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**Holt Releases Spanish and French Editions of Online Textbook Series**

*First Complete Series Now Available in Web-based Format*

**Austin, Texas – April 25, 2003** – Holt, Rinehart and Winston—a leader in textbook publishing and online learning tools for secondary education—announced today the release of the Holt Online Learning world languages series in Spanish and French ([www.hrw.com/wlse](http://www.hrw.com/wlse)).

Holt will offer the Spanish and French texts in a series: from Level 1A and 1B to Level 1 and Level 2, making it the first complete series of Spanish and French textbooks in an electronic format available on the market.

“Learning a foreign language with the Holt Online Learning series for Spanish and French is as close as you can get to actually being there,” said Judy Fowler, Holt president. “The Internet provides a perfect medium for making foreign language learning colorful and life-like so we have packed this series with interactive, visual, and audio elements that are embedded right at the point of use. Now students can have a multisensory experience whenever they open their electronic textbook.”

Each online textbook includes all the information and activities of the student print-based textbooks but with many enhancements and interactive features including audio for every presentation of vocabulary, functional expressions, and culture notes; an interactive Review and Assess section; Practice activities; Self-Test and more. Another unique feature is the interactive Student Notebook that students may use to respond to activities, record answers, or take notes—a feature which helps teachers monitor student progress and identify trouble spots. The series also boasts some of the industry’s best visual resources available today with over 26 minutes of video footage embedded in each chapter and accessible in a high- or low-bandwidth option for students to review as necessary.

The Holt Online Learning series includes electronic textbooks in all five core curriculum areas including science, mathematics, language arts, world languages, and social studies. During the 2002-03 school year, Holt has added many technology products to its portfolio of core and

supplementary resources; established partnerships with leading content providers such as CNN's FYI/Student News; and secured distribution rights to *Quantum Artificial Intelligence Tutors*, Encyclopaedia Britannica's *Mathematics in Context* and ACTV's *Teaching Literacy to All Students, Grades 6-12* and *Teaching Reading to All Students, Grades 6-8*.

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