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Mastering Spanish



Learn To Speak Spanish
Like A Native In 12 Days... Or Less!

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CHAPTER 1 – INTRODUCTION

¡Buenas días!

Spanish is one of the most spoken languages in the world. It belongs to the Italic subfamily of the Indo-European language family, and is primarily spoken at the Iberian Peninsula and Latin America of about 250 million people.



It is also called Castilian, which was derived from the dialect it came from. This language was brought and introduced by the Spaniards in Canary Island, Antilles, the Philippines, the southern part of North America, South America, and the coast of Africa.

The Standard Spanish language is being spoken at 43 countries, not including Spain. Most of them consider it as their official language and use it for business, education, industry, politics, and everyday conversation.

This shows how widely popular the Spanish language is and how it will continue to be for many years to come. Foreign language courses are already being offered at different colleges and universities. Spanish training is always included in them. Students taking up such courses are continuously increasing in numbers. New books and training materials are being published and sold.

Aside from the possibility of having to deal with so many Spanish speakers in business or education, another reason to learn Spanish is

that it is regarded as a romantic language, both in literature and everyday conversations.

This is the reason why a lot of movies and television programs nowadays use the language, to captivate and touch the hearts of millions of audiences. Imagine how many friends and loved ones you can impress with lines like *Te amo* (I love you) or *Te quiero* (I need you) and actually knowing how they came to be!

Whether you're having a hard time coping up with Spanish in school, you're dealing with many Spanish speakers in the office or business, or you simply like adding another entry on the "language spoken" part on your résumé, you have chosen the right guide to help you learn the language by yourself.

In this guide, you'll be learning basic Spanish not within a whole year, not during one term in school, not even a month! You can learn how to speak Spanish confidently in just 12 days, or even less! Imagine that.

Common foreign language trainings usually bombard you with thousands of words and phrases in their vocabulary. They let you memorize these words and phrases until you get used to speaking them out – Without really knowing how they became that way.

How this guide differs from those word factories is that it applies the linguistic approach in training you to learn the language effectively. This means, as a foreign language learner, you start by studying the letters and sounds of the language. From these sounds, you create words and phrases. As you gather up these words, you'll be able to form sentences.

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In the first few days of your training using this guide, you'll be concentrating on Spanish sounds. This is important, as you will be encountering sounds that are not present in the English language, or sounds familiar to your native tongue but not used in the Spanish language.

Sounds are among the fundamentals of one language because all throughout your language training, you'll be using these sounds as you speak out words and form sentences.

From the 3rd to the 10th day, you will be forming different kinds of Spanish words and phrases. These words consist of nouns, pronouns, adjectives, prepositions, and verbs.

Among these basic parts of speech, more days will be given to the training of verbs, as they are the most important and complicated topic in learning the Spanish language. You will be taught to conjugate different types of verbs according to tenses such as past, present, and future.

Finally, as you approach the 11th day of this training, you'll be able to compose sentences in Spanish using the words and phrases you've learned.

Recall that simple sentences are actually composed of only a subject and a predicate, where a subject can be as simple as a pronoun, and a predicate can be composed of only a verb. Hence, excellent knowledge of word formation will help you a lot in forming sentences.

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During your 12th and final day of training, you will be provided with some useful situational phrases you can use when you actually deal with Spanish culture, like when you visit Spanish countries or live with Spanish people.

Are you still unconvinced that you can learn the language in just 12 days? It's always easier said than done. Nevertheless, if you really put your mind to it, and if you're determined to achieve success, you can actually learn to speak Spanish in 1 day – If you choose to finish reading and comprehending the book today!

With faith and patience, nothing is impossible. In Spanish, *nada es imposible*.

So, are you ready to speak Spanish? Let's begin!