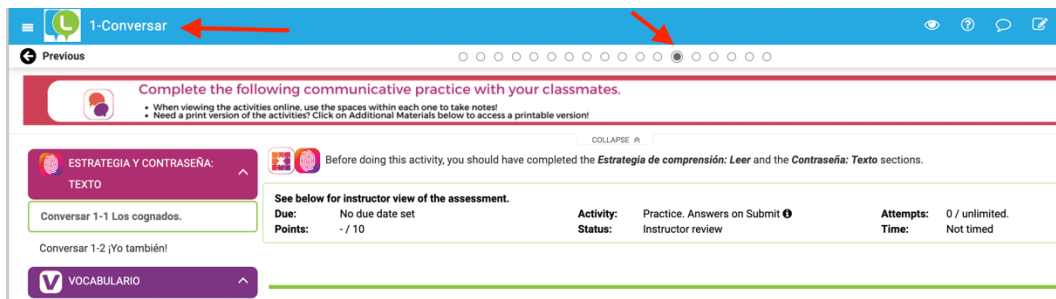
that if you write directly on the platform, your notes will not be saved. Remind your students to download the **Conversar** PDF first.

The instructor chooses which and how many **Conversar** activities they will want to have students complete in class.

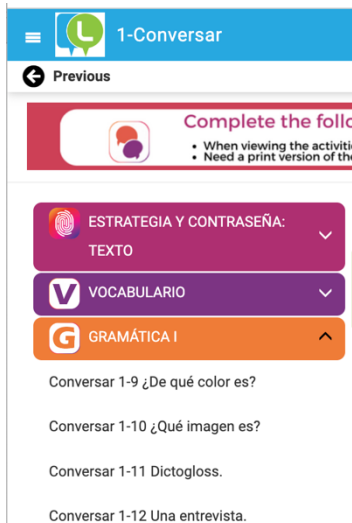


## Access the Conversar library

1. Once inside a Unit, you can navigate to the **Conversar** Library, by clicking on the **Conversar** radio button at the top of the screen.

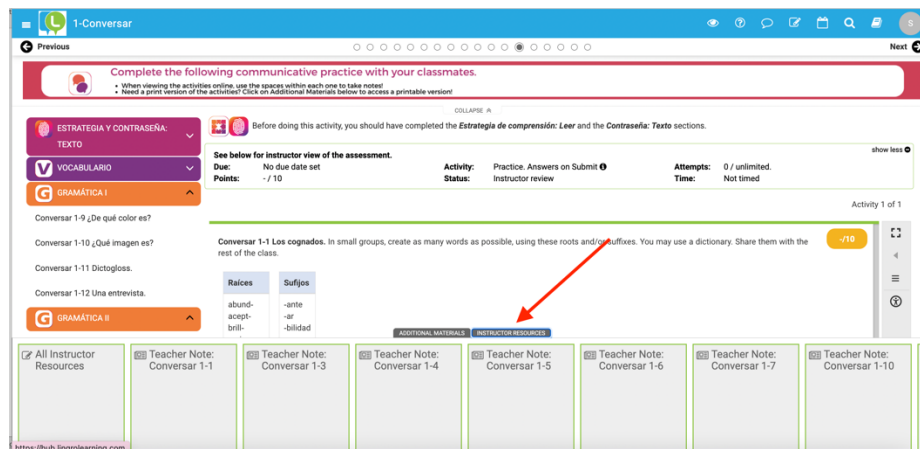


2. You will see the entire set of **Conversar** activities for the whole unit organized by sections.

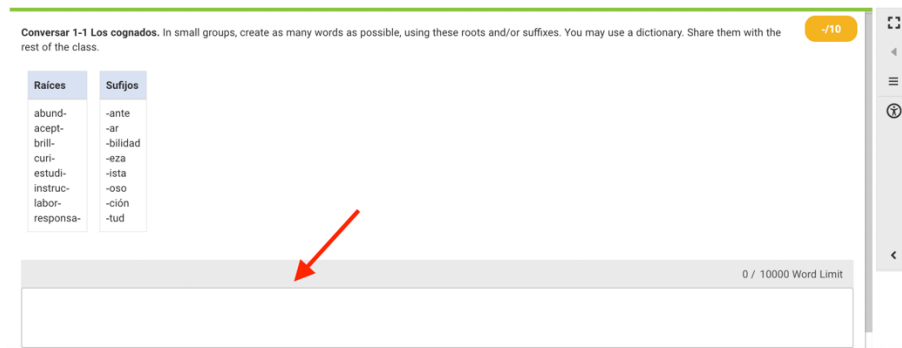


**NOTE:** You can assign due dates and set these activities to be submitted for grading in the Activity Settings, but as a default are set to PRACTICE. You can also make any changes to direction lines via the Authoring Mode (please see other tutorials in Self-service).

- The teacher notes for the **Conversar** activities in this view are found in the Instructor Resources tab at the bottom of the screen.

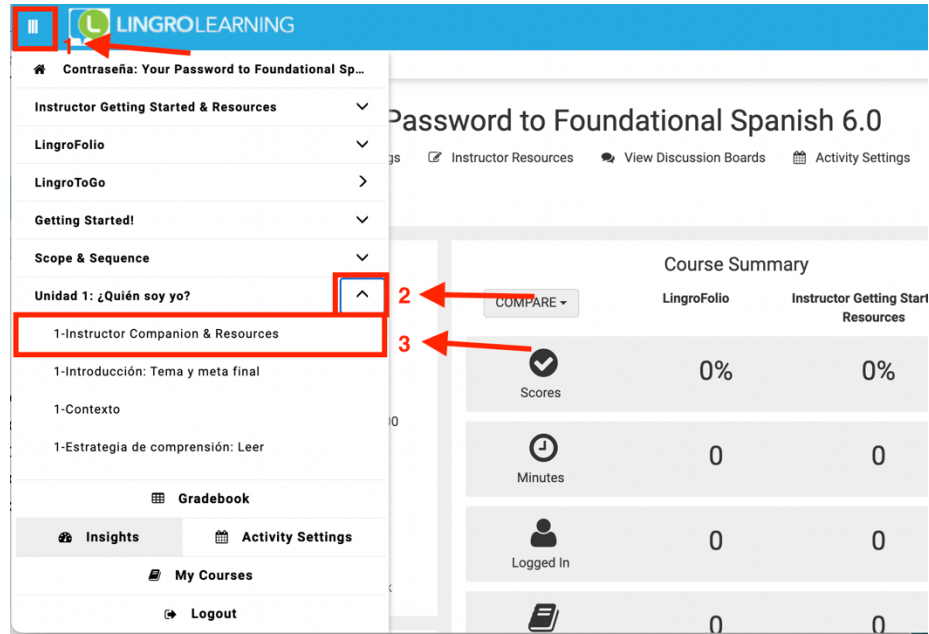


- The **Conversar** activities in this view contain a text box for students to jot down their responses. Their responses will save but will only be visible to the individual student.



## Access **Conversar** in PowerPoints

- To access the ready-made PowerPoints containing the **Conversar** activities, navigate to the Main Menu, click on the Unit to wish to view and then click on Instructor Companion and Resources inside the Unit.



- You will see the list of PowerPoints. Each PowerPoint contains the **Conversar** activities for a specific section. These are downloadable and you may modify them to best fit your needs. These PowerPoints are a great way to project the **Conversar** activities in class and to build the lesson plan by removing or adding slides and content.

