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Diálogo 1

- María:** Buenos días, Ana, ¿qué tal estás?
- Ana:** Bien, gracias, ¿y tú?
- María:** Bien.

Dialog 1

- María:** Good morning, Anne, how are you?
- Ana:** Fine, thanks, and you?
- María:** Fine.

More speaking practice: you can practise the three dialogs in this lesson line by line, at your own pace, with our *Interactive Multimedia Lesson 1*.



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Diálogo 2

- Juan:** Hola, buenas tardes.
- Ricardo:** Hola, me llamo Ricardo, y tú ¿cómo te llamas?
- Juan:** Juan. ¿De dónde eres?
- Ricardo:** De Inglaterra.

Dialog 2

- John:** Hello, good afternoon.
- Richard:** Hello, my name is Richard, and you, what's your name?
- John:** John. Where are you from?
- Richard:** England.

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Diálogo 3

José: Hola, buenas noches, te presento a mi amigo Pedro.

Margarita: Encantada.

Pedro: Encantado.

Margarita: ¿Estás de vacaciones?

Pedro: Sí.

Margarita: ¿En qué hotel estás?

Pedro: En el "Sol y Playa".

Margarita: ¡Yo también!

Pedro: Entonces, ¡hasta pronto!

Margarita: ¡Hasta la vista!

José: ¡Adiós!

Dialog 3

Joseph: Hello, good evening, this is my friend Peter.

Margaret: Pleased to meet you.

Peter: Pleased to meet you.

Margaret: Are you on vacation?

Peter: Yes.

Margaret: Which hotel are you in?

Peter: The "Sun and Beach"

Margaret: Me too!

Peter: Then, see you soon!

Margaret: See you!

Joseph: Goodbye!

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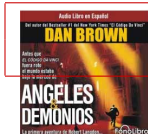
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New words on lesson 1:

5 min 24 sec

la playa	the beach
las vacaciones	the vacation
el amigo	the friend
el hotel	the hotel
el sol	the sun
eres	you are
presento	I introduce
estás	you are
adiós	goodbye
de	of, from
dónde	where

en	in, on, at
encantado	pleased to meet you
entonces	then
gracias	thank you
hola	hello
Inglaterra	England
mi	my
sí	yes
también	also
tú	you
y	and



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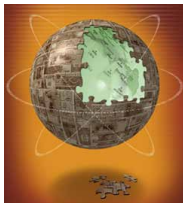
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- 3 también
- 4 la playa
- 5 el amigo
- 6 gracias
- 7 las vacaciones
- 8 encantado
- 9 entonces
- 10 el hotel

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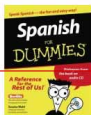
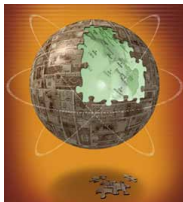
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Vocabulary exercise two: can you say these ten words in Spanish?

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- 1 yes
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- 3 my
- 4 where
- 5 the vacation
- 6 the friend
- 7 of, from
- 8 the hotel
- 9 hello
- 10 the sun

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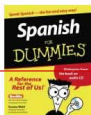
6 el amigo

7 de

8 el hotel

9 hola

10 el sol



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Useful Spanish phrases

9 min 56 sec

buenas noches	good night
buenas tardes	good afternoon, good evening
buenos días	good morning
¿cómo te llamas?	what's your name?
¿de dónde eres?	where are you from?
hasta la vista	see you
hasta pronto	see you soon
me llamo Ricardo	my name is Richard
¿qué tal estás?	how are you?
yo también	me too



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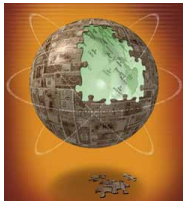
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Exercise with phrases: can you say these ten phrases in Spanish?

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- 4 hasta pronto
- 5 ¿de dónde eres?
- 6 buenas noches
- 7 me llamo Ricardo
- 8 hasta la vista
- 9 buenos días
- 10 ¿cómo te llamas?



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The word "the" in Spanish: you can hear this grammar section on the free podcast at:

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- 1 All Spanish nouns are either masculine or feminine. The word "hotel", for example, is masculine. "THE hotel" in Spanish is "EL hotel". The word "beach" is feminine. "THE beach" in Spanish is "LA playa". So, the word "the" in the masculine is "el" and in the feminine it's "la".
- 2 Most Spanish nouns ending in "a" are feminine, and most nouns ending in "o" are masculine, but not all. Words ending in "e" can be either masculine or feminine, usually it's impossible to guess which. To avoid making mistakes, it's good to learn all new nouns with "el" or "la" rather than on their own. For instance, you should learn "el hotel" and "la playa", rather than simply "hotel" and "playa". In the vocabulary sections of our podcasts we'll always list nouns with "el" or "la".



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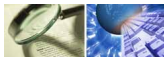
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1	uno
2	dos
3	tres
4	cuatro
5	cinco

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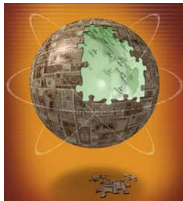
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- 1 three
- 2 five
- 3 two
- 4 four
- 5 one



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- 5 uno - 1



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- ❷ I have learned foreign languages mostly on my own, but also with private tutors and in small group courses. At University I did History in Madrid (Spain) as a first degree, and then I did a masters in English Literature in the UK.
- ❸ I set up in business in 1994. At first I taught Spanish and did translations full time. Then, while still teaching, I wrote two language learning publications: *Learn Spanish At Your Own Pace (book + 2 audio cds)* and *Spanish for Beginners cd-rom*.
- ❹ The publishing side of the business expanded and in 2003 we launched our first website, www.spanish-online.co.uk. Soon the language-bookworld.com cluster of websites was developed and I now work full time on our podcasts, multimedia lessons, *forum*, seven *websites*, *blog* and *Squidoo lenses*.



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