

# ALPHABET & PRONUNCIATION

English	Spanish Name	Phonetic sound
a	a	[ah]
b	be	[beh]
c	ce	[seh]
ch	che	[cheh]
d	de	[deh]
e	e	[eh]
f	efe	[EH.feh]
g	ge	[heh]
h	hache	[AH.cheh]
i	i	[ee]
j	jota	[HOH.tah]
k	ka	[kah]
l	ele	[EH.leh]
ll	elle	[EH.yeh]
m	eme	[EH.meh]
n	ene	[EH.neh]
n	ene	[EH.nyeh]
o	o	[oh]
p	pe	[peh]
q	cu	[koo]
r	ere	[EH.reh]
rr	erre	[EH.rreh]
s	ese	[EH.seh]
t	te	[teh]
u	u	[oo]
v	ve	[beh]
w	doble u	[DOH.bleh.OO]
x	equis	[EH.kees]
y	i griega	[EE.gree.YEH.gah]
z	zeta	[SEH.tah]

## USEFUL WORDS AND EXPRESSIONS

I'm very sorry.	Lo siento mucho.	[loh.SEE.EHN.toh.moo.choh]
Excuse me.	Perdon.	[pehr.DOHN]
	Con permiso.	[kohn.pehr.MEE.soh]
	OR Disculpe.	[dees.KOOL.peh]
I beg your pardon?	?Como?	[KOH.moh]
	?Mande?	[MAHN.deh]
Yes, of course.	Si, claro.	[SEE.KLAH.roh]
	OR Como no.	[KOH.moh.NOH]
Thanks a lot.	Muchas gracias.	[MOO.chahs.GRAH.see.ahs]
You're welcome.	De nada.	[deh.NAH.dhah]
Tell me, please.	Digame, por favor.	[DEE.gah.meh.pohr.fah.BOHR]
Listen, please.	Oiga, por favor.	[OH.EE.gah.pohr.fah.BOHR]
How do you say?	?Como se dice?	[KOH.moh.seh.DEE.seh]
How do you spell?	?Como se escribe?	[KOH.moh.seh.ehs.KREE.beh]
with much pleasure	con mucho gusto	[kohn.MOO.choh.GOO.stoh]
Let's go.	Vamonos.	[BAH.moh.nohs]
	OR Vamos.	[BAH.mohs]
already, now	ya	[yah]
here	aqui	[ah.KEE]
there	alli	[ah.YEE]
also	tambien	[tahm.BEE.EHN]
Really?	?Verdad?	[behr.DAHD]
Don't bother.	No se moleste.	[noh.seh.moh.LEHS.teh]
Good luck.	Buena suerte.	[BOO.EH.nah.SOO.EHR.teh]
good, O.K.	bueno	[BOO.EH.noh]

OR bien

[bee.ehn]

## NUMBERS

0	cero	[SEH.roh]
1	uno	[OO.noh]
2	dos	[dohs] light complexion
3	tres	[trehs]
4	cuatro	[KOO.AH.troh]
5	cinco	[SEEN.koh]
6	seis	[seh.ees]
7	siete	[SEE.EH.teh]
8	ocho	[OH.choh]
9	nueve	[NOO.EH.beh]
10	diez	[dee.ehs]

## COLORS

black	negro	[NEH.groh]
blue	azul	[ah.SOOL]
blond hair, fair complexion	pelo (cabello) rubio	[PEH.loh.ROO.bee.oh]
brown	pardo	[PAHR.doh],
	cafe	[Kah.FEH]
brown hair	pelo (cabello) castano	[PEH.loh.kahs.TAH.nyoh]
clear, light	claro	[KLAHR.oh]
dark	oscuro	[oh.SKOO.roh]
dark complexion (skin)	moreno	[moh.REH.noh]
gold	dorado	[doh.RAH.doh]
gray	gris	[grease]
green	verde	[BEHR.deh]
orange	naranja	[nah.RAHN.hah]
pink	rosado	[roh.SAH.doh]

## BODY

body	el cuerpo	[KOO.EHR.poh]
abdomen	el abdomen	[ahb.DOH.mehn]
ankle	el tobillo	[toh.BEE.yoh]
appendix	el apendice	[ah.PEHN.dee.seh]
arm	el brazo	[BRAH.soh]
arteries	las arterias	[ahr.TEH.ree.ahs]
back	la espalda	[ehs.PAHL.dah]
belly	el vientre	[BEE.EHN.treh]
bladder	la vejiga	[beh.HEE.gah]
blood	la sangre	[SAHN.greh]
bones	los huesos	[OO.EH.sohs]
brain	el cerebro	[seh.REH.broh]
breasts	los senos	[SEH.nohs]
buttocks	las nalgas	[NAHL.gahs]
chest	el pecho	[PEH.choh]
cheek	la mejilla	[meh.HEE.yah]
	el cachete	[kah.CHE.teh]
chin	la barbilla	[barh.BEE.yah]
	OR el menton	[mehn.TOHN]
ear	la oreja	[oh.REH.hah]
heart	el corazon	[kohr.ah.SOHN]

## INJURIES

ache, pain	el dolor	[doh.LOHR]
attack, seizure	el ataque	[ah.TAH.keh]
bite, dog...	la mordedura de perro	[mohr.deh.DOO.rah.deh.PEH.rroh]
broken	roto	[RROH.toh]
bruise	el moreton	[moh.reh.TOHN]
burn	la quemadura	[keh.mah.DOO.rah]
collapse	el desome	[dehs.PLOH.meh]
concussion	la concusion	[kohn.KOO.SEE.OHN]
cut	cortado	[kohr.TAH.dhoh]
fall	la caida	[kah.EE.dah]
fracture	la fractura	[frahk.TOO.ra h]

#### DISEASES & DRUGS

aids	el sida	[SEE.dah]
alcohol	el alcohol	[ahl.koh.HOHL]
amphetamines	las anfetaminas	[ahn.feh.tah.MEE.nahs]
angel dust	el polvo de angel	[POHL.boh.deh.AHN.hehl]
cocaine	la cocaina	[koh.kah.EE.nah]
connection	la conexion	[koh.nehk.SEE.OHN]
crack	el crack	[krahk]
downers	los abajos	[ah.BAH.hohs]
drugs	las drogas	[DR OH.gahs]
drunk	borracho	[boh.RRAH.choh]
glue	la cola	[KOH.lah]
	OR el pegamiento	[peh.gah.MEE.EHN.toh]
hashish	el hashish	[ah.SHEESH]
heroin	la heroína	[eh.roh.EE.nah]
high, to be...	andar alto	[ahn.DAHR.AHL.toh]
intoxicated	intoxicado	[een.tohk.see.KAH.doh]
intoxicated	embriado	[ehm.bree.ah.GAH.doh]
joint	el lano	[LAH.nyoh]

#### BUILDINGS, HOUSE & CITY

apartment	el apartamento	[ah.pahr.tah.MEHN.toh]
bank	el banco	[BAHN.koh]
bakery	la panaderia	[pah.nah.deh.REE.AH.]
building	el edificio	[eh.dee.FEE.see .oh]
cafe	el cafe	[kah.FEH]
clinic	la clinica	[KLEE.nee.kah]
drugstore	la farmacia	[fahR.MAH.see.ah]
entrance	la entrada	[ehn.TRAH.dah]
exit	la salida	[sah.LEE.dah]
fire station	la estacion de bomberos	[eh.stah.SEE.OHN.deh.bohm.BEHR.ohs]
gas station	la gasolinera	[gah.soh.lee.NEH.rah.]

#### HOUSE

attic	el desvan	[dehs.BAHN]
balcony	el balcon	[bahl.KOHN]
basement	el sotano	[SOH.tah.noh]
bathroom	el cuarto de bano, el bano	[KOO.AHR.toh.deh.BAH.nyoh]
bedroom	el dormitorio	[dohr.mee.TOH.ree.oh]
	la recamara	[reh.KAH.mah.rah]
	el cuarto	[KOO.AHR.toh]
	la alcoba	[ahl.KOH.bah]
ceiling	el techo	[TEH.choh]

chimney	la chimenea	[chee.meh.NEH.ah]
dining room	el comedor	[koh.meh.DOHR]
door	la puerta	[POO.EHR.tah]
floor	el suelo	[SOO.EH.loh]
	el piso	[PEE.soh]
kitchen	la cocina	[koh.SEE.nah]
living room	la sala	[SAH.lah]
roof	el tejado, el techo	[teh.HAH.doh]

#### EMT/PARAMEDIC SCENARIO: A HEART ATTACK VICTIM

- \* We're paramedics. What's the matter?  
Somos paramedicos. ?Que tiene?
- \* Sit down and rest. How do you feel? Dizzy?  
Sientese y descansese. ?Como se siente? ?Mareado?
- \* I think your husband's having a heart attack.  
Creo que su marido (esposo) tiene un ataque al corazon (ataque cardiaco).
- \* Sir, I have some questions. Can you understand me?  
Senor,tengo algunas preguntas. ?Puede comprenderme?
- \* How long have you had these pains?  
?Hace cuanto tiempo que usted tiene estos dolores?
- \* Can you describe them and say where they are?  
?Puede describirlos y decir donde estan?

#### SURVIVAL SPANISH SHORTCUTS

- \* Establish eye contact with the person you're speaking with.
- \* Speak louder than normally and project your voice. Put your face closer to theirs than you would normally.
- \* Try to speak Spanish as clearly as you can. Repeat whenever possible and use lots of hand gestures.
- \* Ask Spanish-speakers to slow down (mas despacio), repeat (repita) and use please (por favor) when you can.
- \* Use English-speaking children to serve as interpreters for their parents. Give numbers one at a time. Better yet, have them write them down.
- \* Don't be shy when you start out speaking Spanish, even if you feel a bit awkward at first. Latinos really appreciate your effort. You're making the effort to be a better professional. It's what you say, not how you say it.
- \* Take charge of the conversation. You're calling the shots. Victims need your help, they must get the point across to you anyway possible.
- \* Make sure you're speaking to Spanish speakers. Don't assume all victims with dark features speaking a foreign language are Latinos.