

120 useful Spanish phrases

How to use the cards: cut along the dashed lines, or fold each row so the English hides the Spanish. Read the English, say the Spanish out loud, then check. Ten cards a day is plenty; put the ones you missed at the front for tomorrow. **usted** = formal, **tú** = informal, **neutral** = either.

Greetings

Hola.	Hello.	neutral
Buenos días. Used in the morning.	Good morning.	neutral
Buenas tardes. From about lunchtime until evening.	Good afternoon.	neutral
Buenas noches. Used in the evening, when arriving or leaving.	Good evening. / Good night.	neutral
¿Cómo estás? Familiar.	How are you?	tú
¿Cómo está usted? Polite.	How are you?	usted
Bien, gracias. ¿Y tú?	Well, thank you. And you?	tú
Bien, gracias. ¿Y usted?	Well, thank you. And you?	usted
¿Qué tal? Relaxed and very common.	How are things?	neutral
Hasta luego. A common goodbye, even with strangers.	See you later.	neutral
Adiós.	Goodbye.	neutral
Hasta mañana.	See you tomorrow.	neutral

Introductions

Me llamo Ana. Swap in your own name.	My name is Ana.	neutral
¿Cómo te llamas? Familiar.	What is your name?	tú
¿Cómo se llama usted? Polite.	What is your name?	usted

Mucho gusto. The same for everyone.	Nice to meet you.	neutral
Encantado. Said by a man.	Pleased to meet you.	neutral
Encantada. Said by a woman.	Pleased to meet you.	neutral
Soy nuevo aquí. Said by a man.	I am new here.	neutral
Soy nueva aquí. Said by a woman.	I am new here.	neutral
Estoy aprendiendo español.	I am learning Spanish.	neutral
Soy de Inglaterra. Swap in your own country.	I am from England.	neutral
¿De dónde eres? Familiar.	Where are you from?	tú
¿De dónde es usted? Polite.	Where are you from?	usted

Asking for help

Perdón.	Excuse me. / Sorry.	neutral
Disculpe. Polite, to get someone's attention.	Excuse me.	usted
¿Puede repetir, por favor? Polite singular.	Can you repeat, please?	usted
¿Puedes repetir, por favor? Familiar.	Can you repeat, please?	tú
¿Puede hablar más despacio, por favor?	Can you speak more slowly, please?	usted
¿Puedes hablar más despacio, por favor?	Can you speak more slowly, please?	tú
No entiendo.	I do not understand.	neutral
¿Qué significa esta palabra?	What does this word mean?	neutral
¿Puede escribirlo, por favor? Useful for times, names and numbers.	Can you write it down, please?	usted
¿Me puede ayudar, por favor?	Can you help me, please?	usted

Un momento, por favor.	One moment, please.	neutral
¿Habla inglés?	Do you speak English?	usted

Cafés and food

Un café, por favor.	A coffee, please.	neutral
Un té, por favor. Té has an accent; te is a pronoun.	A tea, please.	neutral
Un vaso de agua, por favor.	A glass of water, please.	neutral
Un café con leche, por favor.	A coffee with milk, please.	neutral
Un café para llevar, por favor. Para llevar means to take away.	A coffee to take away, please.	neutral
¿Algo más? You will often hear this.	Anything else?	neutral
No, gracias.	No, thank you.	neutral
Aquí tiene. Said when handing something over.	Here you are.	usted
La cuenta, por favor.	The bill, please.	neutral
¿Me trae la cuenta, por favor?	Could you bring me the bill, please?	usted
Está muy rico. About food.	It is very tasty.	neutral
¿Qué desea? You may hear this from staff.	What would you like?	usted

Shopping and paying

¿Cuánto cuesta?	How much is it?	neutral
¿Tiene pan? Swap pan for what you need.	Do you have bread?	usted
¿Tiene una bolsa?	Do you have a bag?	usted
¿Puedo pagar con tarjeta?	Can I pay by card?	neutral
En efectivo, por favor.	In cash, please.	neutral
Solo efectivo. You may see or hear this; solo has no accent.	Cash only.	neutral
¿Podemos pagar por separado?	Can we pay separately?	neutral

Son dos euros. The currency varies by country.	That is two euros.	neutral
Busco pasta de dientes. Busco... works with any item.	I am looking for toothpaste.	neutral
Solo estoy mirando, gracias.	I am just looking, thank you.	neutral
¿Quiere una bolsa? You may hear this at the till.	Would you like a bag?	usted
¿Me cobra, por favor? Common in Spain.	Could you take the payment, please?	usted

Directions and transport

¿Dónde está la estación?	Where is the station?	neutral
¿Dónde está el baño? In Spain, signs may say aseos or servicios.	Where is the bathroom?	neutral
¿Dónde está la parada de autobús?	Where is the bus stop?	neutral
¿Está lejos?	Is it far?	neutral
Está cerca.	It is close.	neutral
A la derecha.	On the right.	neutral
A la izquierda.	On the left.	neutral
Todo recto. Spain; derecho or todo derecho in much of Latin America.	Straight on.	neutral
Un billete para el centro, por favor. Boleto in much of Latin America.	A ticket to the centre, please.	neutral
¿De ida o de ida y vuelta? You may hear this at a ticket window.	Single or return?	neutral
¿Este autobús va al centro? Autobús is widely understood; local words vary.	Does this bus go to the centre?	neutral
¿A qué hora sale el autobús?	What time does the bus leave?	neutral

Everyday questions

¿Qué es esto?	What is this?	neutral
¿Hay un supermercado cerca?	Is there a supermarket nearby?	neutral
¿Dónde está el supermercado?	Where is the supermarket?	neutral
¿Está abierto hoy?	Is it open today?	neutral

¿A qué hora abre?	What time does it open?	neutral
¿A qué hora cierra?	What time does it close?	neutral
¿Hablas inglés? Familiar.	Do you speak English?	tú
¿Cómo se dice esto en español? Point to the thing as you ask.	How do you say this in Spanish?	neutral
¿Puedo sentarme aquí?	Can I sit here?	neutral
¿Está libre? About a seat or a table.	Is it free?	neutral
¿Quieres un té? Familiar.	Would you like a tea?	tú
¿Necesita ayuda? You may hear this from a stranger.	Do you need help?	usted

Home and family

Te presento a mi abuela, Carmen. Swap abuela for madre or tía.	This is my grandmother, Carmen.	tú
Le presento a mi amiga, Ana. Amigo for a male friend.	This is my friend, Ana.	usted
Vivo aquí.	I live here.	neutral
Vivo en el número ocho.	I live at number eight.	neutral
Soy amigo de Ana. Said by a man.	I am a friend of Ana's.	neutral
Soy amiga de Ana. Said by a woman.	I am a friend of Ana's.	neutral
Bienvenido. / Bienvenida. To a man / to a woman.	Welcome.	neutral
Bienvenidos. To a group.	Welcome.	neutral
¿Qué tal el viaje?	How was the journey?	neutral
Gracias por la invitación.	Thank you for the invitation.	neutral
¿Quiere un café? Polite.	Would you like a coffee?	usted
Yo invito.	It's on me.	neutral

Polite phrases

Por favor.	Please.	neutral
Gracias.	Thank you.	neutral
Muchas gracias.	Thank you very much.	neutral
De nada. The reply to Gracias.	You're welcome.	neutral
Lo siento.	I am sorry.	neutral
Sí, claro.	Yes, of course.	neutral
Muy amable.	That is very kind.	neutral
No hay problema.	No problem.	neutral
Perfecto.	Perfect.	neutral
De acuerdo. Understood everywhere.	All right.	neutral
Vale. Very common in Spain.	OK.	neutral
Igualmente. To return a good wish.	You too. / Likewise.	neutral

Time and numbers

¿A qué hora?	At what time?	neutral
A las diez.	At ten o'clock.	neutral
A las diez y media.	At half past ten.	neutral
A la una. Una takes la, not las.	At one o'clock.	neutral
¿Qué hora es?	What time is it?	neutral
Son las tres. But: Es la una.	It is three o'clock.	neutral
¿Nos vemos mañana a las once?	Shall we meet tomorrow at eleven?	neutral
El jueves a las cinco.	On Thursday at five.	neutral
Uno, dos, tres, cuatro, cinco.	One, two, three, four, five.	neutral
Seis, siete, ocho, nueve, diez.	Six, seven, eight, nine, ten.	neutral

Cinco minutos.	Five minutes.	neutral
Llamo para confirmar la hora.	I am calling to confirm the time.	neutral

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