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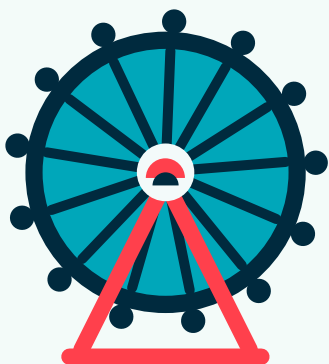
An essential mini-guide to Castilian Spanish

The language with
543 million speakers worldwide!

*Somos
cool*

*Hablo
español*

Hola



Hi, I'm Elena

..and I understand your situation; learning a new language can seem a daunting task, with all manner of new verbal tenses, conjugations, etc, and you may not know how to best put it into practice! But fear no more, for I know the way to make things a bit easier for you.

The following is a summarized plan to learn the basics of Spanish, containing some vocabulary, grammar and several more aspects of the language to teach you in a simple, efficient and practical manner.



By the time you've read it, you'll have acquired a much more solid base from which to continue improving your Spanish. By reading this guide, and following the easy steps it provides, you too can succeed!

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Know the basics

List of most common verbs

Here is a collection of the most useful verbs for everyday Spanish conversation; you can use these in countless situations, at work and in your off-time! Bear in mind, however, that irregular verbs are conjugated differently.

Regulares / Regular:

- *Vivir* / To live
- *Esperar* / To wait
- *Pagar* / To pay
- *Limpiar* / To clean
- *Explicar* / To explain
- *Saludar* / To greet
- *Buscar* / To search
- *Recibir* / To receive
- *Beber* / To drink
- *Ver* / To see
- *Tomar* / To take
- *Sacar* / To remove
- *Escuchar* / To listen to
- *Comer* / To eat
- *Preguntar* / To ask
- *Leer* / To read
- *Correr* / To run
- *Abrir* / To open
- *Hablar* / To talk
- *Deber* / To owe
- *Aprender* / To learn
- *Usar* / To use
- *Pasear* / To go for a walk
- *Quedarse* / To keep
- *Estudiar* / To study
- *Caminar* / To walk
- *Necesitar* / To need
- *Acabar* / To finish
- *Apagar* / To turn off
- *Viajar* / To travel
- *Conocer* / To know
- *Llamarse* / To be called
- *Cambiar* / To change
- *Dar* / To give
- *Creer* / To believe
- *Llevar* / To carry

Irregulares / Irregular:

- *Hacer* / To do
- *Poder* / To be able to
- *Tener* / To have
- *Decir* / To say-tell
- *Ser* / To be
- *Estar* / To be *exception**
- *Querer* / To want
- *Sentirse* / To feel
- *Cerrar* / To close
- *Empezar* / To start
- *Venir* / To come
- *Volver* / To come back
- *Ir* / To go
- *Dormir* / To sleep

These verbs in **red** are irregular, meaning they will change a bit.

Estar*: exception. We use "ser" always unless we are talking about **location (el libro *está* en la mesa), **emotion** (*estoy* feliz) or **state** (dirty/clean) (open/closed) (married/single) (la puerta *está* cerrada)

Tip 1 Remember the "H" isn't pronounced in Spanish!

Tip 2 Some verbs have more than one meaning!





List of important sentences and words

The following words and sentences will always be welcomed, no matter the occasion; these are the bread and butter of any Spanish conversation, and they're out in the open just for you!

- *Hola* / Hello
- *Buenos días* / Good morning
- *Buenas tardes* / Good afternoon
- *Buenas noches* / Good evening/ good night
- *Me llamo* / My name is
- *¿Qué tal?* / How do you do?
- *¿Cómo estás?* / How are you?
- *Adiós* / Goodbye
- *Hasta luego* / See you later
- *Vacaciones* / Vacations/ holidays
- *Nos vemos* / See you soon
- *Me gusta España* / I like Spain
- *¿Cómo te llamas?* / What's your name?
- *¿Dónde está el baño?* / Where is the bathroom?
- *Sí* / Yes
- *No* / No
- *Hoy* / Today
- *Mañana* / Tomorrow
- *¿Cuánto cuesta?* / How much does this cost?
- *¿Te gusta la paella?* / Do you like paella?
- *¿Qué hora es?* / What time is it?
- *No me gusta* / I don't like it
- *¿Dé donde eres?* / Where are you from?
- *No hablo español* / I don't speak Spanish
- *No entiendo* / I don't understand
- *Más lento* / (Go) slower



- *Por favor* / Please
- *Gracias* / Thank you
- *La cuenta, por favor* / The receipt, please
- *Con tarjeta* / With card
- *En efectivo* / In cash
- *Vale* / Alright
- *Estoy enfermo/a* / I'm ill
- *Estoy perdido/a* / I'm lost
- *Es caro* / It's expensive
- *Es barato* / It's cheap
- *No sé* / I don't know
- *¿Cómo?* / What?
- *Tengo hambre* / I'm hungry
- *Tengo sed* / I'm thirsty
- *Estoy cansado/a* / I'm tired
- *Soy de__* / I'm from _____
- *¿Puedes hacer una foto?* / Can you take a picture?
- *¿Dónde está la parada de metro?* / Where is the metro station?
- *Hace calor* / It's hot
- *Tengo frío* / I'm cold
- *Un café, por favor* / Some coffee, please
- *Un agua, por favor* / Some water, please
- *Vamos* / Let's go
- *Ayer* / Yesterday



List of important connectors

Connectors are the infallible string that holds sentences together. To sound more fluent, use them as much as you can to masterfully stick your newly learnt words together!

- *y* / and
- *con* / with
- *para* / for
- *porque* / because
- *por* / for
- *sin* / without
- *además* / also
- *también* / too
- *tampoco* / neither
- *a* / at
- *de* / of/ from
- *hasta* / until
- *en* / in



List of vocabulary by theme

Dive deeper into this brand new linguistic avenue by looking at its most interesting traits! Bear in mind, however, that in Spanish there is a clear distinction between masculine and feminine words.

Masculine vs Feminine (el/la los/las)

Well.. yes, in Spanish objects have a gender. Normally if the word (a noun) finishes in **"a"** it's feminine, otherwise, it's masculine. Don't worry, getting this wrong in real conversations isn't a big deal!

Tip 1

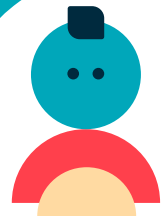
**How do we know whether or not an object is masculine or feminine?
The word must be learnt with the article!**

El · Singular masculine article: *El niño* (The boy)

Los · plural masculine article: *los niños* (The boys)

La · singular feminine article: *la niña* (The girl)

Las · plural feminine article: *las niñas* (The girls)



Tip 2

We add "s" to nouns to form the plural, it doesn't matter if it's masculine or feminine

Beware, gender and number must concord throughout the sentence:

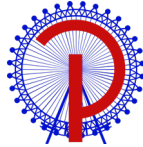
El niña ❌ *Incorrect*

El niños ❌ *Incorrect*

La niña ✅ *Correct*

Los niños ✅ *Correct*



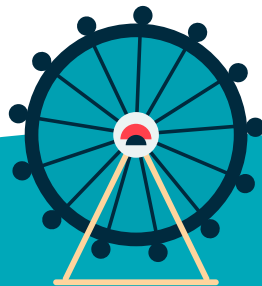


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