

Missions to Mexico

Spanish Help

Following is some Spanish help. If you want more in depth, free Spanish Lessons, here are a couple of helpful websites:

www.quia.com/dir/spanish/ www.june29.com/Spanish/ smartphrase.com/Spanish/spanish.shtml
<http://www.1to1languages.com/>

A great idea that will really help your group with being able to remember their Spanish is to make yourselves name tags ahead of time (About 4X6). On the back you can write a "Cheat Sheet" with helpful phrases.

We offer this on our website. <http://www.gomissionstomexico.com/printablenametags.html>

Vowels

a -- like the a in father

e -- for a syllable ending in a vowel, like the e in they; for a syllable ending in a consonant, like the e in get

i -- like the i in machine

o -- for a syllable ending in a vowel, like the o in vote; for a syllable ending in a consonant, like the o in pot

u -- like the u in rule; silent after q and in the groups gue and gui

y -- When used as a vowel, such as in the words y and voy, it is pronounced like the Spanish i.

Diphthongs

ai, ay -- like the i in side

au -- like the ou in found

ei, ey -- like the ey in they

eu -- like the vowel sounds in may-you

oi, oy -- like the oy in boy

Semiconsonants

i, y -- like the y in yes. Examples: bien, hielo

u -- like with w in well. Examples: huevo, fuente, agua

Consonants

b, v -- When found at the beginning of a word or following a consonant, these are pronounced like a b. Otherwise, they have a sound which falls somewhere inbetween the English b and v sounds.

c -- before a consonant or a, o, or u, like the c in cat; before e or i like an s

ch -- like the ch in church. Historically, the Spanish ch has been treated as a separate letter although this has recently been changed. Therefore, many dictionaries list words beginning with ch after the c's and before the d's.

d -- like the English d except between vowels and following l or n where pronounced like the th in this

f -- like the f in for

g -- before e or i, like the Spanish j; otherwise like the g in get

h -- silent

j -- like an h but stronger; silent when at the end of a word

k -- like a k

l -- like an l

ll -- like the y in you

m -- like an m

n -- like an n; except where it appears before a v, like an m
ñ -- like the n in onion
p -- like a p
q -- like a k; always followed by a silent u
r -- pronounced with a strong trill at the beginning of a word and following an l, n, or s; very little trill when at the end of a word; and medium trill in other positions
rr -- strongly trilled
s -- before consonants b, d, g, l, m, n, like a z; otherwise like an s
t -- like a t
v -- see b, v
w -- usually like a v
x -- when between vowels, like the x in box; before a consonant, like an s
y -- like the y in yes
z -- like an s

Days of the week & Phrases

Monday lunes
Tuesday martes
Wednesday miércoles
Thursday jueves
Friday viernes
Saturday sábado
Sunday domingo
hello hola
goodbye adiós
thank you gracias
where is the bathroom? ¿Dónde está el baño?
yes sí
no no
zero cero
one uno
two dos
three tres
four cuatro
five cinco
six seis
seven siete
eight ocho
nine nueve
ten diez
eleven once
twelve doce
thirteen trece
fourteen catorce
fifteen quince
sixteen dieciséis
seventeen diecisiete
eighteen dieciocho
nineteen diecinueve
twenty veinte
thirty treinta
forty cuarenta
fifty cincuenta
sixty sesenta

seventy setenta
eighty ochenta
ninety noventa
one hundred cien
one thousand mil
one million millón
salt sal
pepper pimienta
coffee café
tea té
bread pan
butter mantequilla
water agua
spoon cuchara
fork tenedor
knife cuchillo
plate plato
napkin servilleta
black negro
white blanco
blue azul
red rojo
green verde
yellow amarillo
husband esposo
wife esposa
children niños
son hijo
daughter hija
father padre
mother madre
sister hermana
brother hermano
grandmother abuela
grandfather abuelo
uncle tío
aunt tía
left izquierda
right derecho
near cerca
far lejos
street calle
avenue avenida
north norte
south sur
east este
west oeste

Family

la madre mother
el padre father
la hermana sister
el hermano brother
la abuela grandmother

el abuelo grandfather
la bisabuela great-grandmother
el bisabuelo great-grandfather
la tía aunt
el tío uncle
la prima girl cousin
el primo boy cousin
la hija daughter
el hijo son
la nieta granddaughter
el nieto grandson
la bisnieta great-granddaughter
el bisnieto great-grandson
la sobrina niece
el sobrino nephew
la esposa wife
el esposo husband
los padres parents
los parientes relatives
los hermanos siblings
los tíos aunt & uncle
los abuelos grandparents
los bisabuelos great-grandparents
los hijos children (sons & daughters)
los nietos grandchildren
los bisnietos great-grandchildren
los esposos spouses
los primos cousins

Food

sugar el azúcar
salt la sal
pepper la pimienta
butter la mantequilla
margarine la margarina
hot sauce la salsa picante
vinegar el vinagre
tomato sauce la salsa de tomate
mustard la mostaza
mayonaise la mayonesa
pickle el pepinillo
egg el huevo
cheese el queso
muffin/roll el bollo
sandwich el bocadillo
soup la sopa
oil el aceite
bread el pan
pancake la tortilla de harina
syrup el sirup
yogurt el yogur
breakfast el desayuno
lunch el almuerzo
snack la merienda

dinner la cena
crackers las galletas
dessert el postre
sweets los dulces
custard el flan
ice cream el helado
pie la tarta/el pastel
birthday cake la torta de cumpleaños
lollipop la paleta
cupcakes los bizcochitos
fruit la fruta
juice el jugo/el zumo
milk la leche
tea el té
coffee el café
water el agua
hot chocolate el chocolate caliente
drink la bebida
beer la cerveza
wine el vino
soft drink el refresco/la gaseosa
tomato juice el jugo de tomate
orange juice el zumo de naranja
lemonade la limonada
food la comida
vegetables las legumbres
meat la carne
pudding el pudín

Some Adjectives

aburrido boring
alto tall
antipático disagreeable
bajo short
bonito pretty
bueno good
cómico comical, funny
difícil difficult
divertido fun, amusing
estricto strict
feo ugly
grande big
guapo good-looking
inteligente intelligent
interesante interesting
malo bad
moreno brunette
pequeño small
nuevo new
rubio blonde
simpático nice
fácil easy

Clothes

el abrigo the coat
la chaqueta the jacket
el traje the suit
los pantalones the pants
los bluejeans/los vaqueros the jeans
los pantalones cortos the shorts
la falda the skirt
el vestido the dress
la camisa the shirt
la camiseta the t-shirt
la blusa the blouse
la corbata the tie
la bufanda the scarf
el sombrero the hat(formal style)
la gorra the cap (baseball hat, etc)
la ropa interior the underwear
los calcetines the socks
las medias the nylons/tights/stockings
el suéter/el jersey the sweater
los zapatos the shoes
las zapatillas de tenis the tennis shoes
los tacones altos high heels
el cinturón the belt
el anillo/la sortija the ring
el collar the necklace
los pendientes the earrings
el pañuelo the handkerchief
el bolsillo the pocket
el bolso/la bolsa/la cartela the
purse/handbag
la cremallera the zipper
el chaleco the vest
los guantes the gloves
la sudadera the sweatshirt
el/la pijama pajamas
las botas the boots
el traje the suit
el bañador/traje de baño the bathing suit
el paraguas the umbrella
la bata the robe
los botones the buttons

About the Weather

¿Qué tiempo hace? What's the weather like?
hace buen tiempo it's nice out
hace mal tiempo it's bad out
hace calor it's warm
hace mucho calor it's hot
hace frío it's cold
hace fresco it's cool
hay neblina it's foggy
está nublado it's cloudy
hace sol it's sunny

hace viento it's windy

llueve it's raining

nieva it's snowing

el verano summer

el invierno winter

el otoño fall

la primavera spring

es diez grados it's ten degrees

es cincuenta grados it's 50 degrees

hace mucho frío it's freezing