Spanish

Spanish is the official language of Spain, Mexico, Puerto Rico, the Philippines, and every country in Central and South America except Brazil. Spanish is the most popular second language of many people living in the United States. There are over 400 million speakers worldwide.

In Spanish every letter is pronounced except h and occasionally u.

Vowels

Spanish vowels are short and distinct.

a	pronounced 'u' as in luster.
e	pronounced like 'e' as in Elaine.
i	pronounced like 'i' in machine.
o	pronounced like 'o' in hot, spot or lot.
u	pronounced like 'oo' in balloon.

Consonants

The majority of spanish consonants are pronounced like English except for b and v.

c, qu, z - ca, co, cu, que, qui
c and qu are pronounced like the English 'k' and the 'u' is silent in such words as quiero or que.

ce, ci, za, zo, zu
c and z are pronounced like 'th' in think.

g, gu - ga, go, gu, gue, gui
pronounced like 'g' in garbage.

g, i - ge, gi, ja, je, ii, jo, iu
g and j are pronounced as Scottish 'ch' in loch.

y
pronounced like 'i' in hoy or soy and at the beginning of a syllable 'y' is pronounced like a soft 'j' in mayor.

r, rr - r
between vowels, r is slightly rolled. At the beginning of a word, 'r' is rolled more strongly.
'rr' is always rolled strongly.

ll like 'lli' in million.

ñ as 'ni' in onion and España .

h h 'is' silent in Spanish

Note that ch, ll, ñ, and rr are considered single letters in Spanish and are, therefore listed after, c, l, n and r in dictionaries. The final -d (e.g. usted, Madrid) is usually dropped.

Phrases for school

How are you? ..... Como esta?
Did you finish your homework? ..... Termino usted sus deberes?
What tests do you have today? ..... Que examenes tiene usted hoy?
Welcome. ..... Bienvenida.
Nice to meet you. ..... Agradable reunirlo.
Welcome to our school. ..... Bienvenida a nuestra escuela.
My name is _____. ..... Mi nombre es _____. or Me llamo _____.
What is your name? ..... Como se llama?
Do you understand the teacher? ..... Entiende usted al maestro?
You need to turn in your homework everyday. ..... Usted necesita entregar sus tareas diarios.
Do you have any questions? ..... Tiene usted cualquiera pregunta?
Where are you from? ..... De donde son eres?
Do you have any brothers or sisters? ..... Tiene usted hermano o hermonas?
How are you adjusting to our school? ..... Como sean usted ajuste a nuestra escuela?
Do you speak English? ..... Habla usted ingles? Or Tu hables ingles?
Do you play any sports? ..... Juega usted deportes?
Do you have a girlfriend/boyfriend? ..... Tiene usted a una amiga/amigo?
What is your favorite subject in school? ..... Que es su sujeto favorito en la escuela?
What is your worst subject in school? ..... Que es su sujeto peor en la escuela?
Where is your homework? ..... Donde estan sus deberes?
Don't be late to class! ..... No sea tarde a la clase!
Please study tonight. ..... Por favor estudio esta noche.
What test are you taking? ..... Que prueba toma usted?
Do you need help? ..... Necesita usted ayuda?
May I help you? ..... Lo puedo ayudar yo?
Please pay attention. ..... Preste atencion por favor.
Good work! ..... Bueno trabajo!
Do you understand the test? ..... Entiende usted la prueba?
Do you understand your homework? ..... Entiende usted sus deberes?
I am proud of you. ..... Soy orgulloso de usted.
Keep up the good work. ..... Mantengase al ritmo del trabajo bueno.
Do you know where your next class is? ..... Sabe usted donde usted proxima clase es?
How was art class? ..... Como es la clase de arte?
How was gym class? ..... Como es la clase de gimnasio?
How was music class? ..... Como es la clase de musica?
Quiet please. ..... La calma por favor.
Please don't interrupt. ..... Por favor no interrumpa.

You need to write a descriptive paper. . . . . Usted necesita escribir un papel descriptivo.
You need to write a narrative paper. . . . . Usted necesita escribir un papel narrativo.
You need to write a comparison/contrast paper. . . . . Usted necesita escribir una comparacion. papel de contraste.
You need to write a poem. . . . . Usted necesita escribir un poema.
The homework is due _____ . . . . . Los deberes son debidos _____.
The test is _____ . . . . . La prueba es _____.
Your project is due _____ . . . . . Su proyecto es debido _____.
Your paper is due _____ . . . . . Su papel es debido _____.
There is no school tomorrow. . . . . No hay escuela manana.
Happy Birthday! . . . . . Feliz cumpleanos!
Where are you going? . . . . . Hacia dónde vas?
Where do you live? . . . . . Dónde vive usted?

Common words and phrases

Hello. . . . . Hola.
Goodbye . . . . . Adiós.
Please. . . . . Por favor.
Excuse me. . . . . Perdoname.
Thank you. . . . . Gracias.
You're welcome. . . . . De nada.
Nice to meet you. . . . . Encantado de conocerle.
Good morning. . . . . Buenos días.
Good afternoon. . . . . Buenas tardes.
Good evening. . . . . Buenas noches.
Good night. . . . . Buenas noches.
Yes . . . . . sí
No . . . . . no
Maybe . . . . . quizás
Open . . . . . abierto
Closed . . . . . cerrado
All . . . . . todo
A little . . . . . un poco
A lot . . . . . mucho
Good . . . . . bueno
Bad . . . . . mal

Questions

Who? . . . . . Quién?
What? . . . . . Qué?
When? . . . . . Cuando?
Where? . . . . . Donde?
Why? . . . . . Por qué?
How? . . . . . Como?
How much? . . . . . Cuanto?
Where is _____? . . . . . Donde está?