

# Only two hour Spanish lessons a week!

Nothing in your life will ever be as difficult and at the same time as rewarding as becoming fluent in Spanish.

Many English people start to learn Spanish with a lot of enthusiasm but within a few months they feel they are not good enough. However, that is not the real problem but rather that they do not persevere long enough to become fluent.

I have never known anybody who is able to speak a second language within a few months, it is just impossible no matter how clever you are. Don't you remember how long it took your children to say their first few words in English? They were just listening to you for at least 2 years until one day out of the blue just like magic they said something.

Learning a second language is a similar process. For two or three years you will be having lessons, listening to tapes, reading everything you come across, listening to the radio and television - just like your child you will be absorbing words and grammar rules by all means.

One day you start to understand (normally after one year of learning) but you still feel frustrated because you are unable to reply quickly enough to maintain a conversation. This is totally normal because you are making so much effort to understand that there is no energy left to speak. One year later you will notice that you understand easily and you have more energy to reply.

Many companies trying to sell intensive courses advertise them with slogans such as: Learn Spanish in 12 weeks having 4 or 5 hours of lessons a day. After seven years teaching Spanish mainly to British adults, I have seen that more than 2 or 3 hours a day is too much. My advice for people living here permanently is to have two hour lessons a week. I only recommend intensive courses for holiday makers or people who need to learn the language quickly for any particular reason.

My first objective is to teach you to read Spanish with the right pronunciation and within a few weeks you will develop the correct pronunciation and from that, the confidence to speak with people from the very beginning. 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.

Some people want to learn to speak before they learn to read, they argue "that's the way we all learn our first language". However, unless you have a Spanish mother repeating and speaking to you 24 / 7, you will have to do it the other way around. We can not say or hear any word that is not previously in our brain.

The first 5 or 6 months we are working on the brain level, making sentences, reading and writing, conjugating verbs

and so on. During this time I will be translating into English every single word.

After that time little by little we will start to work on the speaking and listening levels with different audiovisual and creative techniques, practicing small dialogues.

All I have written so far is based on my own experience of teaching Spanish and learning foreign languages for many years. Believe me, one day, after a lot of perseverance and patience you will be speaking and thinking in Spanish.

Along the learning process I will tell you how you feel and what you have to do to overcome the frustrations and keep progressing. Two hour lessons a week and half hour homework a day would be enough to be fluent in 2 or 3 years no matter how old or clever you are.

I would like to thank all my students for trusting in my guidance and would like to congratulate them for embarking upon this ambitious and rewarding project. In doing so you are opening up a whole new Spanish world of possibilities and culture.

**Lessons take place in El Estrecho-4 km from Los Belones on the way to the Union.**

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