**Study Guide: Saber vs. Conocer/Hace time expressions**

**SABER: (yo sé, tú sabes, él sabe, nosotros sabemos, ellos/Uds. saben)**

Used to express:

1. to know a **FACT** (often followed by “que”)

ex: Yo sé que los estudiantes son inteligentes. 🡪 I know that the students are intelligent.

2. to know **INFORMATION** (often includes a question word)

ex: José sabe quién va a la fiesta. 🡪 Jose knows who is going to the party.

3. to know **HOW** to do something (when immediately followed by an infinitive verb)

ex: Los chicos saben nadar. 🡪 The boys know how to swim.

**CONOCER: (yo conozco, tú conoces, él conoce, nosotros conocemos, ellos/Uds. conocen)**

Used to express:

1. to know a **PERSON** (followed by personal “A”)

ex: Yo conozco a los estudiantes. 🡪 I know the students.

2. to know/be familiar with a **PLACE or THING**

ex: Nosotros conocemos bien Clifton Park. 🡪 We know Clifton Park well.

3. to **MEET** someone for the first time (when used in it’s **infinitive** form)

ex: Yo quiero conocer a Oprah Winfrey. 🡪 I want to meet Oprah Winfrey.

**HACE + Time expressions:**

To express how long someone has done something or for how long something has happened, use…

**HACE + TIME + QUE + ACTION (conjugated verb)**

Ex: Hace quince años que Sra. Lombardi enseña en Shen West. (Sra. Lombardi has been teaching at HSW for 15 years.)

amount of time action (verb)

**\*\*Please refer to class notes and activities for more examples! Also, please see chapter 1B (Realidades 2 in resources for students section of my website\*\***