

10 TIPS FOR LEARNING *Spanish*

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1. LIVE SPANISH through food

Spanish is not just a language, but a culture. In learning to speak Spanish, it is highly recommended that you make it part of your day-to-day life, the easiest and most accessible being through food. There are multiple different dishes that are extremely simple and tasty, helping you feel more as if you are part of the Spanish culture. Some examples include Gazpacho (a cold tomato soup), or Tortilla de patata (an omelette primarily made with potato and eggs).



2. DON'T BE AFRAID to make mistakes

When learning a new language, it is inevitable that you will make mistakes, whether it be whilst speaking or writing. Unfortunately, many students have a tendency to feel insecure about their level of proficiency when interacting with others. It is important that you don't let the possibility of making an error stop you from pursuing new knowledge and experiences in Spanish, as over time you will gain confidence and expertise in the language regardless of how many mistakes only one make at first.



3. LISTEN TO THE LANGUAGE with music or podcasts

Back in history, the only exposure pupils had to Spanish audio was their teachers or during holidays in Spanish-speaking countries. However, times have changed, and technology now allows pupils to listen to Spanish audio in a multitude of different ways. Music is wonderful as it provides insight into Spanish culture whilst giving students new phrases via a catchy medium. Podcasts are great to familiarise yourself with how to properly converse in Spanish as you learn about topics ranging from politics to pop culture.



4. LEARN the Spanish cognates

Cognates are words which sound the same in Spanish and English, usually because they are inherited directly from the same etymological ancestor, Latin.

Some examples of English-Spanish cognates include:

- Commercial - Comercial
- Digital - Digital
- Essential - Esencial
- Global - Global
- Accident - Accidente



However, be careful as 10% of cognates don't share the same meaning, which are known as false friends. Some examples of these are:

- Embarrassed - Avergonzado
 - NOT Embarazada - Pregnant
- Topic - Tema
 - NOT Tópico - Cliché
- Fabric - Tela
 - NOT Fábrica - Factory



5. GET ASSISTANCE with a tutor or teacher

Although it is possible to learn a language independently, it has been proven that proficiency is exponentially accelerated with the help of a class or teacher. Someone who intimately understands the Spanish language can help pinpoint your weaknesses, create a study plan to steadily progress your learning, and keep you motivated to focus and make the most out of your time. Furthermore, with the recent increase in online lessons, students are able to have lessons at any time or place with complete flexibility. It has never been easier!

If you are interested in finding a tutor that can help you progress onto the next level with your Spanish, consider **Spanish Express!**

Since 2003, their expert teachers have provided students with the highest quality of teaching to boost their Spanish language skills and prepare them for exams ranging from **GCSE to A-LEVEL to DELE and SIELE.**



6. ENJOY SPANISH LITERATURE AND CINEMA

in their original language



Spain is renowned worldwide for its works of literature and film, frequently earning critical acclamation at the Cannes Film Festival and other awarding organisations.

These are extremely useful for students who wish to boost their understanding of Spanish in an engaging way, as many give insight into different cultures.



7. CARRY OUT YOUR FAVOURITE hobbies in Spanish

If reading, watching or listening to Spanish media doesn't appeal to you, do not panic. As learning languages has become more and more popular in recent years, it is becoming easier to discover a large variety of different hobbies you can enjoy in, whilst interacting with the Spanish language.

If you know other people who are also trying to learn Spanish, engaging together in group activities such as sports or board games increases confident interaction whilst promoting healthy competition, extremely valuable to increase Spanish communication skills.

Furthermore, you can find a large variety of classes which combine hobbies with Spanish, such as yoga in Spanish or cooking lessons in Spanish, giving you the flexibility to engage proactively with activities you enjoy.

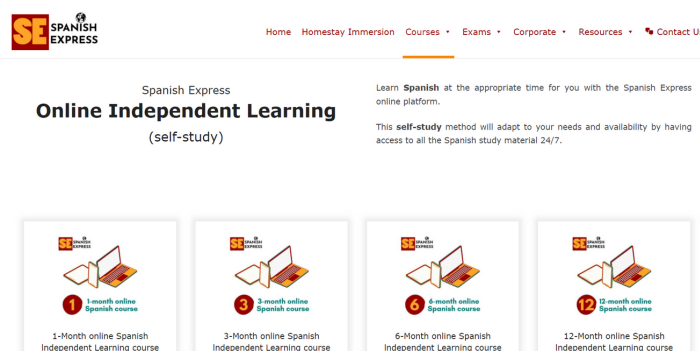


8. TAKE ADVANTAGE of platforms online

Innovation is inevitable, even in education, and we have seen important advances thanks to technology. This method of learning the Spanish language is perfect for those who need more flexibility or prefer a more independent approach to study, proficiently boosting Spanish learning with engaging material.

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9. SET PERSONAL goals

Defining your goals is crucial to success in learning the Spanish language, motivating you every step of the way.

When attempting to set yourself a goal that will work for you, ask yourself the following questions:

- What level of Spanish are you aiming to achieve?
- In what setting will your Spanish be useful; professional, social or personal?
- What resources and time do you have available to make this happen? For example, do you see yourself travelling to a Spanish-speaking country in the near future?

Once you have defined your set of goals, the next step is to work towards it in increments. Create a realistic plan and stick to it, because it's so easy to get distracted - or worse, bored!



10. VISIT A SPANISH SPEAKING COUNTRY, with programmes such as SHIP

Travelling has been proven to be the ultimate form of boosting understanding and communication in Spanish. Nothing beats being fully immersed in the culture that initially developed the language, and students who travel can pick up Spanish naturally with ease.

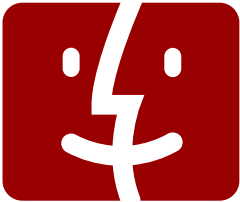


With the **Spanish Homestay Immersion Programme (SHIP)**, pupils will be guided through their country of choice with a native Spanish teacher from the area. It mixes the adventure of excursions to beautiful historical sites, with exciting cultural activities and private tuition to further accelerate your learning of Spanish.

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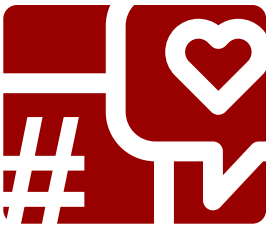
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