

SPANISH BEGINNERS

Grammar Points

- The alphabet
- Subject pronouns: Yo, tú, él, ella, usted...
- Gender and number of nouns and adjectives
- Indicative regular and irregular verbs in the present tense -ar, -er, -ir
- Interrogative, demonstrative and indefinite pronouns
- Noun/Number: forming the plural
- Prepositions of time and place
- Possessive adjectives and pronouns
- Demonstrative pronouns
- Reflexive verbs
- Irregular verbs
- Prepositions por, de, a, desde
- Verbs "to be" and "to have" :Hay and Estar
- Articles: el, los, la, las / un, unos, una, unas
- Verb Gustar
- Imperative regular and irregular
- Verb to be: Ser and Estar
- Gerund: Estar + gerundio
- Simple past tense (Pretérito Indefinido) of regular and some irregular verbs
- Subject pronouns and direct object pronouns
- Comparatives
- Verb Doler
- Pretérito Imperfecto (used to and I was talking) of regular and some irregular verbs.

Communicative goals:

- Formal and informal greetings in Spanish
- Nationalities, countries, and languages
- Introduce yourself and others, give and request personal details
- Numbers, calendar, time, dates
- Hours
- Talking about family and relationships
- Daily routine
- Work and professional life
- Days of the week
- House description
- Restaurants:order food and drinks
- Leisure time and hobbies
- Ask for travel, transport and directions

COURSE BOOK

Nuevo Español en Marcha 1, Curso de español como lengua extranjera, SGEL or Nuevo Español en Marcha, nivel básico (for beginner 1 and beginner 2), Curso de español como lengua extranjera, SGEL.

Various materials taken from other sources will be supplied by the teacher during the course.

How to be successful in this course

- Be engaged: go to the lessons every week and enjoy them!
- Be patient: Give yourself a break if you don't understand everything right away. Learning a new language is a gradual process; the key for success is consistency and practice.
- Be committed to the learning Spanish for the duration of this course: Set aside at least 3/4 hours per week to practice your Spanish listening and speaking skills. Learning a new language is like learning to play a musical instrument; you will not get better unless you practice!

Suggestions to increase your Spanish and your listening and speaking skills.

1. Watch YouTube videos in Spanish
2. Listen to music on Spanish radio stations (Cadena dial)
3. Listen to Spanish language podcasts (Notes in Spanish)
4. Watch your favorite movies and series with Spanish audio (Netflix or BBC Spanish)
5. Watch the daily news (RTVE or CNN)
6. Read Spanish Newspapers online (El país, CNN, ABC...)