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## **Part I: Vocabulary and Grammar of Spanish**

## Basic Spanish Phrases

Hello! / Good morning!	<b>¡Buenos días!</b>	<i>bway-nohs dee-ahs</i>
Good afternoon!	<b>¡Buenas tardes!</b>	<i>bway-nahs tard-ays</i>
Good evening! / Good night!	<b>¡Buenas noches!</b>	<i>bway-nahs noh-chays</i>
Hi! / Bye!	<b>¡Hola! / ¡Chao!</b>	<i>oh-lah / chow</i>
Good bye.	<b>Adiós.</b>	<i>ah-dee-ohs</i>
Please.	<b>Por favor.</b>	<i>por fah-bor</i>
See you.	<b>Hasta la vista.</b>	<i>ah-stah lah vees-tah</i>
See you later.	<b>Hasta luego.</b>	<i>ah-stah loo-ay-go</i>
See you soon.	<b>Hasta pronto.</b>	<i>ah-stah prohn-toh</i>
See you tomorrow.	<b>Hasta mañana.</b>	<i>ah-stah mahn-yahn-ah</i>
Thank you (very much).	<b>(Muchas) Gracias.</b>	<i>(moo-chahs) grah-see-ahs</i>
You're welcome.	<b>De nada.</b>	<i>day nah-dah</i>
Welcome	<b>Bienvenidos</b>	<i>byen-veh-nee-dohs</i>
I'm sorry	<b>Lo siento</b>	<i>loh see-ehn-toh</i>
Excuse me / Pardon me	<b>Con permiso / Perdón / Disculpe</b>	<i>kohn pehr-mee-soh / pehr- dohn / dees-kool-peh</i>
Let's go!	<b>¡Vamos!</b>	<i>bah-mohs</i>
How are you? (formal)	<b>¿Cómo está usted?</b>	<i>koh-moh ay-stah oo-sted</i>
How are you? (informal)	<b>¿Cómo estás?</b>	<i>koh-moh ay-stahs</i>
How's it going?	<b>¿Qué tal?</b>	<i>kay tahl</i>
Good / Very good	<b>Bien / Muy bien</b>	<i>bee-ehn / moy bee-ehn</i>
Bad / Very bad / OK	<b>Mal / Muy mal / Más o menos</b>	<i>mahl / moy mahl / mahs oh may-nohs</i>
Yes / No	<b>Sí / No</b>	<i>see / noh</i>
What is your name? (formal)	<b>¿Cómo se llama usted?</b>	<i>koh-moh say yah-mah oo-sted</i>

What is your name? (informal)	<b>¿Cómo te llamas?</b>	<i>koh-moh tay yah-mahs</i>
My name is...	<b>Me llamo... / Mi nombre es...</b>	<i>may yah-moh / mee nohm-breh ess</i>
Nice to meet you.	<b>Mucho gusto. / Encantado.</b>	<i>moo-choh goo-stoh / en-cahn-tah-doh</i>
Same here. / Same to you.	<b>Igualmente.</b>	<i>ee-guahl-mehn-tay</i>
Mister / Mrs. / Miss	<b>Señor / Señora / Señorita</b>	<i>sayn-yor / sayn-yor-ah / sayn-yor-ee-tah</i>
Where are you from? (formal)	<b>¿De dónde es usted?</b>	<i>day dohn-day ehs oo-sted</i>
Where are you from? (informal)	<b>¿De dónde eres?</b>	<i>day dohn-day eh-rehs</i>
I'm from...	<b>Yo soy de...</b>	<i>yoh soy day</i>
How old are you? (formal)	<b>¿Cuántos años tiene usted?</b>	<i>quahn-tohs ahn-yohs tee-ay-nay oo-sted</i>
How old are you? (informal)	<b>¿Cuántos años tienes?</b>	<i>quahn-tohs ahn-yohs tee-ayn-ays</i>
I am _____ years old.	<b>Yo tengo _____ años.</b>	<i>yoh tayn-goh _____ ahn-yohs</i>
Do you speak Spanish? (formal)	<b>¿Habla usted español?</b>	<i>ah-blah oo-sted eh-spahn-yol</i>
Do you speak English? (informal)	<b>¿Hablas inglés?</b>	<i>ah-blahs een-glehs</i>
I (don't) speak...	<b>(No) Hablo...</b>	<i>noh ah-bloh</i>
Do you understand? (formal)	<b>¿Entiende usted?</b>	<i>ehn-tyen-deh oo-sted</i>
Do you understand? (informal)	<b>¿Entiendes?</b>	<i>ehn-tyen-dehs</i>
I (don't) understand.	<b>(No) Entiendo.</b>	<i>noh ehn-tyen-doh</i>
I (don't) know.	<b>Yo (no lo) sé.</b>	<i>yoh noh loh seh</i>
Can you help me? (formal)	<b>¿Puede ayudarme?</b>	<i>pweh-deh ah-yoo-dar-meh</i>
Sure / Of course	<b>Claro / Claro que sí</b>	<i>klah-roh / klah-roh keh see</i>
What? Pardon me?	<b>¿Cómo?</b>	<i>koh-moh</i>



Where is ... / Where are ... ?	<b>¿Dónde está / Dónde están... ?</b>	<i>dohn-deh eh-stah / dohn-deh eh-stahn</i>
Here / There	<b>Aquí / Ahí</b>	<i>ah-kee / ah-ee</i>
There is / are... / There was / were...	<b>Hay / Había...</b>	<i>eye / ah-bee-ah</i>
How do you say ____ in Spanish?	<b>¿Cómo se dice ____ en español?</b>	<i>koh-moh seh dee-seh ____ en eh-spahn-yol</i>
What is that?	<b>¿Qué es esto?</b>	<i>keh ehs ehs-toh</i>
What's the matter (with you)?	<b>¿Qué te pasa?</b>	<i>keh teh pah-sah</i>
It doesn't matter.	<b>No importa.</b>	<i>noh eem-por-tah</i>
What's happening?	<b>¿Qué pasa?</b>	<i>keh pah-sah</i>
Nothing much.	<b>Sin novedad.</b>	<i>seen noh-veh-dahd</i>
I have no idea.	<b>No tengo ninguna idea.</b>	<i>noh tehn-goh neen-goo-nah ee-deh-ah</i>
Good idea!	<b>¡Buena idea!</b>	<i>bweh-nah ee-deh-ah</i>
Go ahead!	<b>¡Pase!</b>	<i>pah-seh</i>
I'm tired / sick.	<b>Estoy cansado / enfermo.</b>	<i>eh-stoy kahn-sah-doh / ehn-fehr-moh</i>
I'm hungry / thirsty.	<b>Tengo hambre / sed.</b>	<i>tehn-goh ahm-breh / sed</i>
I'm hot / cold.	<b>Tengo calor / frío.</b>	<i>tehn-goh kah-lohr / free-oh</i>
I'm bored.	<b>Estoy aburrido.</b>	<i>eh-stoy ah-boo-ree-doh</i>
I don't care.	<b>No me importa.</b>	<i>noh meh eem-por-tah</i>
Don't worry	<b>No se preocupe.</b>	<i>noh seh preh-oh-koo-peh</i>
That's alright. / It's ok.	<b>Está bien.</b>	<i>ehs-tah bee-ehn</i>
I forgot.	<b>Me olvidé.</b>	<i>meh ohl-vee-deh</i>
I must go now.	<b>Tengo que ir ahora.</b>	<i>tehn-goh keh eer ah-oh-rah</i>
Ready?	<b>¿Listo?</b>	<i>lees-toh</i>

Maybe / It depends.	<b>Quizás / Depende.</b>	<i>kee-sahs / deh-pehn-deh</i>
Not yet.	<b>Todavía no.</b>	<i>toh-dah-vee-ah noh</i>
How funny!	<b>¡Qué chistoso!</b>	<i>keh chees-toh-soh</i>
Have a nice day!	<b>¡Que le vaya bien!</b>	<i>keh leh vah-yah bee-ehn</i>
We'll see you!	<b>¡Nos vemos!</b>	<i>nohs veh-mos</i>
Bless you!	<b>¡Salud!</b>	<i>sah-lood</i>
Congratulations!	<b>¡Felicitaciones!</b>	<i>feh-lee-see-tah-see-oh-nehs</i>
Good luck!	<b>¡Buena suerte!</b>	<i>bweh-nah swehr-teh</i>
It's your turn. (informal)	<b>Te toca a ti.</b>	<i>teh toh-kah ah tee</i>
Shut up!	<b>¡Callate!</b>	<i>kah-yah-teh</i>
I love you. (informal / singular)	<b>Te amo.</b>	<i>tay ah-moh</i>

Notice that Spanish has informal and formal ways of speaking. This is because there is more than one meaning to "you" in Spanish (as well as in many other languages.) The informal you is used when talking to close friends, relatives, animals or children. The formal you is used when talking to someone you just met, do not know well, or someone for whom you would like to show respect (a professor, for example.)

**Encantado, cansado, enfermo, and aburrido** are the masculine forms of the words. If the words refer to a woman or are spoken by a woman, then the final **o** changes to **a**: **encantada, cansada, enferma, and aburrida**

In Spain, as well as Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela, the Spanish language is called **castellano** instead of español.

**Por favor** is often shortened to just **porfa**. **Porfis** can also be used to mean pretty please.

Please keep in mind that because Spanish is spoken in many countries, there are several regional dialects and accents so pronunciation rules may not apply to all countries. This tutorial is mostly concerned with the standardized varieties that are spoken in Mexico and northern/central Spain, but will also include common variants from other countries and/or regions. (The southern region of Spain, Andalucía, and the Canary Islands, exhibit features that are closer to Latin American Spanish.)