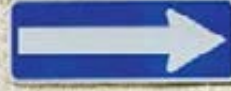




How much is it?
¿Cuánto cuesta?
[kwanto kwessta]



> PRONUNCIATION MADE EASY

Don't be shy, just get stuck in: our simple phonetic pronunciation guides will help you pronounce all the words, terms and phrases in this book easily and correctly.

> 'POINT & SHOW' PICTURES

A picture is worth a thousand words. Whether you're out shopping, in a restaurant, at a hotel or need help with your car, our 'point & show' pictures will help you on your way.

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FROM A TO Z
All the key themes in alphabetical order: from Doctor's visits to telephone conversations.

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An A to Z of the most important words.
How handy!

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Order with ease and tuck in with pleasure – foreign language menus will never be an indecipherable mystery again.

> A PACKED SCHEDULE

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BASIC CONVERSATION

GOODBYE/BYE! | ¡HASTA LA VISTA! / ¡ADIÓS! [assta la beessta/ad-yoss]

Bye!/See you later!	¡Adiós!/¡Hasta luego! [ad-yoss/assta lwego]
See you tomorrow!/soon!	¡Hasta mañana!/¡pronto! [assta manyana/pronto]
Good night!	¡Buenas noches! [bwenass noches]
It was nice to meet you.	Me alegre mucho de haberle/haberte conocido. [meh alegre moocho deh aberleh/aberteh konothedo]

PLEASE | POR FAVOR [por favor]

Could you do me a favour?	¿Puedo pedirle un favor? [pwedo pedeerteh oon favor]
Can you help me, please?	¿Puede usted ayudarme, por favor? [pwedeh oossted a-yoodarmeh, por favor]
May I?	¿Permite? [permeeteh]
Don't mention it.	De nada. [deh nada]
You're welcome.	No hay de qué. [no ai deh keh]
With pleasure!	¡Con (mucho) gusto! [kon (moocho) goossto]

THANK YOU! | ¡GRACIAS! [grath-yass]

Thank you very much!	¡Muchas gracias! [moochass grath-yass]
Yes, thank you!	¡Gracias, con mucho gusto! [grath-yass, kon moocho goossto]
No, thank you!	No, muchas gracias. [no, moochass grath-yass]
Thank you. The same to you!	Gracias, igualmente. [grath-yass, eegwalmtehteh]
That's very kind of you, thank you.	Gracias, es muy amable de su/tu parte. [grath-yass, ess mwee amableh deh soo/too parteh]

I'M SORRY! | ¡PERDÓN! [perdon]

I'm sorry (I'm late)!	¡Lo siento mucho! (¡Siento mucho llegar tarde!) [lo syento moocho (syento moocho yegar tardeh)]
What a pity!	¡Peccato! [pek'kato]

ALL THE BEST! | ¡QUE LE/TE VAYA BIEN! [keh leh/teh ba-ya byen]

Congratulations!	¡Mi más cordial felicitación! ¡Enhorabuena! [mee mass kord-yal feletheetath-yon/enorabwena]
Happy birthday!	¡Muchas felicidades en el día de su/tu cumpleaños! [moochass feletheedaddess en el dee-a deh soo/too koomplay-anyoss]
Good luck!	¡Mucho éxito!/¡Mucha suerte! [moocho eksseeto/moocha swerteh]

COMPLIMENTS | CUMPLIDOS [koompleedoss]

How nice/lovely!	¡Qué bien! [keh byen]
That's wonderful/great!	¡Esto es fantástico! [esto ess fantassteeko]
You speak very good English.	Habla muy bien el inglés. [abla mwee byen el eengless]
You look very nice!	¡Está usted muy guapo/guapa! [essta oossted mwee gwapo/gwapa]
I think you're very nice.	Lo/La encuentro muy simpático/simpática/amable. [lo/la enkwentro mwee seempateeko/seempateeka/amableh]

beautiful	bonito [boneeto]
excellent	excelente [ekss-thelenteh]
friendly	amable [amableh]
impressive	impresionante [eempresyionanteh]
nice	agradable [agradableh]
pretty	(person) guapo [gwapo]; (object) bonito [boneeto]
tasty	bueno [bweno], rico [reeko]
wonderful	fantástico [fantassteeko]

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE



Insider Tips

Greetings

The Spanish are very relaxed when it comes to saying 'hello'. Of course you'll hear the more standard *Buenos días* [bwenoss dee-ass] until about 2pm, *Buenas tardes* [bwenass tardess] until around 9pm and *Buenas noches* later on at night, but you'll come across the more casual alternatives – *¡Hola!* [ola] "Hello!", and *¿Qué tal?/¿Qué hay?* [keh ta/key ay] "How's it going?"

See You Later?

When saying goodbye, Spanish people often use casual phrases that – if taken literally – sound as if they're making arrangements for a future date. But don't get out your diary straight away: when someone says *Hasta luego* [assta loo-ego] or *Nos vemos* [noss bemoss] ("till later" and "we'll see each other", respectively), it doesn't necessarily mean they have any plans to see you in the future. Equally, when someone says *Nos llamamos* [noss yamamos] ("we'll speak on the phone"), they might have no intention of ever dropping you a line.

Forms of Address

To address someone politely or in a formal context, use the polite form of you (*usted* [oossted]) along with *señor* or *señora*: *Buenos días, señor/señora López, ¿cómo se encuentra usted?* [bwenoss dee-ass, senyor/senyora lopeh, como she enkwentra oossted]. This is also the right way of going about asking an older person for directions, etc.: *Perdone señora/señor, ¿dónde se encuentra el hotel ...?* [peroneh senyora/senyor, doneh se enkwentra el otel]



➤ A CULINARY ADVENTURE

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FOOD & DRINK

GOING FOR A MEAL | IR A COMER [eer a komer]

Is there... here?
a good restaurant
a restaurant serving
local specialities

¿Dónde hay por aquí cerca ... [dondeh ai por akee therka]
un buen restaurante? [oon bwen resstowranteh]
un restaurante típico?
[oon resstowranteh teepeeeko]

I would like to reserve a table
for (four) for this evening,
please.

¿Puede reservarnos para esta noche una mesa para
(cuatro) personas? [pwedeh resserbarnoss para essta nocheh oona
messa para [kwatro] perssonass]

A table for (two/three), please.

Una mesa para (dos/tres) personas, por favor.
[oona messa para [doss/tress] perssonass, por fabor]

Is this table free?

¿Está libre esta mesa? [essta leebreh essta messa]

Do you have a (non)smoking
area?

¿Hay también una zona de (no) fumadores?
[ai tam-byen oona thona deh (no) foomadoress]

Where are the toilets, please?

¿Dónde están los servicios, por favor?
[dondeh esstan loss serbeeth-yoss, por fabor]

Enjoy your meal!, Cheers!
The food is/was great!

¡Que aproveche! [keh aprobhech], ¡Salud! [salood]
¡La comida está/ha estado estupenda!
[la komeda essta/a estado estoopenda]

I'm full, thank you.

No, gracias, ya estoy satisfecho.
[no, grath-yass, ya estoy sateessfecho]

Do you mind if I smoke?

¿Le molesta que fume? [leh molossta keh foomeh]

There's hardly anyone here.

(lit: there are four cats here)

Aquí hay cuatro gatos. [akee ai kwatro gatoss]



> WORDS GONE WILD

When your dictionary fails you and everyone seems to be talking gobbledegook, you've most likely been plunged headfirst into the wonderful world of slang.

BECOME AN INSIDER

Who hasn't been in this situation: you've made some contacts in a foreign land and are excitedly listening to your new friends chatting away – but their speech is littered with mysterious words that quite simply leave you in the dark. That's because there's a world of difference between the language you'll find in the dictionary and the language people actually use on the street. But don't panic: over the next few pages, we'll plunge you headfirst into the lingo that's spoken in cafés, clubs, bars, shops, hotels and hostels, and show you the way people talk when they're chatting on the bus, on the train, and in the lively

WARNING! SLANG

**Insider
Tips**

squares of villages, towns and cities. We've tracked down all the most authentic, essential and downright funniest slang expressions to give you some all-important insider knowledge. But beware: there are some phrases that are better left unsaid! Also, bear in mind that slang is often a very local affair and that pronunciation can vary from region to region. But with a bit of patience, you'll be able to get a handle on all the different regional dialects and listen in on what everyone has to say.

Have fun reading this chapter and broadening your vocabulary!