

Spanish 101 for Adults Syllabus

Conversation: Generally we will choose a theme of development each class and practice using what we've learned including pronunciation, grammar, and vocabulary.

General information:

Identify people, places, and objects

Describe people, places, objects, and states

Compare people, objects, places, situations, and actions

Express motives for studying Spanish

Talk about habitual actions or present actions

Grammar content:

The alphabet

Pronunciation

- Intonation of affirmative, negative, or questions
- Accent and rhythm and division of syllables
- Recognize and write important punctuation

Nouns

- Gender: rules of differentiating between masculine and feminine, frequent exceptions, the gender of nouns referring to people (profesion, parentesco)
- Number: how to make singular and plural nouns
- Noun agreement

Articles

- Morphology, contraction.
- Using general definite and indefinite articles
- General rules for when to use or not use. Most common exceptions

Adjectives

- Qualified adjectives
- Gender and number agreement
- Comparatives

Personal Pronouns

- Different forms
- Subject or object pronouns
- Show and recognize the function based on the direct object

Demonstratives

- How to make, identify, point out, and choose

Possessives

- Stressed and unstressed forms

- General uses: identification and ownership
- Possessive articles

Indefinite and quantity

- Morphology and the most frequent use
- Shortened forms
- Something/nothing

Interrogatives/Questions

- Use of direct questions
- Use of the most frequent questions: What, which, who...

Numbers

- Formation and agreement of common ordinal and cardinal numbers
- Most frequent weights and measurements
- Show and recognize millions

Relatives - "Than"

Use of ser and estar (the verbs meaning "to be")

- Use of ser + identification, noun, adjectives, express time
- Use of estar + adverbs, location
- Contract between to be / to have / to carry in descriptions
- How to say "there is"

Verb Tenses

- Present tense for most frequent verbs
- Using present tense to make commands
- Most frequent reflexive verbs (call yourself, dedicate yourself...)
- Verbs like and seem
- Introduction of common verb phrases: have to, go to, want, power, need

Adverbs

- Quantity, affirmation, negative, mode, time, place

Prepositions and preposition phrases

Temporary references

- Present indicators
- Expression of time, days of the week, months, date, seasons

Talking about spatial location

Subject verb agreement. Order of a sentence.

Impersonal use of haber (Hay)

Sentence constructions

- How to make affirmative and negative sentences
- How to make direct questions

Most common abbreviations

- Addresses (Mr., Mrs., C/, nº...)
- Ordinals