## How to learn Spanish?

Everyone starting to learn Spanish wonders if it is possible to learn a <u>foreign</u> <u>language</u> quickly and effectively and which of the existing methods is the most effective.

Whether you're learning Spanish on your own or with a tutor, in a group or individually, in a language course in <u>Barcelona</u> or at home, there are some general rules that can help you learn Spanish quickly and gain a solid and thorough grounding knowledge of the language.

## 1. Study regularly

Spend at least a few minutes a day studying Spanish. It's important to make a habit of studying regularly, as discipline is the only factor that can counteract laziness and the urge to do anything other than learn words and practice grammar. Opening a textbook only once a week makes it hard to succeed! Keep yourself interested - see learning Spanish as something you're passionate about, not just a necessity. Be passionate about it! Then, you'll want to learn something new every day. But don't overload yourself. Even after a day your brain already forgets what was learned last time and in what order, and if you study infrequently, half of the class time is just spent repeating it! Learning the material in small portions, but continuously, gives the best results. So remember: regular study is the key to success!

## 2. Go from simple to complex

You shouldn't try to memorize too many words or know all the verb tenses or prepositions at once. You need to do it little by little and in small amounts. In foreign language lessons, as in sports - do not immediately take the heaviest weight and strive to do the most difficult exercise. You need to increase the load gradually and gradually take more and more difficult levels.

Training is done in three stages:

- familiarization you learn new things, it's hard for you to understand and remember at once;
- assimilation you repeat what you know and understand, but you have not yet memorized it;
- memorisation you know and remember well, you have no difficulty using it.

## 3. Use a dictionary, learn new words

A dictionary, for learners of Spanish, is an indispensable tool in learning. You can either use an online service that will let you translate your words or you can buy a regular printed dictionary. It would also be a good idea to get a small, 5-10 thousand-word dictionary that you can carry around with you at all times and find the words you need.

Try a monolingual dictionary and do not translate every word into your mother tongue.

