

Useful Spanish Phrases

Here are a few words and phrases in Spanish you may find useful. Practice saying these before you come to camp. You might not be able to learn them all, but the nationals appreciate any effort we make to speak their native language; it shows respect for them and their culture.

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| Cristo (Jesús) te ama | Jesus loves you |
| Dios te ama | God loves you |
| Dios le bendiga | God bless you |
| ¿Tiene una Biblia? | Do you have a Bible? |
| La Biblia dice..... | The Bible says . . . |
| Jesucristo es el camino..... | Jesus Christ is the way |
| Soy Cristiano(a) | I am a Christian (mas. and fem.) |
| ¿Eres Cristiano(a)?..... | Are you a Christian (mas. and fem.) |
| ¿Conoces a Cristo personalmente? | Do you know Christ personally? |
| Iglesia..... | Church |
| Pastor..... | Pastor |
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| ¿Como está? | How are you doing? |
| Bien gracias. ¿Y tú? | Fine thanks. And you? |
| Encantado..... | Pleased to meet you |
| ¿Habla inglés?..... | Do you speak English? |
| Si, un poco | Yes, a little |
| No hablo español (muy bien)..... | I don't speak Spanish (very well) |
| Repita por favor | Please repeat |
| No entiendo..... | I don't understand |
| No sé | I don't know |
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| Me llamo..... | My name is..... |
| ¿Cómo se llama?..... | What is your name? |
| El es mi amigo, | This is my friend, |
| Vivo en | I live in |
| ¿De dónde eres? | Where are you from? |
| Soy de | I am from |
| ¿Cuántos años tiene usted? | How old are you? |
| ¿Cuántas personas viven en su casa? | How many people live in your house |
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| ¿Qué te gusta hacer? | What do you like to do? |
| Me gusta <u>(see following words)</u> | I like <u>(see following words)</u> |
| leer = to read cantar = to sing bailar = to dance ver la tele = to watch TV escuchar música = to listen to music jugar = to play (béisbol [baseball], vólibol [volleyball], básquetbol [basketball], tenis [tennis], golf, fútbol americano [American football – to distinguish from fútbol, which is soccer] | |
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| ¿Donde está el baño? | Where is the bathroom? |
| ¿Qué hora es?..... | What time is it? |
| ¿Cuánto cuesta? | How much does it cost? |
| ¡Hace calor!..... | It's hot! |
| Tengo sed..... | I am thirsty |
| Vamos a comer | Let's eat |
| Agua..... | Water |

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| Refresco | Soft drink |
| Chicle (or chiclet) | chewing gum |
| Tienda | Store |
| Gracias | Thank you |
| Muchas gracias..... | Thank you very much |
| Por favor..... | Please |
| De nada | You're welcome |
| Con permiso (when taking leave of someone)..... | Excuse me |
| Perdóne | Forgive me |
| ¡Hola! | Hello |
| Buenos días | Good morning |
| Buenas tardes | Good afternoon |
| Buenas noches..... | Good evening |
| Adiós amigo(a)(os) | Goodbye friend(s) |
| ¡Adiós! Pasé un rato agradable | Goodbye! I had a great time |
| Si | Yes |
| No..... | No |
| Bueno | Good |
| Muy bien | Very good |
| No muy bien..... | Not very good |
| Malo (mala)..... | Bad (masculine and feminine) |
| No esta mal | Not bad |

Question words:

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| ¿Quién? (¿Quienes?)..... | Who? (Singular and plural) |
| ¿Qué? | What? |
| ¿Cuándo?..... | When? |
| ¿Dónde? | Where? |
| ¿Por qué?..... | Why? |
| ¿Cómo? | How? |
| ¿Cuánto? | How much? |

More handy words:

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| Baño | Bathroom |
| Cuarto..... | Bedroom |
| Cama | Bed |
| Mesa..... | Table |
| Silla | Chair |
| Ducha | Shower |
| Toalla | Towel |
| Almohada..... | Pillow |
| Marioneta | Puppet |
| Drama..... | Drama |

Normally you pronounce *each* vowel (even if there are two vowels side-by-side in a word). Here's how Spanish vowels are pronounced compared to English:

a-ah e-ā i-ē o-oh u-uoooo

An "n" with a "˜" over it (ñ) sounds like n and y together: *español* pronounced "espanyol"

Double "ll's" are pronounced as a "y": *llama* pronounced "yama"

An accent over a vowel: that part of the word is stressed: *cómo* pronounced "COmo"