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**How to read the phrases:**
- Coloured words and phrases throughout the book are phonetic guides to help you pronounce the foreign language.
- Lists of phrases with tinted background are options you can choose to complete the phrase above them.

**These abbreviations will help you choose the right words and phrases in this book:**

- a: adjective
- f: feminine
- inf: informal
- lit: literal
- m: masculine
- n: noun
- pl: plural
- pol: polite
- sg: singular
- v: verb

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Who Speaks Spanish?
Official Language

Why Bother
You’ll be seduced by this melodic language and have fun trying to roll your *rr’s* like the locals – not to mention ordering scrumptious tapas or engaging in all the shouting at the *fútbol*.

Distinctive Sounds
The strong and rolled *r*, harsh and guttural *kh* and, in European Spanish, ‘*lisp*ing’ *th*.

Spanish in the World
Over the last 500 years, Spanish in Latin America has evolved differently to the
Spanish of Europe. Among other differences, you’ll easily recognise Latin Americans by the lack of lisp in their speech – ie *cerveza* (beer) is *ther·ve·tha* in Europe but *ser·ve·sa* across the Atlantic.

### Spanish in Spain

Spanish, or Castilian (*castellano* ka·ste·ly·no) is primarily the language of Castille (covering the largest territory in Spain). However, Catalan, Galician and Basque are also official languages, and locals in these regions are very proud of their own language.

### False Friends

Warning: many Spanish words look like English words but have a different meaning altogether, eg *suburbio* soo·boor·byo is a slum district, not a suburb (which is *barrio* ba·ryo in Spanish).

### Language Family

Romance (developed from Vulgar Latin spoken by Roman soldiers and merchants during the conquest from the 3rd to the 1st century BC). Close relatives include Portuguese, Italian, French and Romanian.

### Must-Know Grammar

Spanish has a formal and informal word for ‘you’ (*Usted* oo·ste and *tú* too respectively). The verbs also have a different ending for each person, like the English ‘I do’ vs ‘he/she does’.

### Donations to English

Thanks to Columbus’ discovery of the New World in 1492, a large corpus of words from indigenous American languages has entered English via Spanish. You may recognise *canyon*, *guerrilla*, *ranch*, *tornado*...
5 Phrases to Learn Before You Go

1. **What time does it open/close?**
   ¿A qué hora abren/cierran? a ke o·ra ab·ren/thye·ran
   The Spanish tend to observe the siesta (midday break), so opening times may surprise you.

2. **Are these complimentary?**
   ¿Son gratis? son gra·tees
   Tapas (bar snacks) are available pretty much around the clock at Spanish bars. You’ll find they’re free in some places.

3. **When is admission free?**
   ¿Cuándo es la entrada gratuita? kwan·do es la en·tra·da gra·twee·ta
   Many museums and galleries in Spain have admission-free times, so check before buying tickets.

4. **Where can we go (salsa) dancing?**
   ¿Dónde podemos ir a bailar (salsa)? don·de po·de·mos eer a bai·lar (sal·sa)
   Flamenco may be the authentic viewing experience in Spain, but to actively enjoy the music you’ll want to do some dancing.

5. **How do you say this in (Catalan/Galician/Basque)?**
   ¿Cómo se dice ésto en (catalán/gallego/euskera)? ko·mo se dee·the es·to en (ka·ta·lan/ga·lye·go/e·oos·ke·ra)
   Spain has four official languages, and people in these regions...
10 Phrases to Sound Like a Local

What’s up? ¿Qué pasa? ke pa·sa
Great! ¡Genial! khe·nyal
How cool! ¡Qué guay! ke gwai
That’s fantastic! ¡Estupendo! es·too·pen·do
Really? ¿En serio? en se·ryo
You don’t say! ¡No me digas! no me dee·gas
Sure. Seguro. se·goo·ro
OK. Vale. va·le
Of course! ¡Por supuesto! por soo·pwes·to
Whatever. Lo que sea. lo ke se·a
There are two words for ‘Spanish’: **español es·pa·nyol** and **castellano kas-te·lya·no**. **Español** is used in Spain, whereas **castellano** is more likely to be used by Latin Americans.

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<td>Do you speak English?</td>
<td>¿Habla inglés?</td>
<td>ab·la een·gles</td>
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<td>I (don’t) understand.</td>
<td>(No) Entiendo.</td>
<td>(no) en·tyen·do</td>
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<td>What does ... mean?</td>
<td>¿Qué significa ...?</td>
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1a Q Do you speak English? ¿Habla inglés? ab·la een·gles

Q Does anyone speak (English)? ¿Hay alguien que hable (inglés)? ai al·gyen ke ab·le een·gles

A I (don’t) speak Spanish. (No) Hablo español. (no) ab·lo es·pa·nyol

A I speak a little (Spanish). Hablo un poco de (español). ab·lo oon po·ko de (es·pa·nyol)

I’d like to practise Spanish. Me gustaría practicar español. me goos·ta·ree·a prak·tee·kar es·pa·nyol

I need an interpreter who speaks (English). Necesito un intérprete que hable (inglés). ne·the·see·to oon in·ter·pre·te ke ab·le (een·gles)
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Numbers & Amounts

**KEY PHRASES**

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