

Spanish is truly one romantic language: even “please put out the garbage” (*ponga por favor hacia fuera la basura*) sounds great. To help you enjoy your stay, take this Inside Scoop with you and practice.

Whether going to the DR (Dominican Republic), Cuba, Spain or South America, this widely spoken language (by 500 million+ people) is the official language of 21 countries. It's also the second most spoken US language (and beautiful).

Siesta, patio, plaza, vanilla are all Spanish, with many other similar English words. As with French, there are two ways to address people; the familiar *tú* with family and friends; the formal *usted* in respect for others. Gender can be a difficult concept for English-speakers. As in French, use “*la*” for feminine and “*le*” for masculine.

Although it varies among countries (in parts of Spain, “*c*” is pronounced “*th*”), speak Spanish phonetically and articulate each letter except “*h*” (silent).

For “*ll*,” as in *pollo* (chicken), “*ll*” is pronounced “*y*” as “*poyo*.” In a phrase you’ll use a lot, *por favor* (please), practice rolling the “*rrrr*.” Add *please* or *thank you* (*gracias*) to any phrase and be courteous! People will appreciate you trying and will aim to help.

LeGrow's Travel

Inside Scoop: Spanish

travel = *recorrido*

Numbers

1	uno
2	dos
3	tres
4	cuatro
5	cinco
6	seis
7	siete
8	ocho
9	nueve
10	diez

Days & Time pronounced

Sunday	Domingo	Doh-MEEN-goh
Monday	Lunes	LOO-nehs
Tuesday	Martes	MAHR-tehs
Wednesday	Miercoles	Mee-er-cohl-ees
Thursday	Jueves	HWEH-behs
Friday	Viernes	Bee-HER-nehs
Saturday	Sabado	SAH-bah-doh
tomorrow	manana	man-yan-AH
next week	la semana proxima	lah-se-MAHN-ah PROX-ima
What time is it?	Que horas es?	Kay OH-rah ehs
right now	ahora mismo	ah OHR ah MEES mo
Just a minute.	Un momento	Un momento

Family pronounced

wife	esposa	ehs-POH-sah
husband	esposo	ehs-POH-soh
son	hijo	eE-hoh
daughter	hija	eE-hah
I love you	Te quiero	Tee-KEE-aero

The Top 10

pronounced

Hi/Hello	Hola	Ola
Yes No	Si Noh	See Noh
How are you? Fine, thank you.	Como esta usted. Muy bien, gracias.	KOHmo ehs-TAH OOS-THE-dh MOOay bee en GRAH see ahs
What's your name? My name is... My friend is... I'm Canadian.	Como se llama? Mi nombre es... Mi amigo/amiga Soy Canadiense.	KOH-moh say YAHmah Mee NOMBreh ehs Mee ah-MEE-go/ah-MEE-ga Soy kah nah dheehEHN sehs
You're welcome.	De nada.	De-NAW-da
Please Thank you. Thank you very much. No thank you.	Por favour Gracias. Muchas gracias. No, gracias.	Porre fah-VORRE GRAH-see-ahs Moo-chas GRAH-see-ahs NOH GRAH-see-ahs
Good morning Good afternoon Good evening	Buenos dias Buenas tardes Buenas noches	BWEHnahs De-as BWEHnahs TAHRdh ehs BWEHnahs NO chehs
Sorry That's not a problem. I have a problem.	Lo siento Eso no es un problema. Tengo un problema.	Loh see-EHN-toh EE-so no ehs un pro-BLEH-ma TEHN-go oon pro-BLEH-ma
Do you speak English? I don't understand. Please speak slowly.	Habla ingles? No comprendo. Hable despacio por favor.	AH-bla een-GLASE Noh kohm-PREHN-dho HAHbleh dhehs-PAH-see-oh, pohr fahVORRE
Goodbye See you soon. See you later.	Adios Hasta pronto. Hasta luego.	Ah dheeh OHS Asta PRON-toh Asta LWEH-go

Common Questions

pronounced

Where is/are...?	Donde esta/estan...?	DOHN-deh ehs-TAH
When?	Cuando?	KWANdoh
Who?	Quien?	Kee-EHN
Why?	Por que?	Pohr kay
What?	Que?	Kay
How long...?	Cuanto tiempo?	KWAN-toh TYEHM-po
Can I have a taxi to...?	Puedo tener un taxi...?	PU-edo TEN-eer un taxi
How much does it cost?	Cuanto cuesta?	KWAN-toh KWEH-stah
How far?	A que distancia?	Ah kay dhees-Tan-syah
Can you help me?	Puede ayudarme?	PWEH-dhe ah-yoo-dh-AHR-meh
Where is the bank? When is it open?	¿Dónde está el banco? ¿Cuándo está abierto?	DOHN-deh ehs-TAH el banco KWANdoh ehs
Isn't LeGrow's Travel the best?	LeGrow's Travel, es lo mejor, verdad?	(We hope you agree!)

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Hotels		pronounced
Bathroom	Bano	BAH-nyo
Swimming Pool	Piscina	Pee-SEE-nah
Open	Abierto	Ah-bee-ehr-toh
Closed	Cerrado	Say RAH dho
bed pillow	cama almohada	kAH-mah ahl-moh-Ahdah
towel There are no towels.	toalla No hay toallas.	toh-AH-yahs Noh Ah-ee toh-AH-yahs
soap	sabon	hAH-bohn
shower	una ducha	oo-nah DHOO-chah
iron	plancha	pLAHN-chah
hair dryer	secador	say-kah-DOHR
I'm tired.	Estoy cansado.	Ehs-TOY kahn-SAH-dho
Come in!	Entre!	EHN-treh
I'm ready	Estoy listo.	Ehs-TOY LEEsto

Statements		pronounced
I (don't) like it.	(No) me gusta.	Meh GOOS-tah/No meh GOOS-tah
I don't know.	No se.	NOH say.
I'm hungry. I'm thirsty.	Tengo hambre. Tengo sed.	TEHN-go AHM-breh TEHN-go SAY-dh
It's cheap. It's expensive.	Es barato. Es caro.	Ehs bah-RAH-toh Ehs KAH-ro
It's cold. (weather) It's hot. (weather)	Hace frio. Hace calor.	AH-say FREE-o AH-say kah-LOHR
I would like a little. I would like a lot.	Quisiera un poco. Quisiera mucho.	KEY-sarah on POH-ko KEY-sarah mOO-cho

Shopping		pronounced
Where are the stores?	¿Dónde están los almacenes?	DOHN-deh est-an los almasay-nas?
I need a receipt.	Necesito un recibo.	Ness-i-CETO un rec-i-bow
I need medication for headache. diarrhea. sunburn. upset stomach.	Necesito la medicación para el dolor de cabeza. diarrea. quemadura. malestar estomacal.	Ness-i-CETO la medi-ca-cion parr-a el-dolor-de cabaeza Diarrhea k-ma-durra males-tar estom-acal

Notes:

Restaurants		pronounced
Waiter/Waitress	Camarero/Camarera	kah-mah-REH-roh/rah
I'd like....	Quiero...	KYEH-ro
The bill please.	La cuenta, por favor.	Lah KWEHN-tah, pohr fahVORRE
Breakfast Lunch Dinner	Desayuno Almuerzo Cena	Dhay-sah-YOO-noh Ahl-MWEHR-so SAY-nah
knife fork spoon	cuchillo tenedor cuchara	koo-CHEE-yo tay-neh-dh-OHR koo CHAH-rah
tea	te	tay
salt pepper	sal pimienta	Sahl pee-mee-en-toh
coffee with milk with sugar black	café con leche con azucar café negro	kah-FEH kahn LEH-cheh kahn Ah-soo-kahr kah-FEH naygro
milk	leche	IEH-cheh
ice	hielo	yellow
water bottled water mineral water	agua agua en botella agua mineral	aH-gwah aH-gwah en BOT-ella aH-gwah mee-neh-RAHL
red wine white wine	vino tinto vino blanco	bEE-no teen-toe bEE-no blawn-coh
beer	cerveza	sehr-BEH-sah
lemonade	limonada	lee-moh-NAH-dh-ah
juice	jugo	hOO-go
egg scrambled eggs	huevo huevos revueltos	wEH-boh wEH-bohs reh-BWEHL-tos
cheese	queso	kAY-soh
butter	mantequilla	mahn-the-KEE-yah
bread	pan	pahn
soup	sopa	sOH-pah
salad	ensalada	ens-sah-LAH-dha
fish	pescado	pehs-KAH-dho
fruit	fruta	fROO-tah
dessert	postre	pOH-streh
ice cream	helado	eh-LAH-dho
Is there a dress code?	¿Hay un código del vestido?	Ay un co-digo del vest-i-do?
No more beer/ wine/margaritas for me!	¡no más de cerveza/ vino/margaritas para mí!	No mas day sehr-BEH-sah/ bEE-no/margaritas parr-a me

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