

Spanish A1 Survival Guide

Essential Spanish for Beginners

Basic phrases, grammar foundations,
and everyday communication for real-life
situations.



Welcome

Learning Spanish does not start with memorizing hundreds of grammar rules.

It starts with communication.

This guide is designed to help beginner students understand the most important foundations of Spanish and start using the language with confidence.

Inside this guide, you will find:

- essential everyday phrases
- basic grammar structures
- the most useful verbs
- practical examples for real communication
- a clear foundation for your Spanish learning journey

This material is based on the same structured approach used in my online Spanish lessons.

Part 1 — Essential Everyday Phrases

Greetings / Saludos

- Hola — Hello
- Buenos días — Good morning
- Buenas tardes — Good afternoon
- Buenas noches — Good evening / Good night
- ¿Cómo estás? — How are you?
- ¿Qué tal? — What's up
- Mucho gusto — Nice to meet you

Farewells / Despedidas

- ¡Hasta pronto! — See you soon
- ¡Hasta luego! — See you later
- Chau — Bye
- ¡Adiós! — Goodbye

Useful Questions

- ¿Dónde está...? — Where is...?
- ¿Cuánto cuesta? — How much does it cost?
- ¿Puede ayudarme? — Can you help me?
- No entiendo — I don't understand
- ¿Puede repetir? — Can you repeat?
- Hablo un poco de español — I speak a little Spanish
- ¿Qué significa "___"? — What does "___" mean?
- ¿Cómo se dice "___" en español? — How do you say "___" in Spanish?

Part 2 — The Most Important Verbs

SER (to be)

Used for identity, origin, profession, characteristics.

Examples:

- Soy profesor
- Ella es médica
- Somos de España
- La casa es grande

ESTAR (to be)

Used for location and temporary states.

Examples:

- Estoy cansado
- Estamos en Cusco
- El libro está aquí

TENER (to have)

Examples:

- Tengo una clase
- Tenemos tiempo
- Ella tiene una pregunta

Part 3 — Basic Sentence Structure

Simple Formula

Subject + Verb + Complement

Examples:

- Yo estudio español
- Ella trabaja en un hospital
- Nosotros vivimos en Perú

This structure helps you build clear and correct sentences from the beginning.

Part 4 — Useful Connectors

These words help you sound more natural.

y = and
pero = but
porque = because
también = also
entonces = then
primero = first
después = later

Examples:

- Estudio español **porque** viajo a Perú
- Trabajo **y** también estudio
- Quiero viajar a España **pero** no tengo tiempo.
- Yo **también** quiero viajar a España.

Part 5 — Common Beginner Mistakes

1. SER vs ESTAR

- ✗ Estoy profesor
- ✓ Soy profesor

2. Gender Agreement

- ✗ La problema
- ✓ El problema

3. Articles

- ✗ Tengo perro
- ✓ Tengo un perro

4. POR vs PARA

- ✗ Estudio español por viajar a Perú.
- ✓ Estudio español para viajar a Perú.

Small corrections create big improvements.

Part 6 — How to Improve Faster

Real progress comes from:

- consistency
- speaking practice
- guided correction
- clear structure
- personalized feedback

But real progress happens when you actively use the language.



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