

## Seven years teaching Spanish in La Manga

After 7 years teaching Spanish mainly to British adults in La Manga area, I would like first to thank you all my students for trusting in my guidance to become fluent Spanish: 90% of my students were total beginners when they came to me and they did not know any grammar at all, as well for most of them it was the first time they tried to learn a foreign language so together we have created a teaching method that is a simple and effective way to speak Spanish.

The main advantage I can offer you as a mature learner is that I also learnt my foreign languages as an adult. That's why I know how you feel and I will be guiding you along the process. Telling you everything you need to do to become fluent Spanish with just a 2 hour lesson once a week and 30 minutes daily study on your own.

During the first 6 months we will be working on **the brain level** as we can not say or hear any word that is not previously in our brain, at this stage my first objective is to teach you to read Spanish with the right pronunciation, my first lesson is called "The reading lesson" in which I will tell you all the rules to pronounce Spanish properly, phonetically speaking Spanish is much more simple than English: Spanish has 28 sounds and English 40 so you should have very few problems.

The second step is to develop your vocabulary and grammar, mainly I will teach you how the Spanish verbs work. As in any language the sentence is the unit of meaning and the central part of any sentence is the verb. Without verbs there is no meaning and we are left with simple words which have no connection. At this level lessons are translated totally into English.

After one year learning you reach **the ear level**, by this I mean that little by little you start to understand more and more but you are still unable to reply quickly enough to

maintain a conversation, at this stage you will have more listening and speaking and although lessons are still translated into English I gradually introduce more and more sentences in Spanish.

Within 2 or 3 years learning depending on the groups you accomplish **the mouth level**, by this I mean you can understand easily Spanish and you can reply quickly enough to maintain a conversation. At this level lessons are totally held in Spanish.

From the moment you start to feed your brain with the Spanish words, grammar and sounds by all means ( lessons, CDs, TV, songs, radio, etc) it takes one year at least to understand Spanish, and 2 or 3 speak it, so only the ones who really enjoy the learning process will last long enough to become fluent, that is why I always try to make my lessons as enjoyable as possible.

There are several groups available with different levels, let me assess your level to tell you which one suits you better. Regular lessons ( 2 hours weekly ) are for people who would like to learn Spanish little by little.

**Lessons take place in El Estrecho- 4 km from Los Belones on the way to the Union. If you are interested please feel free to contact me on: 968 546 859 or 678 936 110 or email me at [linaresmj@terra.es](mailto:linaresmj@terra.es)**

Finally, I also would like to let you know that I am launching a **new Immersion Course adapted to your needs**. This is for people who need to learn Spanish quickly for any particular reason:

- a personalised programme
- top quality teaching techniques used
- a cosy and comfortable stay
- amazing progress

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