

These are websites you can use to look up unfamiliar words, translate text, and learn the basics of Spanish grammar and conjugation.

- **SpanishDict:** Includes an online dictionary, language guide, interactive flash cards, verb conjugations, and more. I can usually find what I'm looking for here, even if I am studying regional variations or slang. Just check the "Examples" section for colloquial expressions and common uses of any word.
- **Diccionario de la lengua española:** An online dictionary run by *Real Academia Española* (an official institution devoted to the preservation of the Spanish language). The definitions are all in Spanish, so this is not for translation as much as it is for defining words. As such, this is an especially great resource for intermediate and advanced Spanish language learners.
- **Word Reference:** Another easy-to-use dictionary that also includes a forum where users can ask and answer questions about usage or colloquial phrases.
- **Lingolia:** Learn grammar, verb conjugation, and vocabulary all in one place. One unique feature on Lingolia is an entire section of the website dedicated to exploring Spanish-speaking countries, with everything from basic facts to virtual tours.
- **Babbel:** Multiple levels of instruction, grammar, and exposure to the traditions of Spanish-speaking countries worldwide.
- **LingQ:** A combination of news articles, music, videos, and more for a more natural learning experience.
- **Fluencia:** A great Spanish-learning website and smartphone/tablet app from the folks at SpanishDict.

- **MosaLingua**: Focuses on teaching useful phrases with a flashcard system powered by **spaced repetition**. It may not be anything new or flashy, but it can really help you get the basics down right.

One of the best ways to learn Spanish is to speak it! The good news is that you can do that online with either of these programs that connect you with a Spanish speaker for live practice from home:

- **iTalki**: Connects students and teachers online. You can filter tutors by country, price, and whether or not you they offer a free trial session.
- **HelloTalk**: Chat in real time (either through text, voice, or both) with Spanish speakers worldwide. One of the neat things about the chat interface is that you can review, correct, or translate messages right in the chat screen.

- **LEARN SPANISH ONLINE WITH VIDEOS**

- **Mi Vida Loca** This series is one of the best online Spanish resources! Created for absolute beginners, you get an immersive adventure set in Spain, with lessons along the way. There's a tad more English than I'd like, but it's still great. There are a [series of games and links](#) to accompany each episode, as well as a [free packet](#) to accompany the first 5 episodes.
- **Extra** *Extra en español* exposes learners to Spanish, in the context of a sitcom-like setting (similar to the show *Friends*), through 13 episodes. The show is really funny, and though most teachers don't have any problem showing it, the romance scenes are super exaggerated (awkward? weird?) Parents/teachers might want to preview. Here's the first episode:
- **Destinos** So *Destinos* is a bit dated. If you can get past that, it's a great resource! 52 episodes follow a lawyer around the world as she tries to solve a mystery. They're a great way to get immersed in Spanish in the context of a telenova, with culture thrown in too. See episode 1 here:

- **Video Ele** is a series of videos that introduce different themes and structures, with some culture thrown in. My students find them a teensy boring out of context, but for a motivated learner or to show a specific topic in class, they're great! Here's an example:
- **5 Minute Spanish** A grammar-based approach, these videos are short, concise clips on iTunes that take you through the traditional Spanish 1 progression. Also includes a [free downloadable textbook](#).
- **¿Eres tú, María?** A mystery series set in Madrid, for Spanish learners who have been studying for a few months already
- **Yabla Spanish** This is an excellent site for using video to learn Spanish where you can control the speed of playback and select words from the subtitles for definitions. Yabla has recently had some major improvements and new video content added making it well worth a try

TEACH YOURSELF SPANISH WITH AUTHENTIC LISTENING

- **Spanish Proficiency Exercises** All are video recordings of native speakers from different countries, and are organized by proficiency tasks and levels (score!).
- **Spanish Listening** This is another gold mine of native speakers, with videos divided by topic and level. There are also activities to go with each recording.
- **Radio Ambulante** Produced by NPR, this podcast contains Latin American stories and is best suited for intermediate to advanced learners.
- **Lyrics Training** An online fill-in-the-blank activity for listening to music in Spanish.
- **Ver-Taal** Authentic commercials, trailers, newscasts, and more in Spanish, with comprehension activities as well.
- **Learn Spanish Podcasts** Very cool site for learning Spanish through comprehensible podcasts (not for absolute beginners), with transcripts included.
- **Rocket Spanish** online courses which has some of the highest quality Spanish dialogue material available.

ONLINE SPANISH RESOURCES: READING PRACTICE

- **BBC Mundo** World news in Spanish.
- **People en español**
- **ESPN** in Spanish
- **Newsela** This is a great resource for news articles. The **best** thing is that you can choose grade levels to simplify the reading if desired.

SPANISH GRAMMAR RESOURCES

- [Study Spanish](#) This website has most Spanish grammar topics broken down into lessons. The explanations are clear with examples, and there are a variety of ways to practice.
- [Spanish Language & Culture](#) Lots of grammar activities and in-context practice, with some listening and song activities thrown in.
- [121 Spanish](#) Is a well-organized site, with video as well as grammar activities.
- [Señor Jordan](#) A Spanish teacher, Señor Jordan has a series of YouTube videos explaining various Spanish structures, with some songs as well. He also now teaches using comprehensible input, and is beginning to create storytelling videos that teach grammar as a pop-up.

Learn Spanish with YouTube Lessons

[Butterfly Spanish](#)

ButterFly Spanish is one of the most popular Spanish learning YouTube channels. This vlog is managed by Ana, who is a Spanish teacher who is based in the United States, has more than **430k subscribers**, and who is very popular amongst her audience.

[Easy Spanish](#)

This interesting channel gives you real conversations and interviews in Spanish with real people, in real places.

[Spanish Dude](#)

Spanish Dude is a YouTube channel that started in 2013 and now has 79k subscribers.

Jordan, the person behind this content, creates highly-energetic videos on various topics relating to basic Spanish grammar, which is very useful for Spanish language beginners.

If you are a native speaker of Spanish, you will also find this channel very useful because **it explains in detail all the difficult topics that are hard to understand as a student and can serve as a re-introduction to grammar 101.**

What you should not trust is his pronunciation as he is focused more on grammar and is less concerned with sounding like a native speaker.