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Making Spanish part of your life is easier than you have been shown

Just as 3 primary colors make all colors, 12 notes make all music and 26 letters make all English Literature.

138 words are all you need to begin communicating effectively in Spanish.

All you need to do now is...

Learn 138 words,

Master the easy steps to using them with Synergy!

And 25 days from now you will be communicating effectively in Spanish.

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Welcome to the Spanish speaking world.

Today is your first step into the exciting world of speaking a second language.

Congratulations for having the courage to try a radically different approach.

But perhaps it wasn’t courage on your part. Perhaps like me a few years ago, you have been exasperated, bored and disappointed in your attempts to learn Spanish. All the subjunctives and adjective clauses and preterit can really wear you down.

Or maybe you just stumbled across this book and the ideas resonated with you.

How ever you got here, I expect in 25 days from now you will be glad we have found each other.

You see….

When I started learning Spanish I had a very hard time. I had the will and the desire; In fact I would get up an hour earlier every morning just to study. But my progress was slow.

For you progress won’t be slow. In fact it will be very fast. In just 25 days, if you take the time to master the steps in this course and master just 138 Spanish words. You will be able to express many ideas in Spanish and you will be able to manipulate the Spanish Language to say what you need to say in the real world.

This is not classroom pass an exam and forget it Spanish. This is for you to use in the real world.

You can use the Spanish for business to communicate with potential partners on business projects and create strong relationships.

You may want to speak Spanish for pleasure, maybe to get closer to Spanish speaking relatives, to make new friends, to make travel more exciting or even for romance….

That’s what got me started.

Whatever your reason for wanting to learn Spanish, I hope that this course is a blessing in your life and opens the door to a new world for you, the world of Spanish.

Sincerely

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Introduction
Getting started

There are few things you need to know before we get started.

You know swimming with a current is much easier than swimming against it. If you try and swim against the current you will expend a lot of energy and get nowhere. If you swim with the current you will move fast with a lot of momentum. Use the tools in this course to make learning Spanish as fast as possible, like swimming with a current you don't need to expend a lot of energy to make a lot of progress.

Synergy Spanish Tool #1
The most important foundation of your communication is the Synergy Verbs.

What are Synergy Verbs?

Maybe a better question is what is synergy?

Addition is 1+1 =2
Synergy is 1+1=3
Synergy can also be 1+1 = 5
Or 1+1 = 1 million

Addition is John Lennon making good music by himself in the 70s and Paul McCartney making good music by himself in the 70s. But Synergy is John and Paul together making music in the 60s that is timeless.

The sum is greater than the parts.

In Spanish the Synergy Verbs are simple words that you can combine easily with other words to make almost infinite Spanish expressions. You can use them to easily express just about anything you want.

In this course you only need to learn just 30 Synergy Verbs

Synergy Spanish Tool #2
The second tool for rapid Spanish communication is Brick Verbs

If you can stack blocks, with the Synergy Verb/Brick Verb combination, you can make hundreds of Spanish sentences.

Brick Verbs are stacked onto Synergy Verbs and the combinations are powerful. No need for mindless verb conjugations, you just stack Synergy Verbs and Brick Verbs and begin communicating in Spanish fast.
In this course you will master 44 Brick Verbs plus 30 Synergy Verbs.

44 x 30 = 1320

1320 Spanish combinations.

Big deal!

You need to say more Spanish than that.

**Synergy Spanish Tool #3**

*Your ability to express yourself in and Spanish is multiplied with Mortar Words*

We had better add some Mortar to the bricks,

Now we can combine and create

44 Brick Verbs x 30 Synergy Verbs x 64 Mortar Words = 84480 potential Spanish sentences

More than 84 000 Spanish sentences

That’s not a bad start.

But it’s even better than that because you can recombine and compound the Spanish, then the potential for your Spanish expression is… well too big a number for me to calculate.

Just as 3 primary colors make all colors, 12 notes make all music, 26 letters make all English Literature. 138 words are all you need to begin communicating effectively in Spanish.

Synergy Verbs, Brick Verbs and Mortar are your three powerful tools to jump start your Spanish.

There are four more tools designed to make your learning Spanish as seamless, easy and fast as possible.

The fourth tool is a super fast way to learn Spanish Vocabulary.

**Synergy Spanish Tool #4**

*Mnemonics – How to ignite your imagination to learn Spanish words in a flash*

Mnemonics are without doubt the most powerful tool for learning a language.

How do mnemonics work?
Mnemonics make a link between English and the Spanish word that you want to learn. For example, the Spanish word for bread is **pan**.

Imagine yourself cooking bread in a **pan**. Really use your imagination and see yourself in your mind cooking a whole loaf of bread in the **pan**. The crazier it looks the better.

By creating a picture in your mind and using your imagination you access the right brain. The right brain is the creative side of your brain. The right brain learns fast. Just look at the world’s masters of right brain imagination and fast learning. Children! Plus, you have an easy to remember link between the English word bread and the Spanish word for bread, **pan**.

**The mnemonics in the book look like this.**

The Spanish word for there is or there are is **hay**. (EYE) Imagine a Cyclops says, “There is something in my eye.”

**There are 4 elements in learning with mnemonics**

1. The word in the (BRACKETS AND CAPITAL LETTERS) on the far right is how to pronounce the word in Spanish. The BOLDED VOWEL in the pronunciation guide carries more stress.

2. The underlined words there is and there are are the English word or words you are learning.

3. The bold word on the first line (**hay**) is the Spanish word as it is spelled.

4. The bold word on the second line (**eye**) is the mnemonic link to the Spanish word as it is pronounced.

**Please note**

Mnemonic work best if the link word is close to the sound of the Spanish word regardless of the spelling. So the mnemonics always give you a mental link to the sound of the Spanish words.

**Synergy Spanish Tool #5**

**Start first by understanding Spanish**

Each lesson has an exercise in understanding Spanish, real Spanish just as it’s spoken... These lessons recycle words from previous lessons to reinforce and strengthen the Spanish in your mind. You will develop your sense of correctness in Spanish and an understanding of how Spanish is put together.

**Synergy Spanish Tool #6**

**Now you are ready to create Spanish**

In every chapter you actually create Spanish.
These are writing exercises. However, if you are like me, and you don't want to write them out, that's okay. You don't have to write if you don't want. Instead translate in your mind and scroll down to the answers. Or print out the pages and cover the answers as you translate in your mind.

**Synergy Spanish Tool #7**  
**Shortcut to Spanish Component**  
Simple, easy to follow Spanish speaking hints that make it easy you to communicate and be understood wherever you use your Spanish

As you go through the course you will see two types of boxes. The first like this one.

**Spanish Speaking hints**  
Communication Multipliers

In the **communication multipliers** boxes are explanations of Spanish structures. The explanations are short. They are designed to be easy, so you can use them in the real world and use them right away to multiply your ability to communicate in Spanish.

**Spanish Speaking hints**  
Accuracy pointer

In the **Accuracy pointer** boxes are explanations of differences between Spanish and English. Why not start speaking Spanish accurately from the start. But don't sweat it if you make a mistake from time to time. You will most likely be understood if you master your Synergy Verbs, Brick verbs Mortar words and **communication multipliers** structures.

**Synergy Spanish Tool #8**  
68 audio lessons for real Spanish expression

This is where you really build your confidence and skill to communicate in Spanish. The 68 audio lessons, guide you step by easy step to speak in full Spanish sentences. Not only that, you learn to recombine the Synergy Verbs, Brick Verbs and Mortar Words in so many ways that you will be excited to discover just how much you can say in Spanish.

That's it; eight easy to use tools to jumpstart your Spanish. If you can stack blocks you can communicate in Spanish. 3 primary colors make all colors, 12 notes make all music, and 26 letters make all English Literature. 138 words are all you need to learn to begin communicating effectively in Spanish.

Well, let's get started. A world of Spanish awaits you.
Step 1 The first steps to Speaking Spanish
Lección uno
Lesson 1 Your first Synergy Verbs and Brick Verbs

Synergy Verbs

1. The Spanish word for I want is **quiero**
   Imagine a friend says "I want to help I care oh so much."

2. The Spanish word for I need is **necesito**
   Imagine saying, "I need it because it is a necessity."

Spanish Speaking Hints
Communication Multiplied #1

**Negations**

Negations are dead easy in Spanish.
Just put no before the verb

E.G
I want = quiero
I don't want = no quiero
I need = necesito
I don't need = no necesito

That's how easy it is to make negations in Spanish.

**Brick Verbs**

Okay now you have two Synergy Verbs. We'll add more soon. For now let's add some Brick Verbs. The Brick Verbs are Spanish infinitive verbs.

3. The Spanish word for to eat is **comer**
   Imagine your mom saying "come ere to eat."

4. The Spanish word for to go is **Ir**
   Imagine that you have to go to the doctor because you have a sore ear

5. The Spanish word for to see is **Ver**
   Look at something on your desk
   You need to see it up very close

6. The Spanish for to speak is **hablar**
   Imagine a kid trying to speak but he just says a blah a blah a blah
Ejercicio 1A
See how well you remembered your new Spanish Synergy Verbs and Brick Verbs. Write the English words on the line

1. The English words for **quiero** are

2. The English words for **necesito** are

3. The English words for **hablar** are

4. The English words for **ver** are

5. The English words for **ir** are

6. The English words for **comer** are

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Respuestas del ejercicio 1A

1. I want
2. I need
3. To speak
4. To see
5. To go
6. To eat
**Ejercicio 1B Translate into English**

In the following exercise you will see some new Spanish words. Don't use a translation dictionary. You will most likely be able to work out their meanings in Spanish from context or from their similarity to English words.

Just relax and get used to understanding Spanish. You will be absorbing new Spanish words and structures while developing an important learning skill.

Al = to the

1. Quiero hablar español en mis vacaciones.
2. Necesito hablar español en la compañía.
3. Necesito ver al doctor por favor.
5. Quiero comer en un restaurante tradicional.
6. No necesito ir hasta mañana.
7. No quiero comer comida china, quiero comer comida mexicana.
8. Quiero ir a España en mayo.
10. Quiero comer algo diferente.
11. Necesito ir al hotel.
12. Quiero comer un burrito en el mercado.
13. Quiero ver el menú por favor.
14. Quiero ir a la fiesta.
15. Necesito ir a Argentina en junio.
16. No quiero ir en junio, quiero ir en septiembre.
Ejercicio 1B Translate into English

1. I want to speak Spanish on my vacation.
2. I need to speak Spanish in the company.
3. I need to see the doctor please.
4. I need to go to the doctor.
5. I want to eat in a traditional restaurant.
6. I don’t need to go until tomorrow.
7. I don’t want to eat Chinese food; I want to eat Mexican food.
8. I want to go to Spain in May.
9. I need to eat.
10. I want to eat something different.
11. I need to go to the hotel.
12. I want to eat a burrito in the market.
13. I want to see the menu please.
14. I want to go to the party.
15. I need to go to Argentina in June.
16. I don’t want to go in June; I want to go in September.
Ejercicio 1C
How well do you know your Spanish words? Have you internalized them? If you know them well you will be able to translate from English to Spanish.

1. The Spanish word for I want is ____________
2. The Spanish word for I need is ____________
3. The Spanish word for to eat is ____________
4. The Spanish word for to speak is ____________
5. The Spanish word for to see is ____________
6. The Spanish word for to go is ____________

Respuestas del ejercicio 1C

1. quiero
2. necesito
3. comer
4. hablar
5. ver
6. ir
Ejercicio 1D Translate into Spanish

This is where you are going to really use your Spanish. Go ahead and make some real Spanish sentences.

Hints
a restaurant = un restaurante
my house is your house = mi casa es su casa
To (a place) = a

1. I want to speak Spanish.
2. I don’t want to eat.
3. I need to speak Spanish.
4. I want to see your house.
5. I need to go to your house.
6. I want to eat.
7. I want to go to Spain.
8. I don’t need to go to Chile.
9. I need to eat.
10. I don’t want to eat in my house; I want to eat in a restaurant.
11. I need to go to Mexico.
12. I want to eat tacos.
13. I want to see Chichen Itza.
Respuestas del ejercicio 1D

1. Quiero hablar español.
2. No quiero comer.
3. Necesito hablar español.
4. Quiero ver su casa.
5. Necesito ir a mi casa.
6. Quiero comer.
7. Quiero ir a España.
8. No necesito ir a Chile.
10. No quiero comer en mi casa, quiero comer en un restaurante.
11. Necesito ir a México.
12. Quiero comer tacos.
13. Quiero ver Chichen Itza.

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That’s it for today.

Tomorrow we will add some Mortar to the Brick Verbs and Synergy Verbs. Mortar words hold the Spanish together. They allow you to say more with your sentences.

Do you see how you can say a lot with just a few words? Soon you’ll have a lot greater expressiveness. In fact we have 24 more lessons. So you have a long way to go and a lot more Spanish soon will be yours.

You will learn 24 times more. But your ability to express yourself in Spanish will be thousands of times more.

How is that possible?

Well each time you learn more of these essential words and structures you have more ability to make compound sentences. It is an exponential growth.

If you are unfamiliar with exponential growth this is how it works

Additional growth 6+6+6+6 = 24
Exponential growth 6x6x6x6 = 1296

Sorry, no more math I promise.

The point is for you to learn not to just add more words to your Spanish, but to learn to multiply your Spanish. That way you can take a little Spanish and communicate a lot.

Until tomorrow my friend

Hasta mañana amigo(a).

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