

FREE PHRASEBOOK · ¡HOLA!

100 Essential Spanish Phrases *for Travelers*

The phrases you'll actually use: greetings, directions, hotels, restaurants, shopping, and emergencies, each with an easy pronunciation guide.

100

ready-to-use phrases

10

everyday travel situations

Easy

"say it like" pronunciation for
each

How to pronounce Spanish in 5 minutes

Good news: Spanish is spelled almost exactly the way it sounds. Learn these few rules and you can read every phrase in this guide out loud. In the "say it like" column, the **CAPITAL** syllable is the one to stress.

Vowels are short and clear

a = "ah" · e = "eh" · i = "ee" · o = "oh" · u = "oo"

h is always silent

hola = "OH-lah" · h**o**tel = "oh-TEHL"

ll and y sound like "y"

llave = "YAH-beh" · y**o** = "yoh"

ñ sounds like "ny"

mañ**ã**ana = "mah-NYAH-nah", like "canyon"

j (and g before e/i) is a breathy "h"

jamón = "hah-MOHN" · g**o**nte = "HEHN-teh"

v sounds close to a soft "b"

vino = "BEE-noh" · nuev**e** = "NWEH-beh"

r is a quick tap, rr is rolled

per**o** (but) · per**rr**o (dog)

qu sounds like "k"

qu**e** = "keh" · aqu**í** = "ah-KEE"

Three tips that make a big difference

- ☐ **Lead with "Hola" and "por favor."** Polite effort gets a warm response, even if the rest is in English.
- ☐ **Use "usted" phrases with strangers.** Every phrase here uses the polite form, safe with anyone you meet.
- ☐ **Point and smile.** Pair a phrase with this guide or a map; people will happily help you finish the sentence.

Your 7-day practice plan with this guide

- ☐ Days 1–2: greetings and getting by, said out loud 3 times each
- ☐ Days 3–4: directions, getting around, and the hotel
- ☐ Days 5–6: eating out, shopping, and numbers
- ☐ Day 7: emergencies and small talk, then review your 10 favorites

Good to know: pronunciations follow Latin American Spanish. In most of Spain, "c" before e/i and "z" sound like the "th" in "think," and some words differ: a ticket is a *billete*, and you'll hear *coche* for car in Spain but *carro* or *auto* in much of Latin America.



Greetings & basics

	English	Spanish	Say it like
1	Hello	Hola	OH-lah
2	Good morning	Buenos días	BWEH-nohs DEE-ahs
3	Good afternoon	Buenas tardes	BWEH-nahs TAR-dehs
4	Good evening / Good night	Buenas noches	BWEH-nahs NOH-chehs
5	Goodbye	Adiós	ah-DYOHS
6	See you later	Hasta luego	AHS-tah LWEH-goh
7	Please	Por favor	por fah-BOR
8	Thank you (very much)	(Muchas) gracias	(MOO-chahs) GRAH-syahs
9	You're welcome	De nada	deh NAH-dah
10	Excuse me / Sorry	Perdón	pehr-DOHN



Getting by

	English	Spanish	Say it like
11	Yes / No	Sí / No	see / noh
12	Do you speak English?	¿Habla inglés?	AH-blah een-GLEHS
13	I don't understand	No entiendo	noh ehn-TYEHN-doh
14	I speak a little Spanish	Hablo un poco de español	AH-bloh oon POH-koh deh ehs-pah-NYOHL
15	Can you repeat that, please?	¿Puede repetirlo, por favor?	PWEH-deh reh-peh-TEER-loh, por fah-BOR
16	More slowly, please	Más despacio, por favor	mahs dehs-PAH-syoh, por fah-BOR
17	What does ... mean?	¿Qué significa ...?	keh seeg-nee-FEE-kah
18	How do you say ... in Spanish?	¿Cómo se dice ... en español?	KOH-moh seh DEE-seh ... ehn ehs-pah-NYOHL
19	My name is ...	Me llamo ...	meh YAH-moh
20	What's your name?	¿Cómo se llama?	KOH-moh seh YAH-mah



Directions

	English	Spanish	Say it like
21	Where is ...?	¿Dónde está ...?	DOHN-deh ehs-TAH
22	Where is the bathroom?	¿Dónde está el baño?	DOHN-deh ehs-TAH ehl BAH-nyoh
23	Is it far?	¿Está lejos?	ehs-TAH LEH-hohs
24	Is it near here?	¿Está cerca de aquí?	ehs-TAH SEHR-kah deh ah-KEE
25	To the left	A la izquierda	ah lah ees-KYEHR-dah
26	To the right	A la derecha	ah lah deh-REH-chah
27	Straight ahead	Todo recto	TOH-doh REHK-toh
28	On the corner	En la esquina	ehn lah ehs-KEE-nah
29	Can you show me on the map?	¿Me lo puede mostrar en el mapa?	meh loh PWEH-deh mohs-TRAR ehn ehl MAH-pah
30	I'm lost	Estoy perdido / perdida	ehs-TOY pehr-DEE-doh / pehr-DEE-dah



Getting around

	English	Spanish	Say it like
31	A ticket to ..., please	Un boleto a ..., por favor	oon boh-LEH-toh ah ..., por fah-BOR
32	How much is the ticket?	¿Cuánto cuesta el boleto?	KWAHN-toh KWEHS-tah ehl boh-LEH-toh
33	What time does the train leave?	¿A qué hora sale el tren?	ah keh OH-rah SAH-leh ehl trehn
34	Where is the bus stop?	¿Dónde está la parada de autobús?	DOHN-deh ehs-TAH lah pah-RAH-dah deh ow-toh-BOOS
35	Which platform?	¿Qué andén?	keh ahn-DEHN
36	Take me to this address, please	Lléveme a esta dirección, por favor	YEH-beh-meh ah EHS-tah dee-rehk-SYOHN
37	How much to the airport?	¿Cuánto cuesta ir al aeropuerto?	KWAHN-toh KWEHS-tah eer ahl ah-eh-roh-PWEHR-toh
38	Stop here, please	Pare aquí, por favor	PAH-reh ah-KEE, por fah-BOR
39	I'd like to rent a car	Quisiera alquilar un coche	kee-SYEH-rah ahl-kee-LAR oon KOH-cheh
40	Is this seat free?	¿Está libre este asiento?	ehs-TAH LEE-breh EHS-teh ah-SYEHN-toh



At the hotel

English	Spanish	Say it like
41 I have a reservation	Tengo una reservación	TEHN-goh OO-nah reh-sehr-bah-SYOHN
42 Do you have a room available?	¿Tiene una habitación disponible?	TYEH-neh OO-nah ah-bee-tah-SYOHN dees-poh-NEE-bleh
43 For two nights	Para dos noches	PAH-rah dohs NOH-chehs
44 How much per night?	¿Cuánto cuesta por noche?	KWAHN-toh KWEHS-tah por NOH-cheh
45 Is breakfast included?	¿Está incluido el desayuno?	ehs-TAH een-kloo-EE-doh ehl deh-sah-YOO-noh
46 What's the Wi-Fi password?	¿Cuál es la contraseña del wifi?	kwahl ehs lah kohn-trah-SEH-nyah dehl WEE-fee
47 What time is checkout?	¿A qué hora hay que dejar la habitación?	ah keh OH-rah eye keh deh-HAR lah ah-bee-tah-SYOHN
48 The key, please	La llave, por favor	lah YAH-beh, por fah-BOR
49 There's no hot water	No hay agua caliente	noh eye AH-gwah kah-LYEHN-teh
50 Can you call me a taxi?	¿Me puede llamar un taxi?	meh PWEH-deh yah-MAR oon TAHK-see



Eating out

English	Spanish	Say it like
51 A table for two, please	Una mesa para dos, por favor	OO-nah MEH-sah PAH-rah dohs, por fah-BOR
52 The menu, please	La carta, por favor	lah KAR-tah, por fah-BOR
53 What do you recommend?	¿Qué me recomienda?	keh meh reh-koh-MYEHN-dah
54 I'd like ...	Quisiera ...	kee-SYEH-rah
55 Water, please	Agua, por favor	AH-gwah, por fah-BOR
56 I'm vegetarian	Soy vegetariano / vegetariana	soy beh-heh-tah-RYAH-noh / beh-heh-tah-RYAH-nah
57 I'm allergic to ...	Soy alérgico / alérgica a ...	soy ah-LEHR-hee-koh / ah-LEHR-hee-kah ah
58 No ice, please	Sin hielo, por favor	seen YEH-loh, por fah-BOR
59 It's delicious!	¡Está delicioso!	ehs-TAH deh-lee-SYOH-soh
60 The check, please	La cuenta, por favor	lah KWEHN-tah, por fah-BOR



Shopping & money

	English	Spanish	Say it like
61	How much does it cost?	¿Cuánto cuesta?	KWAHN-toh KWEHS-tah
62	It's too expensive	Es muy caro	ehs mwee KAH-roh
63	Do you have something cheaper?	¿Tiene algo más barato?	TYEH-neh AHL-goh mahs bah-RAH-toh
64	Can I pay by card?	¿Puedo pagar con tarjeta?	PWEH-doh pah-GAR kohn tar-HEH-tah
65	In cash	En efectivo	ehn eh-fehk-TEE-boh
66	Where is an ATM?	¿Dónde hay un cajero automático?	DOHN-deh eye oon kah-HEH-roh ow-toh-MAH-tee-koh
67	I'm just looking	Solo estoy mirando	SOH-loh ehs-TOY mee-RAHN-doh
68	Can I try it on?	¿Me lo puedo probar?	meh loh PWEH-doh proh-BAR
69	I'll take it	Me lo llevo	meh loh YEH-boh
70	A bag, please	Una bolsa, por favor	OO-nah BOHL-sah, por fah-BOR



Time & numbers

	English	Spanish	Say it like
71	What time is it?	¿Qué hora es?	keh OH-rah ehs
72	Today / Tomorrow / Yesterday	Hoy / Mañana / Ayer	oy / mah-NYAH-nah / ah-YEHR
73	In the morning	Por la mañana	por lah mah-NYAH-nah
74	What time does it open?	¿A qué hora abre?	ah keh OH-rah AH-breh
75	What time does it close?	¿A qué hora cierra?	ah keh OH-rah SYEH-rah
76	One, two, three	Uno, dos, tres	OO-noh, dohs, trehs
77	Four, five, six	Cuatro, cinco, seis	KWAH-troh, SEEN-koh, says
78	Seven, eight, nine, ten	Siete, ocho, nueve, diez	SYEH-teh, OH-choh, NWEH-beh, dyehs
79	Twenty / Fifty / One hundred	Veinte / Cincuenta / Cien	BAYN-teh / seen-KWEHN-tah / syehn
80	Just a moment	Un momento	oon moh-MEHN-toh



Health & emergencies

	English	Spanish	Say it like
81	Help!	¡Ayuda!	ah-YOO-dah
82	Call the police!	¡Llame a la policía!	YAH-meh ah lah poh-lee-SEE-ah
83	I need a doctor	Necesito un médico	neh-seh-SEE-toh oon MEH-dee-koh
84	Call an ambulance!	¡Llame a una ambulancia!	YAH-meh ah OO-nah ahm-boo-LAHN-syah
85	Where is the hospital?	¿Dónde está el hospital?	DOHN-deh ehs-TAH ehl ohs-pee-TAHL
86	Where is a pharmacy?	¿Dónde hay una farmacia?	DOHN-deh eye OO-nah far-MAH-syah
87	It hurts here	Me duele aquí	meh DWEH-leh ah-KEE
88	I feel sick	Me siento mal	meh SYEHN-toh mahl
89	I lost my passport	Perdí mi pasaporte	pehr-DEE mee pah-sah-POR-teh
90	I've been robbed	Me han robado	meh ahn roh-BAH-doh



Making friends

	English	Spanish	Say it like
91	How are you?	¿Cómo está?	KOH-moh ehs-TAH
92	Very well, and you?	Muy bien, ¿y usted?	mwee byehn, ee oos-TEHD
93	Nice to meet you	Mucho gusto	MOO-choh GOOS-toh
94	Where are you from?	¿De dónde es?	deh DOHN-deh ehs
95	I'm from ...	Soy de ...	soy deh
96	I'm here on vacation	Estoy de vacaciones	ehs-TOY deh bah-kah-SYOH-nehs
97	I love this city!	¡Me encanta esta ciudad!	meh ehn-KAHN-tah EHS-tah syoo-DAHD
98	Cheers!	¡Salud!	sah-LOOD
99	Have a nice day!	¡Que tenga un buen día!	keh TEHN-gah oon bwehn DEE-ah
100	Could you take a photo of us?	¿Nos puede tomar una foto?	nohs PWEH-deh toh-MAR OO-nah FOH-toh

Want to go beyond phrases? To actually hold a conversation, try a structured course with audio. **Rocket Spanish** lets you try lessons free before you buy →

YOUR NEXT STEP

From phrases to real conversations

These 100 phrases will get you through airports, hotels, and restaurants. But the moment someone answers back, you'll want to understand them, and that takes a little listening practice.

TRY IT FREE

Learn to speak Spanish with Rocket Spanish

Audio lessons

Real conversations you can listen to anywhere, even on your commute.

Speaking practice

Voice recognition helps you check and improve your pronunciation.

Grammar made simple

Clear explanations of how Spanish fits together.

Learn at your pace

Lessons you can start, pause, and repeat any time.

You can try the first lessons free before deciding whether the full course is right for you.

[Try Rocket Spanish free →](#)

Disclosure: this is an affiliate link. If you buy the course through it, MyInfoLabs.com may earn a commission at no extra cost to you.

More free guides: practical checklists and ebooks for travel, home, and personal growth at MyInfoLabs.com →

¡Buen viaje! (Have a great trip!)

Uday Chandra

MyInfoLabs.com