



Spanish 101

15 Essential Words & Phrases for Beginners



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Greetings

Hola = Hello

- The "h" is silent → say *ola*.

¿Cómo te va? = *How's it going?*

- Pronounced: KOH-moh teh BAH.
- Friendly alternative to "¿cómo estás?"
- Remember to wait for the answer, don't just walk away!

Buenos días = *Good morning*

- Pronounced: BWEH-nos DEE-ahs.
- Used until midday.

Buenas tardes = *Good afternoon*

- Pronounced: BWEH-nas TAR-des.

Buenas noches = *Good evening / Good night*

- Pronounced: BWEH-nas NOH-ches.
- Can be used both as a greeting and a farewell.

Adiós = *Goodbye*

- Pronounced: Ah-dee-OS.



Yes, No, and Magic Words ✨

Sí = Yes

- Pronounced: see
- Don't forget the accent mark.

No = No

- Pronounced: noh
- Used to make negative statements.

Por favor = Please

- Pronounced: Por fah-BOR.
- Use for polite requests.

Gracias = Thank you

- Pronounced: GRAH-syahs (Latin America).

De nada = You're welcome

- Pronounced: Deh NAH-dah.
- Literally means "it's nothing."

🌟 **Tip:** Using "por favor" and "gracias" will make you sound instantly more polite and friendly in Spanish.



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Practical Expressions

Vale = OK / Alright

- Pronounced: BAH-leh.
- Saying "OK" works too.

Disculpe = Excuse me

- Pronounced: Dees-KOOL-peh.
- Use before asking a question or interrupting politely.


Lo siento = I'm sorry

- Pronounced: Lo SYEN-toh.
- Literally means "I feel it."

¡Ayuda! = Help!

- Pronounced: Ah-YOO-dah.
- Useful in emergencies or tricky situations.

Study Tips

 Study in small chunks. Too much at once can be confusing.

 Say words out loud every day. Pronunciation builds confidence.

 Write simple dialogues using the phrases.

 Review regularly, even just 5 minutes a day makes a difference.

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