

Week One: Introducción al Español

Have you studied Spanish or any foreign language?

When and Where? What do you remember?

What do you hope to learn in 10 weeks? Goals?

Why learn Spanish?

Learning a language is the best brain game ever. When you learn words in any language, your brain expands. You can speak to Spanish-speakers around you--- in your house, in a restaurant, in your community and in the world.

There are an estimated 500,000,000 Spanish-speakers in the world in 21 countries. **US. Census estimates by year 2050, 50% of the US population will speak Spanish and English.**

Seven Teaching Tools to learn Spanish:

1. Listen, repeat, speak. (Audio Lingual Method)
2. Memorize dialogues, vocabulary, verb conjugations. page 365-390
Practice Spanish app—SpanishDict. www.Spanishdict.com or **Duolingo** etc.
3. Watch **Los Destinos**, a Spanish soap opera/telenovela). Write a weekly summary (3 sentences or less). Closed captions (cc) are available at the bottom of the screen for each episode by clicking on (cc).

<https://www.learner.org/series/destinos-an-introduction-to-spanish/>

4. Sing and dance to the music
5. Listen to the CD at back of the book. Summary page 383
6. Write and paste sticky (notas pegados) around the house on. See vocabulario. page 85-90
7. Have a conversation with a Spanish-speaker

¡La Bamba!

¡Empecémonos con La Bamba! ¡Levántense!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FfMAC-t9ZB4>

La Bamba: Spanish-English Richie Valens Video with Spanish Lyrics

‘Para bailar la Bamba, se necesita una poco de gracia (grace).

Before we look at how the book is organized, let’s check English-Spanish cognates and false friends.

Cognates are words that are spelled the same, look similar or sound alike.

Let’s check some cognates that begin with a, b, and c.

1. accept = aceptar
2. accident = accidente (near perfect cognate)
3. accuse = acusar
4. act = actuar
5. actor = actor (perfect cognate)
6. admit = admitir
7. agency = agencia
8. agriculture = agricultura
9. air = aire
10. airplane = aeroplano
11. animal = animal (perfect cognate)
12. arrest = arrestar
13. art = arte
14. baby = bebé
15. balance = balance (perfect cognate)
16. bank = banco
17. bar = bar (perfect cognate)
18. base = base (perfect cognate)
19. block = bloque
20. bottle = botella

21. calm = calma
22. camera = cámara
23. capital = capital (perfect cognate)
24. car = carro
25. clear = claro
26. coast = costa
27. coffee = café
28. colony = colonia
29. color = color (perfect cognate)
30. combine = combinar
31. company = compañía
32. compete = competir
33. complete = completar
34. condition = condición
35. connect = conectar

HOWEVER:

False Friends...! Cuidado! 'false friends' refer to any pair of look-alike words from two languages that **don't** have the same definition.

Example 'Embarazada' is mother of all false friends in Spanish

Embarazada is not embarrassed but it looks like embarrassed right? It means PREGNANT. (*Estoy embarazada*)

Spanish-- Embarrassed is avergonzado. *Estoy avergonzado*

Estoy constipado. *I have a cold.*

Bigote *Bigote* is not a bigot. If you meet someone who is intolerant and unreasonable, you'll just have to find another word to call them.... intolerante because the Spanish word bigote means "mustache"!

If you think **preservativo** is something manufacturers put in food to extend its shelf life, think again. It is one of the Spanish words for "condom," so make sure you do not get mixed up! The word you want for the food additive is **conservante!**

How the Book "Spanish for Dummies" works:

Chapter One: Spanish in a Nutshell. page 11

Includes short summaries of each chapter. e.g. Getting Started with Basic Common Expressions *Chapter One*

¡Hola!

por favor

gracias

Lo siento

¿Habla usted el inglés?

No sé.

Chapter Two: Warming up with Spanish Grammar Basics. page 21

La casa es grande.... La casa es pequeña. (big/small)

La mujer es bella.... El esposo es así así. (beautiful/so so)

El hombre es delgado. La mujer es un poco gorda. (thin/a little fat)

Las calles son anchas... Las calles son delgadas. (wide, narrow)

Forming Questions: The Basics. page 22

Ésta es la puerta. This is the door.

¿Es ésta la puerta? Is this the door?

Meeting Subject Pronouns: Face to Face. page 24

Conjugating the verb IR to go. Verb Table. page 368

I **Yo** voy al cine.

You **Tú** vas al restaurante. Familiar singular

You **Usted** va al parque. Formal singular. **El, Ella**

We **Nosotros** vamos al partido de fútbol.

You **Vosotros** used in Spain and Argentina. Familiar plural

You **Ustedes** van al mercado. Formal plural

Highlights of topics we will cover:

Conversation/Dialogues

Conjugate Verbs page 10 and Appendix. pages 363-382

Alphabet sounds. page 42

Formal and Informal Greetings. pages 50-54.

Telling Time pages. 71-73

Directions/Transportation. pages 128-129

Ordering a meal in a restaurant. page 143. Dining Out. page 149

Calling the waiter and paying the bill. page 155

Shopping in department stores. page 165

Shopping in traditional markets. pages 179-180

Dancing with the verb **Bailar**. page 189

Ten or So Favorite Expressions. page 325

RESOURCES IN THE BACK OF THE BOOK:

Appendix A: Mini Dictionary. pages 337-364

Appendix B: Verb Tables. pages 365-390

Appendix C: CD summary. pages 383-384

Appendix D: Answer Key. pages 385-386

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On-line Resources: Before the first class, download these two following two **FREE apps (aplicación en línea):**

1. Spanishdict!

Some apps for learning Spanish are free, or free at the beginning, or have a free trial period. **Find Spanishdict!** in browser or use link

<http://www.spanishdict.com>

Provides translation with audio for pronunciation help, conjugation of verbs, vocabulary and grammar and 'word of the day' may use regional and colloquial expressions.

2. **LOS DESTINOS.** Spanish telenovela with 52 free episodes. (cc)

Search for **Destinos Annenberg** or use this **hyperlink:**

<https://www.learner.org/series/destinos-an-introduction-to-spanish/>

Summary of episodes: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Destinos>

More on-line resources:

Duolingo FREE www.duolingo.com

Download to receive word of day, grammar etc.

Spanishtownca FREE short videos and vocabulary in Spanish for beginners.

<https://spanishtown.ca/>

Spanishland School. One of my favorites for more advanced; however, \$\$\$

(Beginner/Intermediate) FREE Demo. Can purchase as you go along.

Señores Andrea Alger and her gringo husband are excellent teachers. \$\$\$

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3nKC2KYArIw>

Babbel Spanish Free trial. \$\$\$ \$8.00-\$13.00/month

<https://www.babbel.com/learn-spanish-online/65409-beginner's-courses>

Rosetta Stone \$\$\$ \$200

News in Slow Spanish – good for intermediates \$\$

www.newsinslowspanish.com

Tarea WEEK One:

Review Chapter One in Spanish for Dummies. pages 9-20

Los Destinos: Listen to episode one and more. Prepare a short summary (2-3 lines) in Spanish or English.

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Study with your Spanish learning app i.e., SpanishDict! Duolingo, Rosetta Stone etc. for at least for 15 minutes/day.

Notas Pegajosas. Take a tour of your home and label five things you see in Spanish using sticky notes (notas pegajosas). See Chapter Five for lists of vocabulary words. pages 85-90

Spanishdict! for pronunciation guides, translation, grammar, and word of the day.

Ejemplos de frases (example of phrases from SpanishDict!

I have one chair. Tengo una silla.

I have two bedrooms. Tengo dos dormitorios

The bed is in the bedroom. La cama está en el dormitorio.

Conjugate verb IR (to go). page 10. See Appendix B. page 368.

Copy and memorize..... Yo voy, tú vas....

Optional: Listen to CD in book. The tracks are listed on pages 383-84.

Write a summary in Spanish or English