

Lección Uno – Lesson One

INSTRUCTOR: This app will teach you how to speak conversational Spanish – just like it’s spoken in this day and age. Many learning-Spanish apps and learning Spanish courses, put a huge emphasis on learning to read and write Spanish. Although you can learn to read and write Spanish with this app, that is not our goal. Our goal is far more ambitious. With this app, you’ll learn to speak conversational Spanish with complete confidence – in record time – much sooner than any other method of learning-Spanish. If you practice with this app everyday – preferably for at least 30 minutes a day – you’ll be surprised at how fast you’ll reach your speaking-Spanish goals.

As I mentioned, this app teaches Spanish for this day and age. With this app you will learn Spanish covering technology, the internet, social media, digital nomad life, veganism, ride-sharing apps and more.

If you prefer to learn Spanish while you’re “on the go” or while you’re doing another activity, this app includes an all-audio version. If you’re a visual learner, the core Spanish lessons in this app include a video-version as well. If you really want to accelerate your learning, you may wish to use both: the audio version and the video version.

Although the native speakers in this app are from Latin America, you’ll be able to use this Spanish to effectively communicate with Spanish speakers from Spain as well as Latin America. In the same way that someone who speaks American English can also speak to, understand and be understood by English speakers from the U.K. and Australia.

You will now hear a conversation taking place between two people who just met for the first time in a “*discoteca*” in Latin America. The Spanish word “*discoteca*” means night club. If you do not fully understand the conversation – *no te preocupes* – don’t worry. Very soon, not only will you fully understand the conversation but you’ll also be able to participate in the conversation. Now listen:

MALE: Hola.

FEMALE: Hola.

MALE: ¿Cómo estás?

FEMALE: Bien. ¿Y tú?

MALE: Muy bien. ¿Cómo te llamas?

FEMALE: Me llamo Sara. ¿Y tú?

MALE: Me llamo Diego. Mucho gusto Sara.

FEMALE: El gusto es mío.

INSTRUCTOR: Now listen again.

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MALE: ¿Cómo estás?

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INSTRUCTOR: This is how you say “hi” or “hello” in Spanish. Listen and repeat.

MALE: Hola. Hola.

INSTRUCTOR: Did you repeat after the Spanish speaker? It’s very important that you verbally repeat the words after the native Spanish speaker. If you only repeat the words silently or in your head, you will not develop an authentic Latin American Spanish accent. If you want to develop an authentic Latin American Spanish accent and proper pronunciation, it’s very important that you repeat out loud.

INSTRUCTOR: Again, how do you say? “hi” or “hello.”

FEMALE: Hola. Hola.

INSTRUCTOR: This is how you ask “how are you?” Listen and repeat.

MALE: ¿Cómo estás? ¿Estás? ¿Cómo estás?

INSTRUCTOR: How do you ask “how are you?”

MALE: ¿Cómo estás? ¿Cómo estás?

INSTRUCTOR: Are you continuing to repeat after the native Spanish speakers? Like I said before, it’s very important that you verbally repeat the words after the native Spanish speaker if you want to develop an authentic Latin American Spanish accent and proper pronunciation.

INSTRUCTOR: In the question “¿Cómo estás?” or “How are you?” which word do you think means “How?”

FEMALE: ¿Cómo? ¿Cómo?

INSTRUCTOR: In the question “¿Cómo estás?” which word do you think means “are you” or “you are”?

MALE: Estás. Estás.

INSTRUCTOR: Spanish actually has two ways to ask “how are you?” A formal and an informal way. The way that you just learned “¿Cómo estás?” is the informal way. As a rule of thumb, you can ask “¿Cómo estás?” when speaking to someone who is about the same age as you. Or when speaking to someone who is younger than you. And use the formal way to ask “how are you” when speaking to someone who is considerably older than you.

INSTRUCTOR: Here’s another way to look at it. Use the informal way and ask ¿Cómo estás? when speaking to a friend or someone who you normally address by their first name. And use the formal way to ask “how are you?” when speaking to someone who you’d normally address by sir or mam. Or in Spanish that would be “señor” or “señora.” Spanish speakers may also use the formal way of asking “how are you?” in a formal event, such as a business setting.

INSTRUCTOR: This is the formal way to ask “how are you?” Listen and repeat.

FEMALE: ¿Cómo está usted? ¿Cómo está? ¿Cómo está usted?

INSTRUCTOR: In the question ¿Cómo está usted? the Spanish word “usted” is the formal word for you. It is not necessary to include the word “usted.” You can ask either ¿Cómo está usted? or ¿Cómo está? in order to ask, “How are you?” when speaking formally. Including the word “usted” is optional. Spanish speakers may add the word “usted” for clarity or emphasis. Or simply out of respect.

INSTRUCTOR: What did I just say the formal word for ‘you’ is in Spanish?

MALE: Usted. Usted.

INSTRUCTOR: Now imagine that you are speaking to *señor Rivera*, how do you ask “how are you?”

FEMALE: ¿Cómo está usted? ¿Cómo está?

INSTRUCTOR: Spanish also has an informal word for ‘you’. Listen and repeat the informal word for ‘you’

MALE: Tú. Tú.

INSTRUCTOR: What’s the informal Spanish word for ‘you’?

FEMALE: Tú. Tú.

INSTRUCTOR: This is how you say “fine.” As in the phrase, “I feel fine.” Listen and repeat.

FEMALE: Bien. Bien.

INSTRUCTOR: So if you feel fine, and I ask you “¿Cómo estás?” how do you respond?

MALE: Bien. Bien.

INSTRUCTOR: This is the informal way to ask “and you?” Listen and repeat.

FEMALE: ¿Y tú? Y ¿Y tú?

INSTRUCTOR: In the question, ¿Y tú? – which word do you think means ‘and’?

MALE: Y. Y.

INSTRUCTOR: Speaking to a friend or someone who you address by their first name, how do you ask “and you?”

FEMALE: ¿Y tú? ¿Y tú?

INSTRUCTOR: If ¿Y tú? is the informal way to ask “and you?” what do think is the formal way to ask “and you?” if speaking to someone such as *señora Alvarez*.

MALE: ¿Y usted? ¿Y usted?

INSTRUCTOR: This is how you say “very well” or “very fine”, as in the phrase:

“I feel very well.” Listen and repeat.

FEMALE: Muy bien. Bien. Muy bien.

INSTRUCTOR: So if you feel very well and I ask you “¿Cómo estás?” how do you respond?

MALE: Muy bien. Muy bien.

INSTRUCTOR: For clarity or emphasis, you can also add the phrase “I am” and say “I’m very well.” This is how you say “I am” Listen and repeat.

FEMALE: Yo estoy. Estoy.

INSTRUCTOR: The Spanish pronoun “Yo” which means “I” can be added for emphasis or clarity – meaning you can say either “Yo estoy” or just “Estoy” – in order to say “I am”

INSTRUCTOR: So if you feel very well and I ask you “¿Cómo estás?” how do you respond?: “I am very well”

MALE: Yo estoy muy bien. Estoy muy bien.

INSTRUCTOR: Again, how do you say?: “I am very well”

FEMALE: Yo estoy muy bien. Estoy muy bien.

INSTRUCTOR: This is the end of “lección uno.” If you were able to correctly answer 90% or more of my questions, then you’re ready to move on to “lección dos.” If not, repeat this lesson until you’re able to get 90% or more of the responses correct – even if that means you have to repeat this lesson 4 or 5 times or more. Remember “*La práctica hace al maestro*” – Practice makes the master – Or as we say in English: “Practice makes perfect”

You will find some bonus lessons in this app. The bonus lessons are optional. But if you really want to learn Spanish as quickly as possible, then I recommend that you also practice with the bonus lessons.

And make sure you attend our free, live and interactive webinar. We open-up the lines during the webinar so you can verbally practice your Spanish with the webinar’s Spanish instructor. And if you’re feeling shy, you don’t have to participate. You can just listen and take notes. And if you miss the webinar, I’ll send you the link to the replay. To sign up for our free live and interactive webinar, go to: [Learning Spanish Like Crazy Dot Com Forward Slash Webinar](#). Again, that’s [Learning Spanish Like Crazy Dot Com Forward Slash Webinar](#).