

Shortcut to Spanish

A 31-Day Course That Shows You How to Communicate in Spanish Using Thousands of Spanish Words You Didn't Know you Knew.

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You already know thousands of Spanish words.

You just need to learn some easy patterns to change English words into Spanish.

It's easy to learn these Spanish words and use them immediately.

This book shows you the patterns and how to use them to speak Spanish.

Plus a lot more Spanish you can use.

All you need to do now is...

Do it!

Level 1 Action Guide Lesson 1

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People just like you are delighted to be communicating in Spanish for the first time. Here's what they are saying about *Shortcut to Spanish*.

"My friends are amazed at my progress"

"My Spanish is coming along wonderfully. Investing in your course is the best investment I made. I have a few Spanish speaking friends and they were amazed at my progress."

Ornell Bedasse - USA

"Thanks for making it so easy"

"Me and my family are having much fun with the lessons you provide. I plan on speaking Spanish fluently in the next six months. Thanks to you and your incredible learning system. Thanks for making it so easy."

Frank Burns - USA

"They were amazed at how much Spanish I knew...I was communicating in Spanish with no difficulty"

"I loved your Spanish course. I had been studying other books, but your course made it sooooo much easier to learn Spanish"....

Later Melinda wrote to me again and added

"ok, I've been studying your course like crazy, because I knew I would be seeing my Spanish friend. Last week I had dinner with 2 friends and they were amazed at how much Spanish I knew...I was communicating in Spanish with no difficulty... you make learning FUN!!! thanks again"

Melinda - USA

It's so easy to follow.

"Hi Marcus, I'd just like to say you're a great teacher, I've had a look at your teaching style and it's so easy to follow. Thank you for all your help with my Spanish lessons!!"

Jodi Willis New Zealand

"I have found a new confidence in speaking the language"

"Hi Marcus I just wanted to let you know how pleased I am with your course. I had almost given up learning Spanish. Your style has inspired me once again and I am enjoying it very much.

I'm only spending 30 minutes a day with your course and each time I come away feeling I learn something every time, and best of all I have found a new confidence in speaking the language!

Once again, thank you so much for giving me my motivation back, and keep up the good work. Saludos"

Trudy Britton UK

"My rate of learning has vastly accelerated"

"Dear Marcus, I started using your course and I must say it is brilliant. It does what you say. Although I have an excellent native Spanish teacher my rate of learning has vastly accelerated."

John Rees New Zealand

"I'm learning a lot of Spanish and it's fun"

"Excellent program I'm learning a lot of Spanish and it's fun, keep up the good work."

Marlon Mark Khan USA

"It is one easy way to learn a language"

"I just finished lesson 31. It is one easy way to learn a language."

Dr Al Standen USA

"I took the course to relate better with my Spanish speaking soldiers"

"Your course has been so helpful and there are so many things that I can say but none would fit better than THANK YOU

I am a Military Officer (Army) and I took the course to relate better with my Spanish speaking soldiers and I have learned more from this course than in two college course "

Clifton D. Bass, CPT, US ARMY

"What a wonderful world you have helped open up for me"

"Marcus, I have been in Cuernavaca for two days and am learning so much. Your instruction has allowed me to ask questions and have myself understood.

What a wonderful world you have helped open up for me. Thank you."

Douglas Miller USA

"I already find myself realizing that I can actually put sentences together"

"Thanks.....your course is WONDERFUL !

I have researched and bought numerous Spanish courses over the years and yours is the first I have found to be truly 'user friendly'

I have never been able to converse in Spanish. After only reading the first few chapters of your course I already find myself realizing that I can actually put sentences together.

Again, your course is truly WONDERFUL. MANY THANKS,
Kathy Davis USA

"If we had had that text in school all of us would be speaking Spanish by now"

"Marcus It was more than I expected and my Spanish is so much the better for it. I really think you did a great job and interestingly you managed to have that sense of 'humaness' throughout. I felt like you were there with me encouraging me on. you are right it is quite a departure from the usual textbook fare which require such Herculean effort with less result.

I am from Jamaica in the Caribbean and if we had had that text in school all of us would be speaking Spanish by now.

Meridian Kohler Jamaica

"I am already speaking in coherent sentences to my friends"

"Hello Marcus, Thank you for this wonderful course! I am delightfully surprised by your innovative approach to "actually" speaking another language. I am already speaking in coherent sentences to my friends.

Suzanne Piazza USA

"You are a genius, this course is terrific"

"I am really enjoying my Spanish course. I have approx. 1 hour each day and feel more comfortable all the time. You are a genius, this course is terrific"

Joyce Misch USA

“I feel much more confident in my Spanish”

"I have really enjoyed your course and feel much more confident in my Spanish. It is a lot easier than the text books I have been working on."

Denise Todd UK

“I have started communicating with my Hispanic friends within two weeks”

"Your Spanish lessons have helped me tremendously!!!

I have tried several "at home" methods of learning Spanish over a course of several months and was unsuccessful...the lessons did not hold my attention. With your lessons I have started communicating with my Hispanic friends within two weeks. My friends are very proud of me.

Lisa Clausel USA

“I’ve learned more in five hours of your course than I learned in ten four-hour days of their course”

"I am writing to you to thank you for the absolute best Spanish course around, and for the generosity shown in the way you market it.

I recently returned from a two week "intensive Spanish" course in Costa Rica and I've learned more in five hours of your course than I learned in ten four-hour days of their course.

The course is fabulous and worth many times more than you charge."

Bob LaFortune USA

“I am learning so fast to put actual sentences together”

"The book with the CDs are wonderful. I am learning so fast to put actual sentences together.

Marla Spring USA

“He speaks very little English and we are communicating much more these days - Thanks to your program”

"I knew como esta and gracias, just 3 months ago. After using your program, I now am pulling sentences together. My new "Novio" boyfriend, who is Spanish is very impressed. He speaks very little English and we are communicating much more

Tina Sprayberry USA

“I have learnt more in 7 weeks than in the previous 5 years”

"Your book is terrific. I have learnt more in 7 weeks than in the previous 5 years. Can't wait to know where to go next! Thank you very much"

Yvonne Harvey Australia

“I have learnt more in 2 days with your course than I have learnt after 100's x £ and months of other courses”

I live 4 months a year in Spain and have bought every CD and book and just got tangled up in indigestible words and lessons - all totally unconnectable and disheartening. I have learnt more in 2 days with your course than I have learnt after 100's x £ and months of other courses. I love it. Great product."

Colin Bond UK

“Your course is exciting and rewarding”

"Dear Marcus, Your course is exciting and rewarding. I am really thrilled by it. Thank you Marcus."

Curt Ersson Sweden

“Thanks again for giving me a chance to learn a new language that I have wanted to learn for so long”

"I tried learning Spanish by reading books and listening to audio tapes but nothing compares to the method in your program. Thanks for giving me a chance to learn a new language that I have wanted to learn for so long."

Ron Stone USA

“Whilst sceptical at first I am amazed”

"For about a year now I have tried to learn the basic rudiments of the Spanish language. I can only describe my efforts as an unmitigated disaster. However it is now almost six weeks since downloading your Shortcut 2 Spanish, I have to say whilst sceptical at first I am amazed at how quickly things are changing.

Ian Duffin UK

“Now I am actually learning to speak Spanish”

"This course by far is the best Spanish course that I have had and I have had several over the years. I will certainly recommend this course for anybody interested in learning Spanish. Now I am actually learning to speak Spanish. Thanks again."

Brad Vigansky USA

“I wish I had found you a few years ago”

"Hi Marcus, Just wanted to let you know my Spanish is coming along great, I wish I had found you a few years ago when I first started taking holidays in Spain, I have battled with the language for so long, I just couldn't remember the words no matter how hard and long I studied them, with your course its so easy.

Doreen Parkhurst Great Britain

“I find your way so much fun and a lot easier”

"Dear Marcus, Just to say thank you, I have lived in Lanzarote in the Canary islands for the past 8 years and have tried many different ways of learning Spanish and found it very hard. I find your way so much fun and a lot easier, even the kids think its fun, so once again thank you

Dawn Harris Canary Islands

“Makes it very easy to both learn and remember the words and to speak them right away, even in sentences!”

I would like to compliment you on your excellent Spanish audio files. I find that they are most helpful to me because those who are speaking, (both in English and in Spanish) pronounce their words very clearly and there's no background music or any other noise to distract me from hearing and understanding what is being spoken.

As well, the way the material is presented makes it very easy to both learn and remember the words and to speak them right away, even in sentences!

Jane Rema Canada

“I am learning at a fantastic rate”

"Marcus, I am truly amazed at your gratitude. You go to so much effort to prepare the lessons and additional help. I cannot thank you enough. I am learning at a fantastic rate. Thanks again."

Ben Sheehan Australia

“I’ve learned more Spanish in a few short days than in three months of other courses”

"Hi, I think your course in Spanish is great. I've learned more Spanish in a few short days than in three month of other courses."

Mark Denton USA

“You simply have us speaking, effortlessly”

"The genius of your course is the ease with which we slide into conjugations. Instead of sitting and memorizing, you simply have us speaking, effortlessly. You have us using: I, you, she, he, we, they, through sentences, with no intimidation. It couldn't be better. Thank you so much, "

Harriet Raitano Tampa, Florida - USA

“I have been amazed at what I have been able to learn and more importantly remember in such a short time”

"Thank you for this fantastic way of learning Español. I have been amazed at what I have been able to learn and more importantly remember in such a short time. I think these methods you have discovered are truly fantastic.

Surika Lott- Perth, Western Australia

“Learning far more than any other courses I have tried”

"I very much enjoy this course and I am learning far more from doing it than any other courses I have tried."

Jeanine Honour USA

“I have been advancing rapidly thanks to your teaching”

"Your course have been very valuable. I have been advancing rapidly thanks to your teaching."

Timo Holkeri Finland

“This is the best course I have seen its superb”

"Hi, Anyone who is looking to learn Spanish need not look any further this course gets 110% from me. The course is easy to follow , you WILL learn fast. This is the best course I have seen its superb"

Billy Clark - USA

“The grammar is taught in a clear way that is not at all painful to study nor difficult to learn”

"Marcus, I want to tell you that I just finished your course, and really feel that it was a good way to learn a lot of Spanish. The grammar is taught in a clear way that is not at all painful to study nor difficult to learn. Thank you."

Phyllis McBride. Canada

“I wish all study material could be this easy and rewarding”

"I have had the desire to learn Spanish for two years, but most methods I looked into did not fit my casual learning approach. Your program has been ideal, it is exactly what I was looking for. Your method goes beyond simply translating and memorizing, it teaches how to think. When you are able to think of how the words are made, you can master the language. My only disappointment is that I finished the lesson.."

Tom Gugel USA

“Six months putting what you have together was a short time for such a program.!”

"Marcus, I read in one of your mails that you spent the last six months putting what you have together. That was a short time for such a program. Good work!"

Jonathan Koh USA

“I can tell you that I'm amazed how I can write Spanish sentences already”

"I spent two semesters in a college level Spanish class here in Davis - and couldn't write or speak at all! I made A's in the class but couldn't put a sentence together - incredible! I think I'm on ~leccion 11 in both your books - I can tell you that I'm amazed how I can write Spanish sentences already."

Sheryl Flocchini USA

“I've already learned way faster than when I used other programs”

" I'm very excited to use your product. I've already learned way faster than when I used other programs. Thanks a lot!"

Bob Grove USA

“My most difficult part of learning Spanish has been the verbs and conjugation but after listening to your recordings, it seems effortless”

" My most difficult part of learning Spanish has been the verbs and conjugation which at times, I've simply ignored or given up. But after listening to your recordings, it seems effortless. Muchas Gracias, for an incredible teaching tool."

Laura Rigoni USA

“It has also enabled me to read Spanish online newspapers”

"Just finished your excellent course. I found that I looked forward to each lesson. It was very pleasing that the lessons are structured in such a way that you don't get bogged down and maintain your enthusiasm throughout the course.

It has also enabled me to read Spanish online newspapers and have a good idea what the stories were about. As soon as I send this e-mail I'm going to check the Spanish papers to see what they are saying about FC Barcelona (soccer). Thank you very much."

Brian Murray UK

“The audio lessons are especially good”

"The audio lessons are especially good- not too time consuming, no boring grammar and very interactive."

Ian Lancaster Suffolk, UK

“What a great product”

"Hello Marcus Thank you for all your help. What a great product."

Jason Brownell USA

“Thank God for your assistance in teaching us Spanish”

"You are such a Blessing, and we mean that very much! We Thank God for your assistance in teaching us Spanish in an easy to learn way. My husband and I both took 2 years of Spanish in school, and still had trouble learning it. You have been great, we appreciate you very much."

Kelly King USA

“Much easier than other lessons I have tried”

"Thanks for the Spanish lessons that I recently purchased from you. They are much easier than other lessons I have tried."

John Herring UK

“Your program is the best I have tried”

"Your program is the best I have tried. Thank you so much for your efforts in putting this together.

Linda E Wagner USA

“I have involved my entire school population in learning Spanish”

"I really appreciate your assisting me with these Spanish lessons... I have involved my entire school population in learning Spanish and your courses have been a great help..."

Janet Dyer Jamaica

“Thanks for presenting this material so logically”

"Thank you Marcus; Thanks for presenting this material so logically. Best Regards,"

Denise Ras-Arvidson USA

“I have thoroughly enjoyed the course”

"Marcus, I just completed the audio portion of Shortcut to Spanish, and I have thoroughly enjoyed the course."

Jennifer Fountain USA

“Sir, your audio is wonderful and most precious help to me in learning español”

"HOLA SEÑOR MARCUS, GRACIAS,GRACIAS, GRACIAS. A thousand thanks to the help you are providing me in my journey of learning Spanish. Sir, your audio is wonderful and most precious help to me in learning espanol."

REJI RAJ(INDIA)

“This Spanish course is excellent”

"Dear Mr. Marcus Santamaria, This Spanish course is excellent, Thanks for your Attention."

Axel Velasco USA

“I’m telling all my friends...”

"Thanks Marcus, I'm telling all my friends that your courses are the best I have encountered, from tapes and books, to CDs, and videos.. Muchas Gracias "

Mari-Lou Rowley Canada

“Your program is wonderful!”

"Marcus, I am really enjoying your program and have learned so much from it. Your program is wonderful!"

Annette Horton USA

“Your book is AWESOME!!!! “

"Hola Marcus: Your book is AWSOME!!!!...Thanks"

Hilda Ortiz USA

“Why is this easy program not in school?”

"I absolutely love your program it is unbelievably easy. I think your program is the best I have seen anywhere. I can decipher Spanish! I am thrilled"

PS. Why is this easy program not in school?

Pat Hendrix - parks and recreation department - USA

“I wish I’d learnt it this way years ago”

"Your Spanish course has been a real exciting program, just as you said. I wish I’d learnt it this way years ago. I'm off to Spain in a couple of weeks time and can't wait to try my new found skills. "

Stew Lomas - England

“It seems to fit my style better than anything I have seen”

"I am really enjoying your course. It seems to fit my style better than anything I have seen. I tried other sources and quickly lost interest. Your style is great for me."

Robert Blow - USA

“It has renewed my interest in the language”

"The book is excellent. Thank you so much. It has renewed my interest in the language."

Alison Mannion - USA

“Not overwhelming”

"The course is a must for anyone wanting to" learn Spanish and not have a feeling of being overwhelmed"

William Pugh, Hermitage, Tennessee, USA

‘Your audio Spanish is wonderful’

"Your Shortcut to Speaking Spanish audio is wonderful, and really helps me with my learning to speak Spanish."

Michael Levine, El Paso, Texas

“The whole idea is brilliant”

"I teach Spanish, French & Italian in Mumbai. Your Shortcuts to Spanish have been greatly appreciated by me & my students. The whole idea is brilliant. I've heard & enjoyed your audio & 31 lessons. Congrats on your imaginative effort. The voice play is esp. very interesting. What an excellent partnership!"

Sandra Pais. Mumbai.

“I was able to retain and clearly understand words I've been fighting to understand for a year”

" I have been trying to learn Spanish for a little more than a year now. I was having major difficulty understanding the Spanish language using two different CD programs. I was constantly frustrated and very unhappy with the products. Your program showed me I already know a large part of the Spanish language. Imagine my surprise when through simple word association I was able to retain and clearly understand words I've been fighting to understand for a year. I get it now and you made it plain as day. I can actually create sentences and I am understanding what I read in Spanish."

This is the second letter from Derrick

You sure make Spanish a real pleasure to learn. Your methods are shortcuts in every sense. This course is indeed a very generous gift to anyone who desires to master Spanish!

Your relentless dedication and enthusiasm for the subject simply fill me with the confidence. I would not hesitate to recommend your course to anyone I met who was struggling to learn by other means, or wishing to start learning from scratch!

Derrick Scott, Kelso, Scotland.

“This is a remarkable resource”

"This is a remarkable resource, please be assured, I for one am very impressed, and more than a little grateful!"

Barry McKay UK.

“Goes a long way to making it fun to be learning Spanish”

"I want to thank you for your Spanish course. I have been enjoying it and find it a very pleasant way to work on learning Spanish. It certainly can be daunting to learn a language if you don't have some way to simplify things. Your enthusiasm is also very nice and goes a long way to making it fun to be learning Spanish Keep up your good work!"

Eileen Straus USA.

“I would recommend this course to anyone”

"I have waded through quite a few Spanish courses but yours is tops. The grammar just falls into place, I would recommend this course to anyone."

Ray Coles UK

“I will recommend everyone I know to your website”

" I know a lot of people that are either trying to learn Spanish or want to. I will recommend everyone I know to your website. You are a blessing"

Aldric Smith UK.

“I spent over \$300 on Pimsleur tapes, but I have received more help from you”

"I am the program administrator at a local college for the ESL department I have always wanted to learn Spanish, but I have very little free time. I spent over \$300 on Pimsleur tapes, but I'll have to say that I have received more help from you and your offerings than from anything else!"

Linda Smith-Hunter USA.

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Welcome to the Spanish speaking world.

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

The lessons are easy and short. You will only need 15 - 25 minutes a day to complete each lesson. I wish I had this book when I started to learn Spanish it would have saved me years. So please take full advantage of the book and feel free to contact me if you need any help.
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Perhaps you have modest goals and you are only aiming to get by in Spanish next time you travel to a Spanish speaking county. Maybe, you have Latino friends you want to communicate with in Spanish. You may even have a more serious goal of completely mastering the Spanish language. Whatever your long range goals, in 31 days you'll have the tools you need to start conversing in Spanish.

There are 7 important components in the Shortcut to Spanish method

Shortcut to Spanish Component #1 Cognates – How to Learn 1000s of Spanish Words Instantly

In a perfect world all Spanish courses would **start with this easy step**. It is very **user-friendly way to learn**. Much better than the ghastly grammar that you find in most language courses.

Cognates are English words with Latin roots.

Cognates are an easy, fast, fun way to get a **Spanish vocabulary of thousands of words**.

All you need to do is learn the rules to translate English word into Spanish. The amazing thing about cognates is that you can **use them instantly to speak Spanish**.

For example, changing **TY** to **DAD** can change most English words that end in **TY** into Spanish

English	Spanish
University	Universidad
Eternity	Eternidad
Velocity	Velocidad

You will learn instantly a Spanish vocabulary of **3013** words; In the book you will find **31 categories of cognates**.

Shortcut to Spanish Component #2

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 not the spelling. So the mnemonics always mentally link to the sound of the Spanish words.

In this book you will learn **132 words** using mnemonics.

The mnemonics in this book are carefully selected Spanish words that give you maximum versatility in your Spanish communication. They are the most frequently used Spanish words. When you combine them with your **3013 cognate vocabulary** you have plenty of communication options to express yourself in Spanish.

Shortcut to Spanish Component #3

Power verbs – Useful words you can combine with cognates and mnemonics to make unlimited Spanish sentences.

Power Verbs

Make sure you learn the power verbs really well. Power verbs will give you infinite communication opportunities and possibilities. They are your foundation for saying what you want to say in Spanish.

When you do the exercises to create Spanish you will see and use the **power verbs** over and over again. By the time you have finished this course you will know them **forever**. You will be able to use **power verbs** without thinking about them.

Shortcut to Spanish Component #4

Power words – The 100 most frequently used words in Spanish.

Top 100 Word

The **top 100 words** are simply the most frequently used words in Spanish.

In fact studies have shown that as few as 100 words are used over and over in 50% of all communication.

You will learn these 100 flexible and frequently used words. You will master powerful communication words like who, what, why, where, when, how, how much, very, more, many, drink, eat, new, with etc.

Learn these versatile **top 100 words** combine them with **power verbs** and **cognates** and they will reward you with maximum Spanish communication.

Shortcut to Spanish Component #5

Understand Spanish

Each lesson has an exercise in understanding Spanish, real Spanish just as it's spoken. These lessons recycle words from previous chapters 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.

Shortcut to Spanish Component #6 You create Spanish

In every chapter after chapter 4 you actually create Spanish.

These are writing exercises. However, If 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, cover the answers as you translate in your mind.

Shortcut to Spanish Component #7 Español Claro, Conciso y Bien Expresado Clear, concise and well-expressed Spanish

As you go through the course you will see boxes like this one.

In each box is an explanation of Spanish structures. The explanations are short. They are designed to be easy, so you can use them right away as you create Spanish in the exercises.

You will find a lot of explanations about the Spanish masculine and feminine gender.

It is not really a big deal if you get it gender wrong. In Fact 99% of the time people will understand you even if you get it gender wrong.

So why did I write so many explanations of gender in Spanish?

Masculine or feminine gender features in just about every sentence of Spanish. So when you are creating Spanish you will be dealing with the issue of masculine and feminine constantly.

I make the point again **it is not that big a deal if you get it wrong**. Pay it as much or as little attention as you feel you need to.

It is normal to make mistakes with gender. Don't let mistakes bother you. Mistakes are an important part of learning. Just try and understand your mistake and move on.

Sometimes you'll make an error and you won't know why. Don't worry if you can't figure it out just keep going. Often you'll find that the doing is the learning. If you repeat the course you'll understand Spanish with a new clarity the second time around. In fact the difficult parts will become very easy the second time around

Shortcut to Spanish component #8
31 audio lessons for real Spanish expression

This is where you really build your confidence and skill to communicate in Spanish. The 31 audio lessons, show you how to combine all the power words, power verbs and Spanish cognates to make your Spanish flow naturally. Soon you'll speak Spanish clearly in real sentences that'll be understood wherever you go in the Spanish speaking world.

Well, let's get started . A world of Spanish awaits you.

As they say at Nike

HAZLO
Just do it.

The complete Shortcut to Spanish Course is available from:
www.InstantSpanishWords.com

Lección número Uno

Lesson number 1

Pronunciation

Power Verb / Top 100 Word

1. The Spanish word for *I have* is **tengo**.
Imagine a child saying, "I have a video game and I have ten goes a day."

(TENGO)

Power Verb

2. The Spanish word for *I need* is **necesito**.
Imagine you are angry and you say, "I need it because it's a **necessity**."

(NECESEETO)

Power Verb / Top 100 Word

3. The Spanish word for *there is* or *there are* is **hay**.
Imagine a Cyclops says, "there is something in my **eye**."

(EYE)

Recomendación de Pronunciación

Pronunciation recommendation

The **H** in Spanish is always silent. So **hay** is pronounced like the English word **eye**.

Honduras is pronounced **onduras**

And **Havana** is pronounced **avana**

4. The Spanish word for *downtown* is **el centro**.
The downtown area is usually in the **center** of the city.

(EL CENTRO)

Top 100 Word

5. The Spanish word for *a/an* is **Un** or **una**.
Un is masculine and **una** is feminine. More about this in lesson 4.

(OON /OONA)

6. The Spanish word for *shade* is **sombra**.
A **sombrero** gets its name because it gives *shade*.

(SOMBRAH)

In Synergy Spanish you can get an even more in-depth understanding of how to use power verbs. In fact, they have so much power that with just 138 words you can make as many as 88 000 phrases.

More details at www.synergyspanish.com

Exercise 1A

See how well you remembered your new Spanish words. Write the English words on the line

1. The English word for **sombra** is _____
2. The English word for **un / una** is _____
3. The English word for **el centro** is _____
4. The English words for **hay** are _____
5. The English words for **necesito** are _____
6. The English words for **tengo** are _____

Answers to exercise 1A

1. shade
2. one or a/an
3. downtown
4. there is
5. I need
6. I have

Instant Spanish Vocabulary

Category 1 the same as English

There are many Spanish words that are exactly the same as English words.

altar	horror	similar
chocolate	hospital	simple
color	hotel	sofá
crisis	humor	solar
cruel	monitor	romance
error	motor	tumor
factor	peculiar	vapor (steam)
fatal	plan	virus
favor	popular	visa
honor	rumor	vulgar

Category 2 OR

Many English words about people end with **or**. Many Spanish words are exactly the same or they have small spelling changes.

The rule to create Spanish from English

You can make the English words into Spanish by changing **double letters** to **single letters** and by changing **TH** to **T**.

actor	doctor	pastor
agresor	editor	profesor
autor	impostor	protector
auditor	inspector	sucesor
benefactor	instructor	tenor
director	inventor	tutor
detractor	opresor	

Category 3 TOR-DOR

The rule to create Spanish from English

Most English words that end in **tor** can be made into Spanish by changing **tor** to **dor** .

administrador	dictador	instigador
aplicador	distribuidor	legislador
aviador	educador	matador
comentador	elevador	mediador
comunicador	exterminador	moderador
competidor	facilitador	narrador
conquistador	gladiador	operador
contribuidor	ilustrador	senador
coordinador	indicador	terminador
creador	imitador	traidor
decorador	innovador	

Category 4 Too Close to Miss

Here are some more examples of **Instant Spanish Vocabulary** words that don't follow any pattern. However they are too close to miss and you'll recognize them right away.

adulto	futuro	prohibición
análisis	guitarra	promesa
aritmética	hábito	reservación
armas (weapons)	honesto	restaurante
brillante	hostil	resto
carisma	irregular	sincero
celular	mapa	sólido
cliente (also customer)	mínimo	teléfono
conflicto	momento	tráfico
contento (also happy)	mucho	votos
detalles	origen	
dólar	parte	
ejemplo	pasaporte	
espectacular	persona	
figura	problema	

You don't need to memorize these words. They are repeated in exercises throughout this course, so you'll find yourself learning them without even trying.

Exercise 1B

These Spanish words aren't as obvious as the words in the first 4 categories. However with a little lateral thinking you should be able figure most of them out. Try and guess what these words mean in English. Write the English on the line.

1. chofer _____
2. lider _____
3. ejemplo _____
4. ejercicio _____
5. cobarde _____
6. infante _____
7. himno _____
8. voz _____
9. avance _____
10. tono _____
11. rico _____
12. afortunado _____
13. memoria _____
14. aire acondicionado _____
15. incluso _____
16. curso _____
17. resultado _____
18. crema _____
19. energia _____
20. énfasis _____
21. caso _____
22. matrimonio _____
23. proyecto _____
24. aventura _____
25. divino _____
26. carro _____

Answers to exercise 1B

1. driver (chauffeur)
2. leader (guide)
3. example
4. exercise
5. coward
6. infant
7. hymn
8. voice
9. advance
10. tone (of voice)
11. rich
12. fortunate
13. memory
14. air-conditioning
15. included
16. course (curse would be a good guess but course is the correct answer)
17. result
18. cream
19. energy
20. emphasis
21. case
22. matrimony
23. project
24. adventure
25. divine
26. car (in many regions coche or auto is more commonly used)

See how easy and similar many Spanish words are to English words.

I encourage you to guess whenever you see a Spanish word that looks like English. You will get it right most of the time just like you did in Exercise 1B.

There are thousands of words in English with Latin roots in common with Spanish words. You are going to learn 27 more patterns of this magical **Instant Spanish vocabulary**. Soon you will learn how you can use this instant vocabulary to start creating Spanish sentences.

At this **parte del curso** all you need to do is recognize and comprehend Spanish. Go ahead and **practica comprender español** in full sentences in **ejercicio numero 1C**.

Ejercicio 1C Translate into English

Write out the English on a notepad. If you prefer you can translate in your mind and check your answers with the answers at the bottom of the page.

Top 100 Word **De = of**

Top 100 Word **Mucha/mucho = much/many/a lot of**

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| 1. Necesito un doctor. | 11. Un restaurante en el centro. |
| 2. Un simple problema de aritmética. | 12. Hay mucho tráfico en el centro. |
| 3. Un hotel en el centro | 13. Necesito un hotel. |
| 4. Necesito sombra. | 14. Hay una crisis. |
| 5. Tengo una guitarra. | 15. Hay una estricta prohibición de armas en México. |
| 6. Necesito un sombrero. | 16. Hay mucha sombra. |
| 7. Hay un hospital en el centro. | 17. Hay una catedral en el centro. |
| 8. Tengo un pasaporte | 18. Un hotel con aire acondicionado. |
| 9. Un curso de español. | 19. Un ejemplo de español. |
| 10. Necesito un chofer. | |

The answers to exercise 1C

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| 1. I need a doctor | 11. A restaurant (in) downtown. |
| 2. A simple problem of arithmetic | 12. There is a lot of traffic (in) downtown. |
| 3. A hotel (in) downtown | 13. I need a hotel |
| 4. I need shade. | 14. There is a crisis. |
| 5. I have a guitar. | 15. There is a strict prohibition of arms (weapons) in Mexico. |
| 6. I need a hat. | 16. There is a lot of shade. |
| 7. There is a hospital (in) downtown. | 17. There is a cathedral (in) downtown. |
| 8. I have a passport. | 18. A hotel with air-conditioning. |
| 9. A Spanish course. | 19. An example of Spanish. |
| 10. I need a driver. | |

Exercise 1D

Write the Spanish words on the line

1. I have _____
2. there is _____
3. downtown _____
4. with _____
5. I need _____
6. shade _____

Answer to exercise 1D

1. tengo
2. hay
3. el centro
4. con
5. necesito
6. sombra

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