

## Week One

### Week One: Introducción al Español

Have you studied Spanish or any foreign language?

When and where? What do you remember?

What do you hope to learn in this course?

### Why learn Spanish?

There are an estimated 500,000,000 Spanish-speakers in the world in 21 countries. **US. Census estimates by year 2050, 50% of the US population will speak Spanish and English. That's why!**

### Tools to learn Spanish:

1. Listen, repeat, speak. (Audio Lingual Method)
2. Memorize dialogues, vocabulary, verb conjugations. page 365-390  
Practice Spanish app—SpanishDict. [www.Spanishdict.com](http://www.Spanishdict.com) or Duolingo etc.
3. Watch **Los Destinos**, a Spanish soap opera/telenovela).  
<https://www.learner.org/series/destinos-an-introduction-to-spanish/>

Write a weekly summary (3 sentences or less). Closed captions (cc) are available at the bottom of the screen for each episode by clicking on (cc).  
Summary of episodes: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Destinos>

4. Sing and dance to music
5. Listen to the CD tracks at back of the book to practice lessons. A lesson summary is on page 383-384
6. Write and paste sticky notes (notas) around the house. See vocabulario. page 85-90
7. Have a conversation with a Spanish-speaker

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## **iLa Bamba!**

**iEmpecémonos con La Bamba! iLevántense!**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FfMAC-t9ZB4>

**La Bamba: Spanish-English Richie Valens** Video with Spanish Lyrics

**'Para bailar la Bamba, se necesita una poco de gracia** (grace).

**How the Book "Spanish for Dummies" works:**

**Chapter One: Spanish in a Nutshell.** page 11

Includes short summaries of each chapter. e.g., Getting Started with Basic  
Common Expressions *Chapter One*

iHola! ¿Como está Ud?

por favor

gracias

Lo siento

¿Habla usted el inglés?

No sé.

## Chapter Two: Warming up with Spanish Grammar

### Basics. page 21

La casa es grande.... La casa es pequeña. (big/small)

La mujer es bella.... El esposo es así así. (beautiful/so so)

El hombre es delgado. La mujer es un poco gorda. (thin/a little fat)

Las calles son anchas... Las calles son delgadas. (wide, narrow)

### Forming Questions: The Basics. page 22

Ésta es la puerta. This is the door.

¿Es ésta la puerta? Is this the door?

### Meeting Subject Pronouns: Face to Face. page 24

Conjugating the verb IR to go. Verb Table. page 368

**I** Yo voy al cine.

**You** Tú vas al restaurante. Familiar singular

**You** Usted va al parque. Formal singular. **El, Ella**

**We** Nosotros vamos al partido de fútbol.

**You** Vosotros used in Spain and Argentina. Familiar plural

**You** Ustedes van al mercado. Formal plural

### **Highlights of topics we will cover:**

Conversation/Dialogues in the book

Conjugate Verbs page 10 and Appendix. pages 363-382

Alphabet sounds. page 42

Formal and Informal Greetings. pages 50-54.

Telling Time pages. 71-73

Directions/Transportation. pages 128-129

Ordering a meal in a restaurant. page 143. Dining Out. page 149

Calling the waiter and paying the bill. page 155

Shopping in department stores. page 165

Shopping in traditional markets. pages 179-180

Dancing with the verb **Bailar**. page 189

Ten or So Favorite Expressions. page 325

### **RESOURCES IN THE BACK OF THE BOOK:**

**Appendix A: Mini Dictionary.** pages 337-364

**Appendix B: Verb Tables.** pages 365-390

**Appendix C: CD summary.** pages 383-384

**Appendix D: Answer Key.** pages 385-386

**Index:** page 391

## On-line resources:

**Duolingo** FREE [www.duolingo.com](http://www.duolingo.com)

Download to receive word of day, grammar etc.

**Yabla** \$12.95/month One of Best <https://spanish.yabla.com>

**Italki+** <https://www.italki.com> Hire Spanish-speaking tutor by the hour

**Spanishland School.** One of my favorites for more advanced; however, \$\$\$

(Beginner/Intermediate) FREE Demo. You can purchase as you go.

Señores Andrea Alger and her gringo husband are excellent teachers. \$\$\$

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3nKC2KYArIw>

## **Tarea WEEK One:**

**Review Chapter One in Spanish for Dummies.** pages 9-20

**Los Destinos: Listen to episode one and more.** Prepare a short summary (2-3 lines) in Spanish or English.

<https://www.learner.org/series/destinos-an-introduction-to-spanish/>

**Study with a Spanish learning app:** [Spanishdict!](#) Duolingo, or Yabla, etc. for at least for 15 minutes/day.

**Notas. Take a tour** of your home and label five things you see in Spanish using sticky notes (notas). See Chapter Five for lists of vocabulary words. pages 85-90

[Spanishdict!](#) for pronunciation guides, translation, grammar, and word of the day.

### **Ejemplos de frases (example of phrases from SpanishDict!**

I have one chair. Tengo una silla.

I have two bedrooms. Tengo dos dormitorios

The bed is in the bedroom. La cama está en el dormitorio.

**Conjugate verb IR (to go). page 10. See Appendix B.** page 368.

Copy and memorize..... Yo voy, tú vas....