

Why Learn Spanish?

Do you want to learn Spanish? Then you have to read this...

There are over **400 million native Spanish speakers** around the world. And another 185 million use Spanish to communicate. Spanish is the official language of **21 countries**, and it is also spoken in a number of other nations, such as Canada and Brazil. **The US**, for example, has **over 40 million** Spanish speakers.

'I want to learn Spanish. But... Which one?'

The extension of Spanish gives way to a lot of **variety**. Take the word *pen*, for instance. It can be *birome*, *lapicera*, *bolígrafo*, *lápiz pasta*, *lápiz tinta*, *lapicero*, *pluma* o *esfero*. It only depends on which Spanish-speaking country you are in. Sometimes, there are some regional differences even within the same country.

But don't get discouraged! **It is possible to learn Spanish and be able to communicate with any Spanish speaker!**

'Great! So, is there some kind of "neutral" or "standard" Spanish?'

Well, no. There is no such thing as a *one-Spanish-fits-all* language. But that doesn't mean we can't understand each other. Learning local words from different places can add a great flavor to your Spanish!

Plus, you probably want to learn Spanish to communicate with a certain community of speakers. So you can look for a teacher who knows or speaks that variety.

Of course, if you just want to learn for fun, you can do it as well!

'Is Spanglish Spanish?'

Spanglish, as the word suggests, is a mix of the Spanish and English languages. It involves either using words from both languages in the same sentence, or taking a word in one of them and adapting it –or forcing it– into the other by adding suffixes or with other methods. Mostly, words and expressions from English are used in a "*Spanish-ish*" form.

For example, *vacuum the carpet* is *vacunar la carpeta* in Spanglish. The Spanish version could be *aspirar la alfombra*. Note that both *vacunar* and *carpeta* have **other meanings** in Spanish (*immunize* and *folder*, respectively).

Some people consider *Spanglish* as a language. It might be. But for sure, it is **different from Spanish**.

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- **Spanish comprises a vast culture.** It is a language spoken in many lands, with various landscapes, history, food variety, and rich literary works. There is no better way to imbibe a new culture than learning its language.
- **It's fun, and easy!** Unlike English, Spanish spelling and pronunciation are rather simple. Besides, nowadays there are many resources available to help you learn a new language –apps, texts, videos, and even the possibility of learning with a native speaker!
- **It's good for your brain.** Learning any language has a lot of benefits for the brain. It can help you become more productive and efficient, and even help you see things more objectively. Studies show that we

become more rational when speaking a second language.

- **It can boost your career.** Learning another language opens new opportunities. And if you take into account the number of people who speaks Spanish, you can have a greater chance of expanding professionally. Did you know that, if you want to move people to action, it is [better to talk to them in their native language](#)?
- **It can be a matter of identity.** Our own identity –and the identity of the things we know– is very complex and filled with nuances. It involves a mixture of many different and diverse cultures. So you could easily have some Hispanic touch in your past and not even be aware of it. Why not explore it?

Ready to learn Spanish? I can help you!

I love languages and I'd love to help you learn my native language! As a translator, I have an expert knowledge about languages, and I am constantly in touch with the different variants of Spanish.

Each student learns for a different reason, and has a different background. You may have some knowledge of Spanish, or you may need to learn from scratch. That's why I always try to tailor classes to the student's needs, and also to their preferences as much as possible!

Learning a new language also means learning about a new culture. I like combining resources that can help you see how Spanish is really used, as well as reinforcing knowledge of grammar and vocabulary as necessary.

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“To learn a language is to have one more window from which to look at the world.”