Synergy Spanish
A 25-Day Course That Shows You How to Easily and Quickly Turn
138 Spanish Words into Effective Spanish Communication.

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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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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.

The most important foundation of the course is 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

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.

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.

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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.

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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.

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.

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Synergy Spanish Tool #5
Understand 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
You 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.

Shortcut to Spanish Component #7
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.

That's it; seven 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.
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

**Negations**

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

E.G

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>I want</th>
<th>quiero</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>I don't want</td>
<td>no quiero</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>I need</td>
<td>necesito</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>I don't need</td>
<td>no necesito</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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 word 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 ________________

Respuestas 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.

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**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

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**Respuestas 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 my 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 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  \[6 \times 6 \times 6 \times 6 = 1296\]

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.

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Mortar

Pronunciation

7. The Spanish for \textit{with you} is \textbf{con usted} \hfill (CON OO STED)
   I would like to be \textit{with you} \textbf{Constantly}

8. The Spanish word for \textit{now} is \textbf{ahora} \hfill (AH AURA)
   Imagine a hippie says \textit{now} I see you have a \textbf{aura}

Spanish Speaking hints

\textbf{Accuracy pointer \#1}

\begin{center}
\textbf{\textit{h} is always silent in Spanish}
\end{center}

\begin{tabular}{|l|l|}
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\textbf{Spanish} & \textbf{Pronunciation} \\
\hline
\textit{honor} & \textit{h} is silent in English \texttt{honour} in British English \\
\textit{Hotel} & \textit{otel} \hfill \textit{Hotel} \texttt{otel} \\
\textit{Hospital} & \textit{ospital} \hfill \textit{Hospital} \texttt{ospital} \\
\textit{Alcohol} & \textit{alco ol} \hfill \textit{Alcohol} \texttt{alco ol} \\
\textit{Ahora (now)} & \textit{a ora} \hfill \textit{Ahora (now)} \texttt{a ora} \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

9. The Spanish word for \textit{soon} is \textbf{pronto} \hfill (PRONTO)
   I am sure you have heard people in the movies say \textit{"Do it pronto"} meaning do it \textit{soon}

10. The Spanish for \textit{in order to} is \textbf{para} \hfill (PAH RAH)
    \textit{In order to} teach a \textbf{parrot} Spanish
    you must know Spanish

\textbf{Please note:}

\textbf{Para} can also mean \textit{for}.

11. The Spanish for \textit{more} is \textbf{más} \hfill (MAHS)
    Arnold has \textit{more} \textbf{muscles} than I do.

12. The Spanish for \textit{tonight} is \textbf{esta noche} \hfill (ES STAR NOCH EY)
    \textit{Tonight} I am going to get a \textbf{star notched} on my belt.
I WANT TO SEE HIM

In Spanish there are two ways to say I want to see him.

You can use the **method 1**, the reverse word order to English

**Method 1**
Lo quiero ver  Him I want to see

Or you can use **method 2** and attach **lo** to the Brick Verb.

**Method 2**
Quiero verlo  I want to see him

Both versions are correct.

Both are commonly used.

I WANT TO SEE HER

Notice the small change to say I want to see her

**Method 1**
La quiero ver  Her I want to see

Again **method 2** attaches **la** to the Brick Verb.

**Method 2**
Quiero verla  I want to see her

In this course we will use **method 2**

Why?

Method 2 is much easier when you are starting to learn Spanish. You can use method 2 comfortably and almost instantly. So why not swim with the current. Why not use the structure closest to English so you can communicate in Spanish fast and with comfort.

Later, if you want to go on and become really advanced in your Spanish, you can learn **method 1**.

For now, get some practice with **method 2** in the exercises in this lesson. Also, in exercise 2A notice the new Brick Verbs. They are so close to English you should understand them right away.

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Ejercicio 2A
See how well you remembered your Spanish Synergy Verbs and Brick Verbs from lesson 1 plus your new Mortar words from this lesson. Write the English words on the line

1. The English words for **con usted** are ________________
2. The English word for **ahora** is ________________
3. The English word for **pronto** is ________________
4. The English words for **para** are ________________
5. The English word for **más** is ________________
6. The English word for **esta noche** is ________________
7. The English words for **quiero** are ________________
8. The English words for **necesito** are ________________
9. The English words for **hablar** are ________________
10. The English words for **ver** are ________________
11. The English words for **ir** are ________________
12. The English words for **comer** are ________________

Respuestas ejercicio 2A

1. with you
2. now
3. soon
4. in order to
5. more
6. tonight
7. I want
8. I need
9. to speak
10. to see
11. to go
12. to eat
Ejercicio 2B Translate into English

Y = and
Hay = there is/there are

1. Necesito ver su visa ahora.
2. Quiero verla en la fiesta.
4. Hay un problema, necesito verlo.
5. Quiero ir a Perú para estudiar y practicar el español.
7. Para ver Venus necesito un telescopio.
8. Quiero invitarlo a la fiesta.
9. No quiero comer en el restaurante esta noche.
10. No quiero ir a Tijuana esta noche.
11. Esta noche quiero ir al teatro.
12. Quiero comer algo diferente esta noche.
13. Quiero ver más partes de México.
15. No quiero comer comida mexicana esta noche, preferiría comida americana.
16. Quiero ir a la fiesta esta noche.
17. Necesito ir a Argentina pronto.
18. Necesito ir a México en junio para visitar la planta.
19. Quiero visitarla en diciembre.
20. Quiero ver los mariachis en Plaza Garibaldi esta noche.
22. Quiero ir a Grecia para ver los Juegos Olímpicos.
Respuestas ejercicio 2B

1. I need to see your visa now.
2. I want to see her at (in) the party.
3. I need to go to the doctor now.
4. There is a problem, I need to see him.
5. I want to go to Peru in order to study and practice Spanish.
6. I need to go to the hotel soon.
7. In order to see Venus I need a telescope.
8. I want to invite him to the party.
9. I don't want to eat in the restaurant tonight.
10. I don't want to go to Tijuana tonight.
11. Tonight I want to go to the theater.
12. I want to eat something different tonight.
13. I want to see more parts of Mexico.
14. I need to go to the hotel now.
15. I don't want to eat Mexican food tonight, I would prefer American food.
16. I want to go to the party tonight.
17. I need to go to Argentina soon.
18. I need to go to Mexico in June in order to visit the plant.
19. I want to visit her in December.
20. I want to see the Mariachis in Garibaldi Plaza tonight.
21. I need to see the passports.
22. I want to go to Greece in order to see the Olympic Games.

**Ejercicio 2C**
See how well you remembered your Spanish Synergy Verbs and Brick Verbs from lesson 1. Plus test your memory of your new Mortar words from this lesson. Write the Spanish words on the line

1. The Spanish words for **with you** are
2. The Spanish word for **now** is
3. The Spanish word for **soon** is
4. The Spanish word for **in order to** is
5. The Spanish word for **more** is
6. The Spanish words for **tonight** are
7. The Spanish word for **I want** is
8. The Spanish word for **I need** is
9. The Spanish word for **to speak** is
10. The Spanish word for **to see** is
11. The Spanish word for **to go** is
12. The Spanish word for **to eat** is

**Respuestas ejercicio 2C**

1. con usted
2. ahora
3. pronto
4. para
5. más
6. esta noche
7. quiero
8. necesito
9. hablar
10. ver
11. ir
12. comer
Ejercicio 2D Translate into Spanish

Hints
please = por favor
thank you = gracias

1. I want to see him now.
2. I need to speak Spanish soon.
3. I need to eat now.
4. I want to go to my house in order to eat.
5. I need to see her soon.
6. I want to go to a restaurant in order to eat.
7. I don't want to eat now.
8. I don't need more.
9. I need to speak more Spanish.
10. I want to see her tonight.
11. I want to speak more Spanish with you soon.
12. I need to see him tonight.
13. I want to speak with you.
14. I need to go to my house now.
15. I want to eat now.
16. I want to eat soon.
17. I want to eat in a restaurant tonight.
18. I want to see Machu Picchu soon.
19. I want to see her soon.
20. I want more please.
21. I don't want more thank you.
22. I need to speak with you.
23. I need to eat.
24. I need to see him now.

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Ejercicio 2D Translate into Spanish

1. Quiero verlo ahora.
2. Necesito hablar español pronto.
4. Quiero ir a mi casa para comer.
5. Necesito verla pronto.
6. Quiero ir a un restaurante para comer.
7. No quiero comer ahora.
8. No necesito más.
10. Quiero verla esta noche.
11. Quiero hablar más español con usted pronto.
13. Quiero hablar con usted.
15. Quiero comer ahora.
16. Quiero comer pronto.
17. Quiero comer en un restaurante esta noche.
18. Quiero ver Machu Picchu pronto.
19. Quiero verla pronto.
20. Quiero más por favor.
21. No quiero más gracias.
22. Necesito hablar con usted.
23. Necesito comer.
See how your Spanish is multiplying.

Just two lessons and you are making real Spanish sentences. Real Spanish that you can go out and use in the world right now if you want.

Well we are 2/25 through the course or 8% for those on the metric system. Oops there is the math again, and I promised no more math.

Okay, no more math,

but a lot more Spanish.

Remember to enjoy the journey.

Until tomorrow
Hasta mañana

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New Synergy Verbs

13. The Spanish for *I am going to* is **voy a** (BOY AH)
   Imagine you are excited about a party and you say, "**boy a party, I am going to go for sure.**"

14. The Spanish for *I would like* is **me gustaría** (MEH GOOS TAH RIA)
   Imagine Homer Simpson says,  
   *I would like a star made of marshmallow, My gooey star, which I would like to eat.*

Spanish Speaking Hints

**Communication Multiplied #3**

The future

**Voy a = I am going to**

Talking about what you are going to do in the future in Spanish is very easy.

Just like English you can put I am going in front of the verb, like this;

- **Voy a visitar** a mi amigo I am going to visit my friend
- **Voy a rentar** un coche I am going to rent a car
- **Voy a ver** las pirámides I am going to see the pyramids
- **Voy a hablar** con usted I am going to speak with you

**How to say I am going to go**

The Brick Verb *to go* = **ir**

- I am going **to go** voy a ir
- I am going **to go** to Spain Voy a ir a España

How easy is that? And the good news is it's all that EASY.

So let's move on.

**Note:** If you haven't read Shortcut to Spanish yet, it is a great addition to this course. It shows you how to use 31 categories of Spanish words that you can create instantly from English words, giving you an almost instant vocabulary of 3013 words.

Get free chapters of "Shortcut to Spanish" from [www.how-to-speak.com](http://www.how-to-speak.com)
New Brick Verbs

15. The Spanish word for to visit is **visitar** (VISIT AHR)
   This is easy, an instant Spanish word, just add **AR**.

16. The Spanish word for to Invite is **invitar** (IN VIT AHR)
   Also an instant Spanish word, just drop the **E** and add **AR**.

17. The Spanish word for to help is **ayudar** (AY YOU DAHR)
   Imagine saying "**ay you der,**
   I need you to help me"

18. The Spanish word for to call is **llamar** (YA MAHR)
   Imagine a teenager saying "**ya ma I**
   am going to call you"

Spanish Speaking hints
***Accuracy pointer #2***

**Pronunciación español claro**
Clear Spanish pronunciation

The LL in Spanish is pronounced like **Y** in English.

Or like the **ll** in millionaire.

Therefore, to call - **llamar** is pronounced Ya Mahr.
Ejercicio 3A
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 **voy a** are ______________
2. The English words for **me gustaría** are ______________
3. The English words for **invitar** are ______________
4. The English words for **visitar** are ______________
5. The English words for **llamar** are ______________
6. The English word for **ayudar** are ______________

Respuestas ejercicio 3A

1. I am going to
2. I would like
3. to invite
4. to visit
5. to call
6. to help
Spanish Speaking Hints
Accuracy pointer #3

People get an A

If, you use the Spanish verb "invitar" it is always followed by the letter a, like this;

Voy a invitar a Diego. I am going to invite Diego.

In Spanish when a verb is followed by a person you use the "personal a". To invite is always followed by a person so you always use the personal a.

Me gustaría invitar a David. I would like to invite David.
Voy a invitar a mi amigo. I am going to invite my friend.

Sometimes to visit is personal

The verb to visit can be followed by a person and the "personal a".

For example
Voy a visitar a Mario en la casa. I am going to visit Mario in the house.

And sometimes to visit is not personal

If you visit a place not a person.

For example
Voy a visitar México. I am going to visit Mexico

Only when it is personal do we use the personal a.

Take a look at a few more examples with people and the "personal a".

Voy a visitar a mi amigo. I am going to visit my friend.
Voy a invitar a la familia. I am going to invite the family.
Voy a llamar a la profesora. I am going to call the professor (teacher).
Voy a ayudar a la gente. I am going to help the people.

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Be bold with your Spanish

Okay, it is time to call a spade a spade. The personal a that I have just taught you is grammar.

Grammar yuck! Grammar can be unhealthy to your Spanish. Too much focus on grammar can cause hesitation. If you hesitate trying to use perfect grammar, you will lose your listener.

I have seen it many times. It is horrible to watch.

I have seen people's communication ability go backwards as they try to be perfect. They speak so slowly nobody can stand to listen to them.

- Be bold!
- Risk making a mistake.
- Everyone makes mistakes.
- Mistakes help you learn.

The worst thing that I could do to you would be to cause you to be hesitant in your Spanish.

When you get out there in the real world and use Spanish, you will have to be bold. If you get bogged down in the minor stuff, you will lose the opportunity to communicate.

And communication is what this course is all about.

So I have shown you the "personal a" so you can do the exercises. But the "personal a" is minor stuff. When it comes to speaking Spanish it is the major stuff you need to master.

What is the major stuff?

- Synergy Verbs
- Brick Verbs
- Mortar
- pronunciation

Learn them deeply to express yourself instantly.

The Synergy Verbs, Brick Verbs and Mortar will give you the ability to communicate and be understood. Communication is what makes travel a joy. It's what makes better relationships with Spanish speakers and what counts in an emergency.

Make your goal to communicate in Spanish and be understood. Get perfect later.

Go ahead and learn the Spanish "personal a". You will need it to do the exercises. But when it comes to speaking remember, be bold.
**Ejercicio 3B Translate into English**

Notice when a means to and notice when "a" is the "personal a" (in bold letters).

Note; a el contracts to al. E.G to the doctor = al doctor, to the cinema = al cine

Esposa = spouse/wife

1. Voy a ir al doctor ahora.
2. Hay un problema, necesito ayudar a mi papá.
4. Voy a ir al hotel pronto.
5. Para hablar con usted más pronto voy a estudiar mucho.
6. Esta noche me gustaría ir al cine.
7. Me gustaría comer algo diferente esta noche.
8. Voy a llamar a mi esposa esta noche.
9. Me gustaría ver más partes de México.
10. Me gustaría comer comida cubana esta noche.
11. Voy a ir a Argentina en febrero.
12. Voy a visitar a Isela en México en agosto.
13. Esta noche me gustaría ir al teatro.
15. Me gustaría ver las pirámides.
17. Voy a invitar a los mexicanos a tocar la música en la fiesta.
18. Voy a visitar a mis amigos esta noche.
19. Voy a llamar a Juan.
20. Me gustaría invitar a Gerardo.
21. Voy a ayudar a Francisco con el inglés.
22. Quiero verlo en la clase de español esta noche.
24. Hay un problema, necesito llamar a la policía.
26. Quiero invitar a la maestra a la fiesta.
27. No voy a comer en el restaurante esta noche.
28. No voy a ir a Tijuana esta noche.
Respuestas ejercicio 3B

1. I am going to go to the doctor now.
2. There is a problem; I need to help my father.
3. I would like to go to Costa Rica in order to study more Spanish.
4. I am going to go to the hotel soon.
5. In order to speak with you sooner I am going to study a lot.
6. Tonight I would like to go to the cinema.
7. I would like to eat something different tonight.
8. I am going to call my wife (spouse) tonight.
9. I would like to see more parts of Mexico.
10. I would like to eat Cuban food tonight.
11. I am going to go to Argentina in February.
12. I am going to visit Isela in Mexico in August.
13. Tonight I would like to go to the theater.
14. I am going to visit her in November.
15. I would like to see the pyramids.
16. I would like to go to Greece in order to see the Olympic Games.
17. I am going to invite the Mexicans to play music in the party.
18. I am going to visit my friends tonight.
19. I am going to call Juan.
20. I would like to invite Gerardo.
21. I am going to help Francisco with (the) English.
22. I want to see him in the Spanish class tonight.
23. I need to call the doctor.
24. There is a problem; I need to call the police.
25. I am going to go to Costa Rica in order to study Spanish.
26. I want to invite the teacher to the party.
27. I am not going to eat in the restaurant tonight.
28. I am not going to go to Tijuana tonight.

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**Ejercicio 3C**
See how well you remembered your Spanish Synergy Verbs and Brick Verbs from this lesson. Write the English words on the line

1. The Spanish words for **I am going to** are ______________
2. The Spanish words for **I would like** are ______________
3. The Spanish word for **to invite** is ______________
4. The Spanish word for **to visit** is ______________
5. The Spanish word for **to call** is ______________
6. The Spanish words for **to help** is ______________

**Respuestas ejercicio 3C**
1. voy a
2. me gustaría
3. invitar
4. visitar
5. llamar
6. ayudar
Ejercicio 3D Translate into Spanish

Hints
my friend = mi amigo  my dad = mi papá  my family = mi familia
my mom = mi mamá  to the party = a la fiesta

1. I would like to help him.
2. I am going to call her tonight.
3. I would like to visit her soon.
4. I want to visit your house in Mexico.
5. I am not going to eat in the restaurant tonight.
6. I am going to call him soon.
7. I need to call my mother tonight.
8. I am going to invite him to my house.
9. I would like to speak with you.
10. I want to visit him in Mexico.
11. I am not going to go to Los Angeles tonight.
12. I want to call my dad now.
13. I am going to call Carlos tonight.
14. I would like more please.
15. I would like to go to the party with you tonight.
16. I want to invite my friend.
17. I need to help my friend.
18. I want to visit my family soon.
19. I am going to see her in the party.
20. I am going to speak Spanish soon.
21. I am going to go to my house in order to eat.
22. I am going to see him soon.
23. I want to invite María to a restaurant.
24. I am not going to eat now.
25. I would like to see her tonight.
26. I would like to speak more Spanish with you soon.
27. I would like to eat soon.
28. I would like to invite her to the party.
29. I want to invite him to my house in order to eat tamales.
30. I am going to speak with you in Spanish soon.
Respuestas ejercicio 3D

1. Me gustaría ayudarlo.
2. Voy a llamarla esta noche.
3. Me gustaría visitarla pronto.
4. Quiero visitar su casa en México.
5. No voy a comer en el restaurante esta noche.
6. Voy a llamarlo pronto.
7. Necesito llamar a mi mamá esta noche.
8. Voy a invitarlo a mi casa.
9. Me gustaría hablar con usted.
10. Quiero visitarlo en México.
11. No voy a ir a Los Ángeles esta noche.
12. Quiero llamar a mi papá ahora.
13. Voy a llamar a Carlos esta noche.
14. Me gustaría más por favor.
15. Me gustaría ir a la fiesta esta noche con usted.
16. Quiero invitar a mi amigo.
17. Necesito ayudar a mi amigo.
18. Quiero visitar a mi familia pronto.
19. Voy a verla en la fiesta.
20. Voy a hablar español pronto.
21. Voy a ir a mi casa para comer.
22. Voy a verlo pronto.
23. Quiero invitar a María a un restaurante.
24. No voy a comer ahora.
25. Me gustaría verla esta noche.
26. Me gustaría hablar más español con usted pronto.
27. Me gustaría comer pronto.
28. Me gustaría invitarla a la fiesta.
29. Quiero invitarlo a mi casa para comer tamales.
30. Voy a hablar con usted en español pronto.
Congratulations, you have made another successful step in your Spanish progress.

Remember, everything you are learning is Spanish to use in the real world right away. Your challenge is to learn it so well that you can produce Spanish at will, whenever you want.

How can you make producing Spanish spontaneous?

Easy?

Practice and repetition.

You will get a lot of practice and repetition as you do the exercises in this course. Then as you meet and use your Spanish in the real world you will find yourself producing Spanish spontaneously.

Producing Spanish takes a little time, but it will come. In fact, you may already have noticed that understanding the Spanish sentences is easier than producing Spanish.

Why?

Well, to understand the Spanish you have all the triggers right in front of your eyes. To make Spanish sentences you have to dig them out of your memory before you can produce them.

Just keep practicing, use the words and structures over and over. They will begin to feel more natural. Sooner or later you will find that a Spanish sentence just comes out of your mouth without you even thinking.

Remember, you only need to master 138 words. That is not many words, but you have to know them very deeply. And knowing them deeply comes from repetition.

Let me ask you something, Can you imagine George W. Bush’s face?

Pretty easy right, you don’t even have to try.

Why?

You have seen that face so many times on TV it is familiar to you.

Same thing with Spanish words and structures, see them and use them often enough and they will just pop into your mind on cue. Then you will be creating spontaneous Spanish and you are going to enjoy Spanish even more.

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New Mortar

19. The Spanish for again is otra vez (OT RAH VES)
   Imagine a friend has a bright red vest you say, "please don't wear that ultra red vest again."

20. The Spanish word for with is con (CON)
   Imagine a con man with a pack of cards.

21. The Spanish for the next is la próxima (LA PROXIMA)
   The Next month is approximately 30 days from now.

22. The Spanish word for this is esta (ES STAH)
   Remember the word for tonight (esta noche) from lesson 1. In Spanish to say tonight you literally say this night esta noche.

23. The Spanish word for week is semana (SEH MAN AH)
   God Says "man I am bored I will create an earth in a week."

24. The Spanish word for tomorrow is mañana (MUN YAH NAH)
   A friend is grumpy in the morning you say, "man ya nah good in the morning."
Ejercicio 4A
See how well you remembered your Spanish Synergy Verbs and Brick Verbs from lesson 3 plus your new Mortar words from this lesson. Write the English words on the line

1. The English word for **otra vez** is ____________________
2. The English word for **con** is ____________________
3. The English words for **la próxima** are ____________________
4. The English word for **esta** is ____________________
5. The English word for **semana** is ____________________
6. The English word for **mañana** is ____________________
7. The English words for **voy a** are ____________________
8. The English words for **me gustaría** are ____________________
9. The English words for **invitar** are ____________________
10. The English words for **visitar** are ____________________
11. The English words for **llamar** are ____________________
12. The English words for **ayudar** are ____________________

Respuestas ejercicio 4A

1. again
2. with
3. the next
4. this
5. week
6. tomorrow
7. I am going to
8. I would like
9. to invite
10. to visit
11. to call
12. to help
Ejercicio 4B Translate into English

These Spanish sentences are getting longer and more complex. Remember I promised real Spanish. This is real Spanish and you already know enough to understand it.

Maleta = case
del = of the
por = for/ by

1. Esta noche me gustaría ir al cine con mis amigos.
2. Me gustaría comer en el restaurante con usted otra vez.
3. Necesito hablar con mi esposa por teléfono otra vez.
5. Esta noche me gustaría ir a un bar con mis amigos.
6. Voy a visitarla otra vez en mayo.
7. Voy a estudiar español en un curso de tres semanas.
8. Voy a ayudarla con las maletas.
9. Me gustaría ir a la catedral esta semana.
10. Voy a ir a Guatemala por tres semanas.
11. Quiero ayudarlo con el estudio del español.
12. Quiero rentar esta casa.
13. Esta semana y la próxima necesito estudiar mucho.
14. Necesito un hotel por dos semanas.
15. Me gustaría invitar a José a mi fiesta de graduación la próxima semana.
16. La próxima semana, voy a ir a las pirámides en Yucatán con un grupo de amigos.
17. Quiero verlo en la clase de español con más frecuencia.
18. Necesito ir al dentista esta semana.
19. Voy a hablar con el policía para reportar el robo.
20. Necesito ver la visa y el pasaporte otra vez.
21. Voy a hablar más español con los mexicanos en mis vacaciones.
Respuestas ejercicio 4B

1. Tonight I would like to go to the cinema with my friends.
2. I would like to eat in the restaurant with you again.
3. I need to speak with my wife by telephone again.
4. I need to call the hotel in order to confirm the reservation of tomorrow (tomorrow’s reservation).
5. Tonight I would like to go to a bar with my friends.
6. I am going to visit her again in May.
7. I am going to study Spanish in a 3 week course.
8. I am going to help her with the cases.
9. I would like to go to the cathedral this week.
10. I am going to go to Guatemala for three weeks.
11. I want to help him with the study of (the) Spanish.
12. I want to rent this house.
13. This week and the next I need to study a lot.
14. I need a hotel for two weeks.
15. I would like to invite Jose to my graduation party the next week.
16. (The) next week, I am going to go to the pyramids in Yucatan with a group of friends.
17. I want to see him in the Spanish class with more frequency (more often).
18. I need to go to the dentist this week.
19. I am going to speak with the policeman to report the robbery.
20. I need to see the visa and the passport again.
21. I am going to speak more Spanish with the Mexicans in my vacation.
Ejercicio 4C
See how well you remembered your Spanish Synergy Verbs and Brick Verbs from lesson 3 plus your new Mortar words from this lesson. Write the English words on the line

1. The Spanish words for again are _________________________________
2. The Spanish word for with is _________________________________
3. The Spanish words for the next are _________________________________
4. The Spanish word for this is _________________________________
5. The Spanish word for week is _________________________________
6. The Spanish word for morning is _________________________________
7. The Spanish words for I am going to are _________________________________
8. The Spanish words for I would like are _________________________________
9. The Spanish word for to invite is _________________________________
10. The Spanish word for to visit is _________________________________
11. The Spanish word for to call is _________________________________
12. The Spanish word for to help is _________________________________

Respuestas ejercicio 4A

1. otra vez
2. con
3. la próxima
4. esta
5. semana
6. mañana
7. voy a
8. me gustaría
9. invitar
10. visitar
11. llamar
12. ayudar
**Ejercicio 4D Translate into Spanish**

The house = la casa

1. I am going to visit my friends this week.
2. I am going to go to Costa Rica with my family.
3. I would like to invite him to my house in order to eat with my family.
4. I need to help my father tomorrow.
5. I am going to call her again tomorrow.
6. I am going to call my mother again.
7. I want to eat again.
8. I want to visit Alma in Dallas (the) next week.
9. I am going to call her (the) next week.
10. I want to visit Mexico again soon.
11. I am not going to eat in the restaurant again.
12. I would like to invite my friend to the party the next week.
13. I am not going to go to San Jose tomorrow.
14. I would like to see her again.
15. I want to invite him to a party in my house the next week.

16. I am not going to go to Los Angeles again this week.
17. I need to call my dad again.
18. I am going to speak with Roman tomorrow.
19. I would like to eat in the restaurant again tomorrow.
20. I want to go to the party with you the next week.
21. I need to help my friend tomorrow.
22. I want to visit my family this week.
23. I am going to see him in the party tomorrow.
24. Now I am going to speak more Spanish with my friend.
25. I want to eat in my house with my family.
26. I am going to see her again next week.
27. I would like to see the house again.
28. I would like to speak more Spanish with your family.
29. I am going to speak with María in Spanish soon.
Respuestas ejercicio 4D

1. Voy a visitar a mis amigos esta semana.
2. Voy a ir a Costa Rica con mi familia.
3. Me gustaría invitarlo a mi casa para comer con mi familia.
4. Necesito ayudar a mi papá mañana.
5. Voy a llamarla otra vez mañana.
6. Voy a llamar a mi mamá otra vez.
7. Quiero comer otra vez.
8. Quiero visitar a Alma en Dallas la próxima semana.
9. Voy a llamarla la próxima semana.
10. Quiero visitar México otra vez pronto.
11. No voy a comer en el restaurante otra vez.
12. Me gustaría invitar a mi amigo a la fiesta la próxima semana.
13. No voy a ir a San José mañana.
14. Me gustaría verla otra vez.
15. Quiero invitarlo a una fiesta en mi casa la próxima semana.
16. No voy a ir a Los Ángeles otra vez esta semana.
17. Necesito llamar a mi papá otra vez.
18. Voy a hablar con Román mañana.
19. Me gustaría comer en el restaurante otra vez mañana.
20. Quiero ir a la fiesta con usted la próxima semana.
22. Quiero visitar a mi familia esta semana.
23. Voy a verlo en la fiesta mañana.
25. Quiero comer en mi casa con mi familia.
26. Voy a verla otra vez la próxima semana.
27. Me gustaría ver la casa otra vez.
28. Me gustaría hablar más español con su familia.
29. Voy a hablar con María en español pronto.

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