

# Shortcut to Spanish

A 31-Day Course That Shows You How to Communicate in Spanish Using Thousands of Spanish Words You Didn't Know you Knew.

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You already know **thousands** of Spanish words.

You just need to learn some easy patterns to change **English words into Spanish**.

It's easy to learn these **Spanish** words and use them immediately.

This book shows you the patterns and how to **use them to speak Spanish**.

Plus a lot more Spanish you can use.

All you need to do **now** is...

**Do it!**

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Welcome to the Spanish speaking world.

Today is your first step into the exciting world of speaking a second language.

The lessons are easy and short. You will only need 15 - 25 minutes a day to complete each lesson. I wish I had this book when I started to learn Spanish it would have saved me years. So please take full advantage of the book and feel free to contact me if you need any help.  
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Perhaps you have modest goals and you are only aiming to get by in Spanish next time you travel to a Spanish speaking country. Maybe, you have Latino friends you want to communicate with in Spanish. You may even have a more serious goal of completely mastering the Spanish language. Whatever your long range goals, in 31 days you'll have the tools you need to start conversing in Spanish.

There are 7 important components in the Shortcut to Spanish method

### **Shortcut to Spanish Component #1 Cognates – How to Learn 1000s of Spanish Words Instantly**

In a perfect world all Spanish courses would **start with this easy step**. It is very **user-friendly way to learn**. Much better than the ghastly grammar that you find in most language courses.

Cognates are English words with Latin roots.

Cognates are an easy, fast, fun way to get a **Spanish vocabulary of thousands of words**.

All you need to do is learn the rules to translate English word into Spanish. The amazing thing about cognates is that you can **use them instantly to speak Spanish**.

For example, changing **TY** to **DAD** can change most English words that end in **TY** into Spanish

<b>English</b>	<b>Spanish</b>
University	Universidad
Eternity	Eternidad
Velocity	Velocidad

You will learn instantly a Spanish vocabulary of **3013** words, In the book you will find **31 categories of cognates**.

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## Shortcut to Spanish Component #2

### Mnemonics – How to ignite your imagination to learn Spanish words in a flash

**Mnemonics** are without doubt **the most powerful tool** for learning a language.

How do mnemonics work?

Mnemonics make a link between English and the Spanish word that you want to learn. For example, the Spanish word for bread is **pan**.

Imagine yourself cooking bread in a **pan**. Really use your imagination and see yourself in your mind cooking a whole loaf of bread in the **pan**. The more crazy it looks the better.

By creating a picture in your mind and using your imagination you access the right brain. The right brain is the creative side of your brain. The right brain learns fast. Just look at the world's masters of right brain imagination and fast learning. Children! Plus, you have a easy to remember link between the English word bread and the Spanish word for bread, **pan**.

**The mnemonics in the book look like this.**

The Spanish word for there is or there are is **hay**. (EYE)  
Imagine a cyclopes says, "there is something in my **eye**."

#### **There are 4 elements in learning with mnemonics**

1. The word in the (BRACKETS AND CAPITAL LETTERS) on the far right is how to pronounce the word in Spanish.
2. The underlined words there is and there are are the English word or words you are learning.
3. The bold word on the first line (**hay**) is the Spanish word as it is spelled.
4. The bold word on the second line (**eye**) is the mnemonic link to the Spanish word as it is pronounced.

#### **Please note**

Mnemonic work best if the link word is close to the sound of the Spanish word not the spelling. So the mnemonics always mentally link to the sound of the Spanish words.

In this book you will learn **132 words** using mnemonics.

The mnemonics in this book are carefully selected Spanish words that give you maximum versatility in your Spanish communication. They are the most frequently used Spanish words. When you combine them with your **3013 cognates vocabulary** you have plenty of communication options to express yourself in Spanish.

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### Shortcut to Spanish Component #3

**Power verbs – Useful words you can combine with cognates and mnemonics to make unlimited Spanish sentences.**

#### Power Verbs

Power verbs are in **blue**. Make sure you learn them well they will give you infinite communication opportunities.

When you do the exercises to create Spanish you will see and use the **power verbs** over and over again. By the time you have finished this course you will know them **forever**. You will be able to use **power verbs** without thinking about them.

### Shortcut to Spanish Component #4

**Power words – The 100 most frequently used words in Spanish.**

#### **Top 100 Word**

**Top 100 words** are in **red**.

These **top 100 words** are simply the most frequently used words in Spanish.

In fact studies have shown that as few as 100 words are used over and over in 50% of all communication.

You will learn these 100 flexible and frequently used words. You will master powerful communication words like who, what, why, where, when, how, how much, very, more, many, drink, eat, new, with etc.

Learn these versatile **top 100 words** combine them with **power verbs** and **cognates** and they will reward you with maximum Spanish communication.

### Shortcut to Spanish Component #5

#### **Understand Spanish**

Each lesson has an exercise in understanding Spanish, real Spanish just as it's spoken everyday in Latin American, the USA and Spain. These lessons recycle words from previous chapters to reinforce and strengthen the Spanish in you mind. You will develop your sense of correctness in Spanish and an understanding of how Spanish is put together.

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## Shortcut to Spanish Component #6 You create Spanish

In every chapter after chapter 4 you actually create Spanish.

These are writing exercises. However, if you are like me and you won't want to write them out, That's okay. You don't have to write if you don't want. Instead translate in your mind and scroll down to the answers. Or print out the pages and cover the answers as you translate in your mind.

## Shortcut to Spanish Component #7 Español Claro, Conciso y Bien Expresado Clear, concise and well-expressed Spanish

As you go through the course you will see boxes like this one.

In each box is an explanation of Spanish structures. The explanations are short. They are designed to be easy, so you can use them right away as you create Spanish in the exercises.

You will find a lot of explanations about the Spanish masculine and feminine gender.

It is not really a big deal if you get it gender wrong. In fact 99% of the time people will understand you even if you get it gender wrong..

So why did I write so many explanations of gender in Spanish?

Masculine or feminine gender features in just about every sentence of Spanish. So when you are creating Spanish you will be dealing with the issue of masculine and feminine constantly.

I make the point again **it is not that big a deal if you get it wrong**. Pay it as much or as little attention as you feel you need to.

It is normal to make mistakes with gender. Don't let mistakes bother you. Mistakes are an important part of learning. Just try and understand your mistake and move on.

Sometimes you'll make an error and you won't know why. Don't worry if you can't figure it out just keep going. Often you'll find that the doing is the learning. If you repeat the course you'll understand Spanish with a new clarity the second time around. In fact the difficult parts will become very easy the second time around

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Well that's the pep talk to get you started.

As they say at Nike

**HAZLO**  
**Just do it.**

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# Lección número Uno

Lesson number 1

	Pronunciation
<b>Power Verb / Top 100 Word</b> 1. The Spanish word for <i>I have</i> is <b>tengo</b> . Imagine a child saying, " <u>I have</u> a video game and <u>I have</u> <b>ten goes</b> a day."	(TENGO)
<b>Power Verb</b> 2. The Spanish word for <i>I need</i> is <b>necesito</b> . Imagine you are angry and you say, " <u>I need</u> it because it's a <b>necessity</b> ."	(NECESEETO)
<b>Power Verb / Top 100 Word</b> 3. The Spanish word for <i>there is</i> or <i>there are</i> is <b>hay</b> . Imagine a cyclopes says, " <u>there is</u> something in my <b>eye</b> ."	(EYE)

## Recomendación de Pronunciación

Pronunciation recommendation

The **H** in Spanish is always silent. So **hay** is pronounced like the English word **eye**.

**Honduras** is pronounced **onduras**

And **Havana** is pronounced **avana**

4. The Spanish word for <i>downtown</i> is <b>el centro</b> . The <i>downtown</i> area is usually in the <b>center</b> of the city.	(EL CENTRO)
<b>Top 100 Word</b> 5. The Spanish word for <i>a/an</i> is <b>Un</b> or <b>una</b> . <b>Un</b> is masculine and <b>una</b> is feminine. More about this in lesson 4.	(OON /OONA)
6. The Spanish word for <i>shade</i> is <b>sombra</b> . A <b>sombrero</b> gets its name because it gives <i>shade</i> .	(SOMBRAH)

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**Exercise 1A**

See how well you remembered your new Spanish words. Write the English words on the line

1. The English word for **sombra** is \_\_\_\_\_
2. The English word for **un / una** is \_\_\_\_\_
3. The English word for **el centro** is \_\_\_\_\_
4. The English words for **hay** are \_\_\_\_\_
5. The English words for **necesito** are \_\_\_\_\_
6. The English words for **tengo** are \_\_\_\_\_

**Answers to exercise 1A**

1. shade
2. one or a/an
3. downtown
4. there is
5. I need
6. I have

## Instant Spanish Vocabulary

### Category 1 **the same as English**

There are many Spanish words that are exactly the same as English words.

altar	horror	similar
color	hospital	simple
crisis	hotel	solar
cruel	humor	sofá
chocolate	monitor	tumor
error	motor	vapor (steam)
factor	peculiar	virus
fatal	plan	visa
favor	popular	vulgar
honor	rumor	

### Category 2 **OR**

Many English words about people end with **or**. Many Spanish words are exactly the same or they have small spelling changes.

#### **The rule to create Spanish from English**

You can make the English words into Spanish by changing **double letters** to **single letters** and by changing **TH** to **T**.

actor	detractor	opresor
agresor	doctor	pastor
autor	editor	profesor
auditor	impostor	protector
benefactor	inspector	sucesor
control	instructor	tenor
director	inventor	tutor

## Category 3 TOR-DOR

### The rule to create Spanish from English

Most English words that end in **tor** can be made into Spanish by changing **tor** to **dor**.

administrador	distribuidor	legislador
aviador	educador	matador
comentador	elevador	mediador
comunicador	exterminador	moderador
competidor	facilitador	narrador
conquistador	gladiador	operador
contribuidor	ilustrador	opresor
coordinador	indicador	senador
creador	imitador	terminador
decorador	innovador	traidor
dictador	instigador	

## Category 4 Too Close to Miss

Here are some more examples of **Instant Spanish Vocabulary** words that don't follow any pattern. However they are too close to miss and you'll recognize them right away.

adulto	figura	problema
análisis	futuro	prohibición
aritmética	guitarra	promesa
armas (weapons)	hábito	reservación
brillante	honesto	restaurante
carisma	hostil	resto
celular	irregular	sincero
cliente (also customer)	mínimo	sólido
conflicto	momento	teléfono
contento (also happy)	mucho	tráfico
detalles	origen	votos
dólar	parte	
ejemplo	pasaporte	
espectacular	persona	

You don't need to memorize these words. They are repeated in exercises throughout this course, so you'll find yourself learning them without even trying.

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**Exercise 1B**

These Spanish words aren't as obvious as the words in the first 4 categories. However with a little lateral thinking you should be able figure most of them out. Try and guess what these word mean in English. Write the English on the line.

- 1. chofer \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. lider \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. ejemplo \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. ejercicio \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. cobarde \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. infante \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. himno \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. voz \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. avance \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. tono \_\_\_\_\_
- 11. rico \_\_\_\_\_
- 12. afortunado \_\_\_\_\_
- 13. memoria \_\_\_\_\_
- 14. acondicionado \_\_\_\_\_
- 15. incluso \_\_\_\_\_
- 16. curso \_\_\_\_\_
- 17. resultado \_\_\_\_\_
- 18. crema \_\_\_\_\_
- 19. energia \_\_\_\_\_
- 20. énfasis \_\_\_\_\_
- 21. caso \_\_\_\_\_
- 22. matrimonio \_\_\_\_\_
- 23. proyecto \_\_\_\_\_
- 24. aventura \_\_\_\_\_
- 25. divino \_\_\_\_\_
- 26. carro \_\_\_\_\_

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## Answers to exercise 1B

1. driver (chauffeur)
2. leader (guide)
3. example
4. exercise
5. coward
6. infant
7. hymn
8. voice
9. advance
10. tone (of voice)
11. rich
12. fortunate
13. memory
14. air-conditioned
15. included
16. course (curse would be a good guess but course is the correct answer)
17. result
18. cream
19. energy
20. emphasis
21. case
22. matrimony
23. project
24. adventure
25. divine
26. car

See how easy and similar many Spanish words are to English words.

I encourage you to guess whenever you see a Spanish word that looks like English. You will get it right most of the time just like you did in Exercise 1B.

There are thousands of words in English with Latin roots in common with Spanish words. You are going to learn 27 more patterns of this magical **Instant Spanish vocabulary**. Soon you will learn how you can use this instant vocabulary to start creating Spanish sentences.

At this **parte del curso** all you need to do is recognize and comprehend Spanish. Go ahead and **practica comprender el español** in full sentences in **ejercicio numero 1C**.



### **The answers to exercise 1C**

1. I need a doctor
2. A simple problem of arithmetic
3. A hotel (in the) downtown
4. I need shade.
5. I have a guitar.
6. I need a hat.
7. There is a hospital (in the) downtown.
8. I have a passport.
9. A Spanish course.
10. I need a driver.
11. A restaurant (in the) downtown.
12. There is a lot of traffic (in the) downtown.
13. I need a hotel
14. There is a crisis.
15. There is a strict prohibition of arms (weapons) in Mexico.
16. There is a lot of shade.
17. There is a cathedral (in the) downtown.
18. A hotel with air-conditioning.
19. An example of Spanish.

**Exercise 1D**

Write the Spanish words on the line

1. I have \_\_\_\_\_
2. there is \_\_\_\_\_
3. downtown \_\_\_\_\_
4. with \_\_\_\_\_
5. I need \_\_\_\_\_
6. shade \_\_\_\_\_

**Answer to exercise 1D**

1. tengo
2. hay
3. el centro
4. con
5. necesito
6. sombra



# Lección número Dos

Lesson number 2

## Instant Spanish Vocabulary

### Category 5 **ist - ista** words

#### The rule to create Spanish from English

Most English words that end in **ist** can be made into Spanish by changing **ist** to **ista**.

Here are 55 Spanish words for you to use right away.

artista	lingüista	publicista
bautista (baptist)	lista	purista
capitalista	manicurista	racista
ciclista	marxista	realista
comunista	materialista	repcionista
conservacionista	metodista	reformista
dentista	nacionalista	reservista
economista	novelista	semifinalista
especialista (specialist)	nudista	sexista
estilista (stylist)	nutricionista	socialista
extremista	oportunista	soloista
fascista	optimista	surrealista
feminista	ortodoncista	terrorista
finalista	pacifista	tradicionalista
futurista	perfeccionista	turista
guitarrista	pesimista	violinista
humanista	pianista	vocalista
imperialista	pragmatista	
impresionista	proteccionista	

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## New words

## Pronunciation

### Power Verb

7. The Spanish word for I want is **Quiero**  
Imagine a friend says, I want to help I **care oh** so much

(KEY AIR OWE)

### Top 100 Word

8. The Spanish word for new is **Nuevo**  
Imagine you are bionic and have a new **elbow**

(NOO AIVO)

### Power Verb Top 100 Word

9. The Spanish word for you have is **tiene**  
They say the English love tea. Imagine an Englishman in America desperate for a good cup of tea asking do you have good **tea any**where here?

(TEA ANY)

10. Woman is **mujer**  
Imagine kids teasing the old woman and call her a cow and they **Moo** at **her**

(MOO HAIR)

### Recomendación de Pronunciación # 2

The **J** in Spanish is always pronounced like an H in English. So **mujer** is pronounced **Mooher**.

**Baja** California is pronounced **Baha** California.  
And of course the **San Jose** is pronounced **San Hosay**.

11. You probably know this but if you haven't come across it yet.  
In Spanish Man is **hombre**  
Imagine a lazy **man** who is always **on break**

(OM BRAY)

### Top 100 Word

12. The Spanish word for with is **con**  
Imagine a **con** man with a pack of cards

(CON)

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### **Ejercicio 2A**

See how well you remembered your new Spanish words from this lesson and the words from lesson 1.

1. The English word for **con** is \_\_\_\_\_
2. The English word for **hombre** is \_\_\_\_\_
3. The English word for **mujer** is \_\_\_\_\_
4. The English words for **tiene** are \_\_\_\_\_
5. The English word for **nuevo** is \_\_\_\_\_
6. The English words for **quiero** are \_\_\_\_\_
7. The English word for **sombra** is \_\_\_\_\_
8. The English word for **un / una** is \_\_\_\_\_
9. The English word for **el centro** is \_\_\_\_\_
10. The English words for **hay** are \_\_\_\_\_
11. The English words for **necesito** are \_\_\_\_\_
12. The English words for **tengo** are \_\_\_\_\_

### **Respuestas ejercicio 2A**

**Answers to exercise 2A**

1. with
2. man
3. woman
4. you have
5. new
6. I want
7. shade
8. one or a/an
9. downtown
10. there is
11. I need
12. I have



## **Respuestas ejercicio 2B**

### **Answers to exercise 2B**

1. A woman
2. There is a guitarist in the restaurant.
3. I want a hat
4. A restaurant with shade.
5. There are signs of recuperation.
6. You have a reservation.
7. A new hotel (in the) downtown.
8. There is a man in the hotel.
9. A man with charisma.
10. I want coffee with cream.
11. There are tourists (in the) downtown.
12. There is a restaurant in the hotel.
13. There is a woman in the hospital.
14. The doctor is a woman.
15. There is a new hotel (in the) downtown
16. You have a new dentist.
17. There is a rumor.
18. You have indigestion.
19. A man
20. I have a new doctor.
21. An exercise in diplomacy.
22. You have a problem with your passport.
23. I have a list of the hotels (in the) downtown.
24. New Spain

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## Ejercicio 2C

Write the Spanish words on the line

1. I have \_\_\_\_\_
2. you have \_\_\_\_\_
3. there is \_\_\_\_\_
4. I need \_\_\_\_\_
5. I want \_\_\_\_\_
6. downtown \_\_\_\_\_
7. a / an \_\_\_\_\_
8. shade \_\_\_\_\_
9. with \_\_\_\_\_
10. new \_\_\_\_\_
11. man \_\_\_\_\_
12. woman \_\_\_\_\_

## Respuestas ejercicio 2C

Answers to exercise 2C

1. tengo
2. tiene
3. hay
4. necesito
5. quiero
6. el centro
7. un or una/uno
8. sombra
9. con
10. nuevo
11. hombre
12. mujer

## Español Claro, Conciso y Bien Expresado

Clear, concise and well-expressed Spanish

### How to ask question in Spanish

Questions and statements are the same in Spanish

#### Example

You have a sombrero = **tiene sombrero**

Do you have a sombrero? = **¿tiene sombrero?**

The structure is the same.

There is a shade = **Hay sombra**

Is there a shade? = **¿Hay sombra?**

#### **So how do they tell the difference between a question and a statement?**

It's all in the tone of voice. The tone rises for a question.

#### **Spanish question mark ¿?**

Also notice the (¿) upside down question mark at the beginning of the question in Spanish.

#### **¿Tiene sombrero?**

In Spanish the words order is the same for a question or a statement. So to make a clear distinction between statements and questions Spanish uses an upside down question mark.

**E.g. ¿Tiene dinero?** Do you have money?  
**¿Tiene una reservación?** Do you have a reservation?

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## Ejercicio 2D Translate into Spanish

Now you have a good starting vocabulary you are ready to create some Spanish.

### un Sombrero = a hat

1. Do you have a hat?
2. I have a hat.
3. I want a hat.
4. Do you have shade?
5. I need shade.
6. I need a hat.
7. Is there shade (in) downtown?

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8. Is there a hospital?
9. Is there a hotel (in) downtown?
10. You have a hat.
11. Do you have shade?
12. There is shade in downtown
13. There is a hotel (in) downtown.
14. I need a doctor.

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## **Respuestas ejercicio 2D**

### **Answers to exercise 2D**

1. ¿Tiene un sombrero?
2. Tengo un sombrero
3. Quiero un sombrero
4. ¿Tiene sombra?
5. Necesito sombra
6. Necesito un sombrero
7. ¿Hay sombra en el centro?

NOTE: In english we normally just say: There is shade downtown but in Spanish it is always say **en el centro** (in the downtown).

8. ¿Hay un hospital?
9. ¿Hay un hotel en el centro?
10. Tiene un sombrero
11. ¿Tiene sombra?
12. Hay sombra en el centro
13. Hay un hotel en el centro
14. Necesito un doctor.

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## Well that's a great start.

You have understood many Spanish sentences and created your own Spanish. You learned 5 power verbs and already have a vocabulary of more than 200 Spanish words. You are already communicating in Spanish, congratulations.

### Remember

I want	<b>quiero</b>
I have	<b>tengo</b>
you have	<b>tiene</b>
I need	<b>necesito</b>
there is	<b>hay</b>

These are **power verbs** and you will use them just about every time you communicate anything in Spanish.

In the next lesson you will learn:

- 325 English words you can make into Spanish with one small change.
- We'll look at a group of Spanish words that are the same as English words 99% of the time.

I hope you enjoyed the lessons, doesn't it feel great to start making sense of another language?

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## Lección número tres

Lesson number 3

### New words

Here are some easy but very useful words you may already know:

	Pronunciation
13. The Spanish word for <i>house</i> is <b>casa</b> . Have you heard the famous Mexican expression "mi <b>casa</b> es su <b>casa</b> " "my <i>house</i> is your <i>house</i> ."  You get three bonus Spanish words with that famous expression	(CASA)
<b>Top 100 Word</b> 14. The Spanish word for <i>my</i> is <b>mi</b> . So " <b>mi</b> casa" in English is " <i>my</i> house."	(ME)
<b>Top 100 Word</b> 15. The Spanish word for <i>your</i> is <b>su</b> . So <b>su</b> casa in English is " <i>your</i> house."	(SUE)
<b>Power Verb Top 100 Word</b> 16. The Spanish word for <i>is</i> is <b>es</b> . So " <b>es</b> su casa" in English " <i>is</i> your house."	(ES)
<b>Top 100 Word</b> 17. The Spanish word for <i>and</i> is <b>y</b> . Pronounced ee.	(EE)
<b>Top 100 Word</b> 18. The Spanish word for <i>for</i> is <b>por</b> . Imagine the <b>poor</b> turkey they are going to eat him <i>for</i> thanksgiving.	(POR)

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### Ejercicio 3A

See how well you remembered your new Spanish words. Write the English words on the line

1. The English word for **por** is \_\_\_\_\_
2. The English word for **y** is \_\_\_\_\_
3. The English word for **es** is \_\_\_\_\_
4. The English word for **su** is \_\_\_\_\_
5. The English word for **mi** is \_\_\_\_\_
6. The English word for **casa** is \_\_\_\_\_

### Respuestas ejercicio 3A

1. for
2. and
3. is
4. your
5. my
6. house

# Instant Spanish Vocabulary

## Category 6 the tions

### The rule to create Spanish from English

Most English words that end in **tion** can be made into Spanish by changing **tion** to **ción**.

Notice the mark above the O. That is an accent mark. It means you need to make sure you pronounce the O clearly and with a bit of a punch like this:

Revol oo see **O**n

Well done you just said revolution in Spanish.

**Here are 325 more Spanish words you can use right away.**

abreviación  
acción  
acreditación  
activación  
acumulación  
acusación  
adicción  
adición  
administración  
admiración  
adopción  
adulación  
afiliación  
afirmación  
aflicción  
agitación  
alteración  
ambición  
americanización  
animación  
anotación  
anticipación  
aplicación  
apreciación  
aproximación  
asimilación  
asociación  
atracción  
atención  
audición  
autorización  
aviación  
cancelación  
capitalización

celebración  
centralización  
certificación  
circulación  
civilización  
clasificación  
coalición  
cognición  
colaboración  
colección  
colonización  
combinación  
compensación  
competición  
complicación  
comunicación  
concentración  
concepción  
condición  
confederación  
confirmación  
confrontación  
congregación  
conjugación  
conservación  
consideración  
consolación  
consolidación  
constipación  
constitución  
construcción  
contaminación  
contemplación  
continuación

contracción  
contradición  
contribución  
convención  
convicción  
cooperación  
coordinación  
coronación  
corporación  
corrección  
correlación  
corrupción  
creación  
declaración  
decoración  
dedicación  
definición  
demolición  
demostración  
deportación  
descripción  
destinación  
destrucción  
detención  
determinación  
devastación  
devoción  
diferenciación  
dirección  
discreción  
discriminación  
disertación  
disfunción  
distracción

distribución  
diversificación  
documentación  
dominación  
donación  
dramatización  
duplicación  
duración  
edición  
educación  
elección  
electrocución  
elevación  
eliminación  
emancipación  
emigración  
emoción  
emulación  
erección  
erupción  
especialización  
especificación  
especulación  
estabilización  
esterilización  
evaluación  
evaporación  
evolución  
exageración  
examinación  
excavación  
excepción  
exclamación  
exhibición  
expedición  
exploración  
exportación  
exposición  
extinción  
extracción  
falsificación  
federación  
fermentación  
fertilización  
ficción  
filtración  
fluctuación  
formación  
formulación  
fundación (foundation)  
fracción  
fricción

fumigación  
función  
generalización  
globalización  
graduación  
gravitación  
identificación  
ignición  
iluminación  
ilustración  
imaginación  
imitación  
imperfcción  
implicación  
importación  
improvisación  
inaguración  
indiscreción  
infección  
inflación  
inflamación  
información  
inhibición  
innovación  
inquisición  
inspección  
inspiración  
instalación  
institución  
instrucción  
insurrección  
integración  
intención  
intercepción  
interrogación  
interrupción  
intersección  
intervención  
intimidación  
introducción  
intuición  
invención  
investigación  
invitación  
irrigación  
irritación  
justificación  
laminación  
legalización  
legislación  
liberación  
limitación

liposucción  
litigación  
loción  
lubricación  
malnutrición  
manifestación  
manipulación  
medicación  
meditación  
memorización  
mención  
menstruación  
migración  
moderación  
modificación  
monopolización  
motivación  
multiplicación  
nación  
narración  
negación  
negociación  
noción  
nominación  
nutrición  
objección  
obligación  
observación  
obstrucción  
ocupación  
opción  
operación  
oposición  
organización  
participación  
percepción  
perfección  
persecución  
personalización  
poción  
polución  
porción  
posición  
precaución  
predicción  
premonición  
preparación  
preposición  
prescripción  
presentación  
preservación  
presunción (presumption)

prevención  
privatización  
proclamación  
producción  
prohibición  
promoción  
pronunciación  
proposición  
prostitución  
protección  
provocación  
publicación  
puntuación  
purificación  
reacción  
recepción  
recomendación  
reconciliación  
recreación  
recuperación  
reducción  
reelección

reencarnación  
refrigeración  
regulación  
rehabilitación  
renovación  
reorganización  
repetición  
representación  
reputación  
reservación  
resolución  
respiración  
retribución  
revelación  
revolución  
rotación  
salvación  
satisfacción  
saturación  
sección  
sedación  
seducción

segregación  
selección  
sensación  
separación  
simplificación  
simulación  
situación  
sofisticación  
solución  
superstición  
tradicción  
transacción  
transformación  
transición  
vacación  
validación  
variación  
vegetación  
ventilación  
verificación  
vibración  
visualización

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### **Respuestas ejercicio 3B**

1. I have an invitation
2. I need a reservation.
3. There is a cancellation.
4. I have a new teacher (professor).
5. I want a new doctor.
6. Maximum of three minutes.
7. There are two chimneys and a balcony in my house.
8. A collection of classic goals.
9. I have a reservation.
10. David and Goliath.
11. There is a new exhibition (in the) downtown.
12. There is a man and a woman.
13. Your house is (in the) downtown.
14. My house is in an historic zone.
15. There is a celebration (in the) downtown.
16. The situation is chaotic.
17. I have my visa in my passport.
18. There is a two for one promotion (of two for one).
19. There is a celebration of the graduation (graduation celebration).

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### **Ejercicio 3C**

Write the Spanish words on the line.

1. for \_\_\_\_\_
2. and \_\_\_\_\_
3. my \_\_\_\_\_
4. your \_\_\_\_\_
5. is \_\_\_\_\_
6. house \_\_\_\_\_

### **Respuestas ejercicio 3C**

1. por
2. y
3. mi
4. su
5. es
6. casa

## Lección número Cuatro

Lesson number 4

You learned in lesson 3 how easy it is to make Spanish from English words ending in **tion**. 99 times out of 100 you can just change the English word to a Spanish word by simply changing the ending to **ción**. However here are a few important **excepciones** to the rule.

These **excepciones** are easy to learn and they are very useful and versatile words, so let's learn them right now.

### New words

19. The Spanish word for *translation* is **traducción**  
Just think of needing to **track down** a *translation*

By the way *translación* in Spanish actually means movement of goods

20. The Spanish word for *explanation* is **explicación**  
Think of a grumpy teacher saying I need an *explanation* because your behavior is **inexplicable**

21. In Spanish a *room* is a **habitación**  
Hotel *rooms* are the natural **habitation** of rock stars

22. In Spanish a population is a **población**  
This is very close just change the second P to bl. *PopUlation* **población**

23. In Spanish a *disappointment* is a **decepción**  
If a friend were to play a *deception* on you that would be pretty **disappointing**.

24. The common Spanish word for *pollution* is *contaminación*  
The *pollution* causes **contamination** of the city.

*Pollución* is an instant Spanish word but *contaminación* is the most frequently used word for pollution.

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### Ejercicio 4A

How well do you remember the exceptions from this lesson and the new words from lesson 3? Write the English translation on the line.

1. The English word for **casa** is \_\_\_\_\_
2. The English word for **explicación** is \_\_\_\_\_
3. The English word for **traducción** is \_\_\_\_\_
4. The English word for **contaminación** is \_\_\_\_\_
5. The English word for **su** is \_\_\_\_\_
6. The English word for **población** is \_\_\_\_\_
7. The English word for **decepción** is \_\_\_\_\_
8. The English word for **habitación** is \_\_\_\_\_
9. The English word for **mi** is \_\_\_\_\_
10. The English word for **es** is \_\_\_\_\_
11. The English word for **por** is \_\_\_\_\_
12. The English word for **y** is \_\_\_\_\_

### Respuestas ejercicio 4A

1. house
2. explanation
3. translation
4. pollution
5. your
6. population
7. disappointment
8. room
9. my
10. is
11. for
12. and

# Instant Spanish Vocabulary

## Category 7 **the sions**

### The rule to create Spanish from English

This category is even easier than category 6 **the tions**. To change English words that end in **sion** into Spanish all you need to do is add the accent mark over the final O.

#### English

conclusion  
decision

#### Spanish

conclusión  
decisión

The pronunciation is with a soft S sound just like in category 6 **the tions**.

### Here are 80 more Spanish words for you to use right away.

abrasión  
admisión  
agresión  
aprehensión  
aversión  
colisión  
comisión  
compasión  
comprensión  
compresión  
concesión  
conclusión  
confesión  
confusión  
conversión  
corrosión  
decisión  
depresión  
descompresión  
difusión  
dimensión  
división  
emisión  
emulsión  
erosión  
exclusión  
excursión  
expansión  
explosión  
expresión  
expulsión  
extensión

ilusión  
impresión  
inclusión  
indecisión  
infusión  
inmersion  
intrusión  
invasión  
inversión  
mansión  
misión  
obsesión  
ocasión  
omisión  
opresión  
pasión  
pensión  
percusión  
persuasión  
posesión  
precisión  
pretensión  
procesión  
profesión  
progresión  
propulsión  
provisión  
recesión  
regresión  
remisión  
repercusión  
represión

repulsión  
reversión  
revisión  
sesión  
subdivisión  
sucesión  
supervisión  
supresión  
suspensión  
televisión  
tensión  
transfusión  
transgresión  
transmisión  
versión  
visión



## Respuestas ejercicio 4B

1. I need a translation.
2. I want an explanation.
3. Do you have a room?
4. There is a lot of (much) apprehension and confusion.
5. I have an obsession with (the) women.
6. There is a military inspection (revision) (in the) downtown.
7. In conclusion.
8. There is a population of 100 million people in Mexico.
9. There is a problem with the condition of my room.
10. The audience applauds with enthusiasm.
11. I have a confession.
12. There is a lot of confusion.
13. I need your decision.
14. You have depression.
15. There is a lot of erosion in the coast.
16. There is an invasion in Iraq.
17. My mission is personal.
18. I have a lot of passion for music.
19. There is an economic recession in Latin America.
20. The aerobic exercise session is four dollars.
21. Your version of the story.
22. I need to repair the transmission of my car.
23. There is a lot of corrosion in my car.

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### The Bird and a Bee (el pajarito y una abeja)

In Spanish the word for **the** can be either **El** or **La** depending whether you are talking about something that is masculine or feminine.

**The** man                                **el** hombre  
**The** woman                              **la** mujer

And the word for **a** and **an** can be either **Un** or **Una** depending whether you are talking about something that is masculine or feminine.

**A** man                                    **un** hombre  
**A** woman                                **una** mujer

#### Birds

Generally feminine nouns end in **A** Just think of how many girls' names end in **A** Sandra, Linda, Sara, Angela, Maria, Elena, Barbara, Vanessa, Adriana, Teresa, Victoria, etc.

In Spanish nouns about things can also be feminine so you use **La** or **Una**.

The shade                                **la** sombra  
The house                                **la** casa  
An enchilada                              **una** enchilada

#### Bees

Generally masculine nouns end in **O** Just think of how many men's names end in **O**, Alberto, Francisco, Pancho, Leonardo, Ignacio, Roberto, Paulo, Diego, Claudio, Rodrigo, Ringo, etc.

Also Spanish nouns about things can be masculine so you use **El** or **Un-**

A hat                                        **un** sombrero  
A moment                                 **un** momento  
The downtown                            **el** centro  
A burrito                                   **un** burrito

#### Birds again

Some words don't end in O or A but they are all feminine nouns so you always use **La** and **Una**.

**The** reservation                        **la** reservación  
**The** decision                              **la** decisión  
**A** reservation                            **una** reservación  
**A** decision                                 **una** decisión



## Ejercicio 4C

Write the Spanish words on the line.

1. translation \_\_\_\_\_
2. explanation \_\_\_\_\_
3. population \_\_\_\_\_
4. room \_\_\_\_\_
5. my \_\_\_\_\_
6. your \_\_\_\_\_
7. house \_\_\_\_\_
8. is \_\_\_\_\_
9. the (masculine) \_\_\_\_\_
10. the (feminine) \_\_\_\_\_
11. pollution \_\_\_\_\_
12. disappointment \_\_\_\_\_
13. a/an \_\_\_\_\_

## Respuestas ejercicio 4C

1. traducción
2. explicación
3. población
4. habitación
5. mi
6. su
7. casa
8. es
9. el
10. la
11. contaminación
12. decepción
13. un/una

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## Respuestas ejercicio 4D

1. El hombre.
2. Una mujer con un hombre.
3. ¿Hay una celebración en el centro?
4. La traducción.
5. Quiero una explicación.
6. Una mujer.
7. Un hombre.
8. Una reservación
9. Hay una cancelación.
10. El hombre con una mujer.
11. Necesito una habitación.
12. Tengo la confirmación.
13. Una decepción.
14. Necesito el sombrero.
15. ¿Tiene la confirmación de la reservación?
16. La población
17. ¿Tiene una habitación?
18. Tengo una casa
19. Hay una televisión en la habitación
20. Tengo una mansión.

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