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I started taking Spanish at UC San Diego Extension two years ago, where the 8th edition of this textbook was required. I'm now using the 8th edition (paper version) as well as the 9th edition (digital edition directly from the publisher McGraw-Hill), but it remains ABSOLUTELY the worst language textbook that I have ever used. (English is my second language whereas I also use Chinese, French and German for my work all the time, plus smatterings of Italian and Hungarian.)In fact, weren't it for our excellent teacher, a \*true\* native speaker who even prepares Powerpoint presentations for EACH class (because this book is so bloody awful), I would have studied at another school instead. (Obviously there's no shortage of Spanish classes in San Diego).I am now in the very last Spanish course at UCSD, and feel very strongly that I must WARN any and all potential students of Spanish to stay away from "Puntos de partida" altogether -- not only this edition

but also ANY 'newer' edition that McGraw-Hill may try to con us with, paper or digital version. Here are only a handful of the many reasons that I absolutely loathe this so-called 'textbook':<sup>1</sup>. It should not take me, a mere \*student\*, to point out that even in the 9th edition, instructions in the book continue to use the grammatically-wrong "Digan a la clase" (Tell the class) countless times. It should be "Díganle a la clase" instead, whereas this glaring error CLEARLY shows that the book was neither written nor edited by TRUE native speakers. Consequently it not only teaches us unsuspecting students the wrong thing but even \*reinforces\* it repeatedly!<sup>2</sup>. What other language textbook would wait till page 420 (out of a total of 569) to broach the subject of \*ordinal\* numbers?

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