



# Spanish keyboard and Spanish accents guide

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## How to type Spanish accents / diacritics

First off , check out:

<https://support.duolingo.com/hc/en-us/articles/115002571823-Does-Duolingo-offer-language-specific-keyboards->

This tells you how to load different keyboards in different devices. i.e. it covers selecting different keyboards for a : **Windows**, or a **Mac**, or an **iPad** device.

## Windows Keyboard

With Windows, you need to select an appropriate keyboard to type all the required Spanish characters.

For typing in Spanish, for people who already are familiar with the US/English QWERTY keyboard, I highly recommend selecting the **US-International** keyboard. So in your "Text Services and Input Languages" select : **[EN] English (United States)** keyboard, and go under "English (United States)/Keyboard/" select **United States-International**. Read below for more detailed instructions for selecting a keyboard.

Read below about Functions for Spanish on a US-International keyboard. This points out where the function keys are, to enable you to type these characters. ie, where to locate the APOSTROPHE, BACK QUOTE, etc.

There are 3 types of Spanish accents, and a couple of special characters :

character	how to	name
á, é, í, ó, ú	hold APOSTROPHE + (a) or (e) or (i) or (o) or (u)	<i>accent</i>
ñ, ü	hold SHIFT + TILDE, release, press (n) or (u)	<i>umlaut</i>
ñ	hold RIGHT ALT + (n)	<i>tilde</i>
¿	hold RIGHT ALT + FORWARD SLASH	<i>signo de interrogación</i>
¡	hold RIGHT ALT + (1)	<i>signo de exclamación</i>
€	hold RIGHT ALT + (5)	<i>euro</i>

One thing to watch out for, is that when you want to type an apostrophe or a backquote, you have to hit the space key after it in order to tell Windows that you're not looking to type a special character.

p.s. Using the US-International keyboard has the added advantage, as it also gives you access to other commonly used accents for many other European languages. And all from a QWERTY keyboard layout for those that are most familiar with this. A great asset for those of us who dabble in multiple languages :D

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## Alt codes : Keyboard shortcuts for Spanish Accents

Sorted in type order.

character	Alt code	name
á	Alt+0225	<i>accent</i>
é	Alt+0233	<i>accent</i>
í	Alt+0237	<i>accent</i>
ó	Alt+0243	<i>accent</i>
ú	Alt+0250	<i>accent</i>

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ñ	Alt+0241	<i>umlaut</i>
ü	Alt+0252	<i>umlaut</i>
¿	Alt+0191	<i>signo de interrogación</i>
¡	Alt+0161	<i>signo de exclamación</i>
€	Alt+0128	<i>euro</i>

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## Functions for Spanish on US-International keyboard

To make good use of the International keyboard, you need to be aware of the functions now available to you.

1. The TILDE (umlaut) key ( ~ ) , in the top right corner of the keyboard.
2. The APOSTROPHE ( ' ) key, and the QUOTATION MARK ( " ) key located on the same key , two keys to the right of the ( L ).
3. And also the ( SHIFT ) key.
4. Then there are the different ALT keys. The ALT key to the left of the spacebar enables you to type "ALT" codes. The ALT key to the right acts as a function key to additional characters on the keyboard. On some keyboards, this right most (ALT) key is labelled (AltGr). And I have also seen it labelled as (AltChar).

AltGr stands for Alternative Graph. It is a modifier key that is now commonly found on many keyboard layouts.

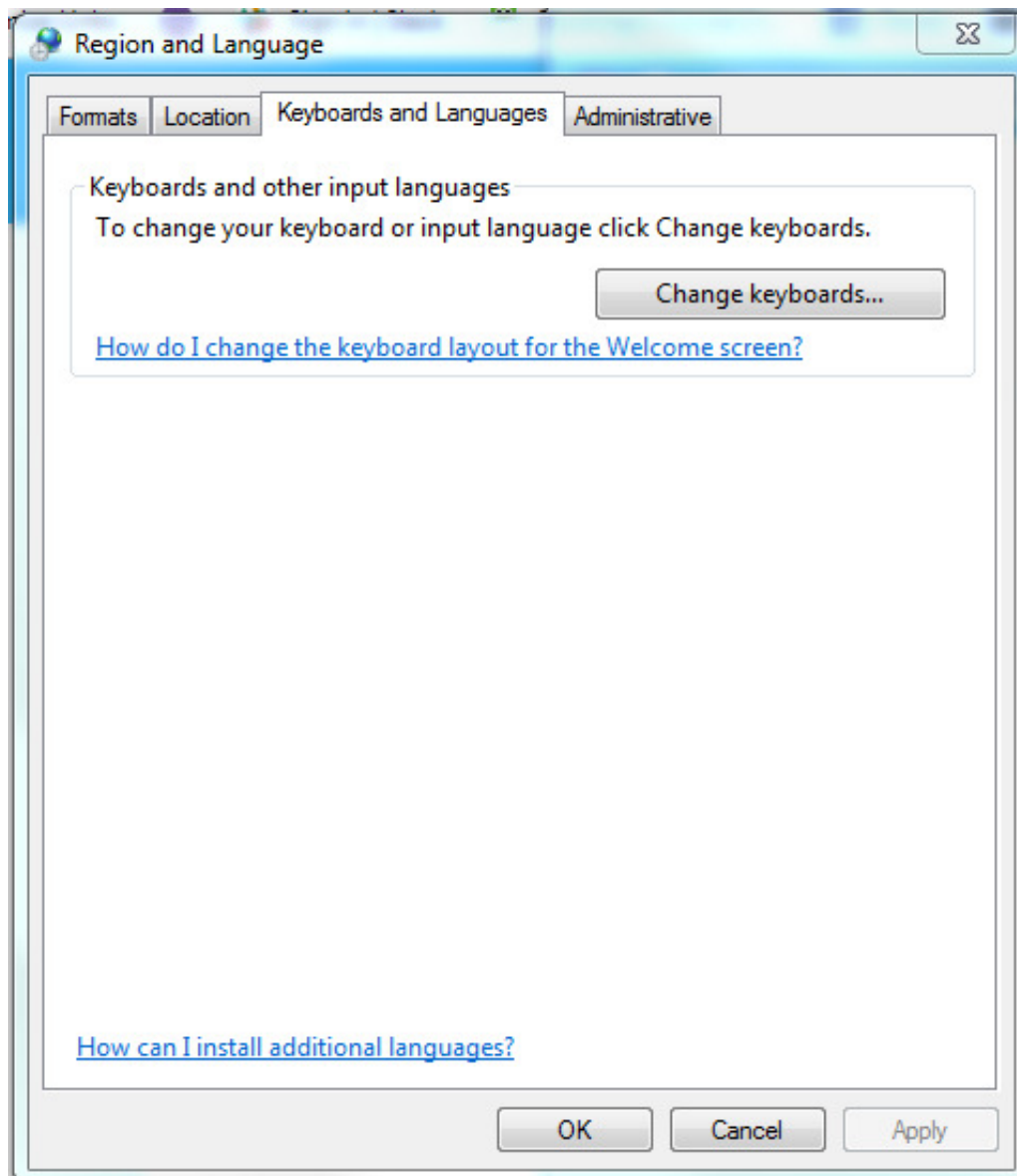
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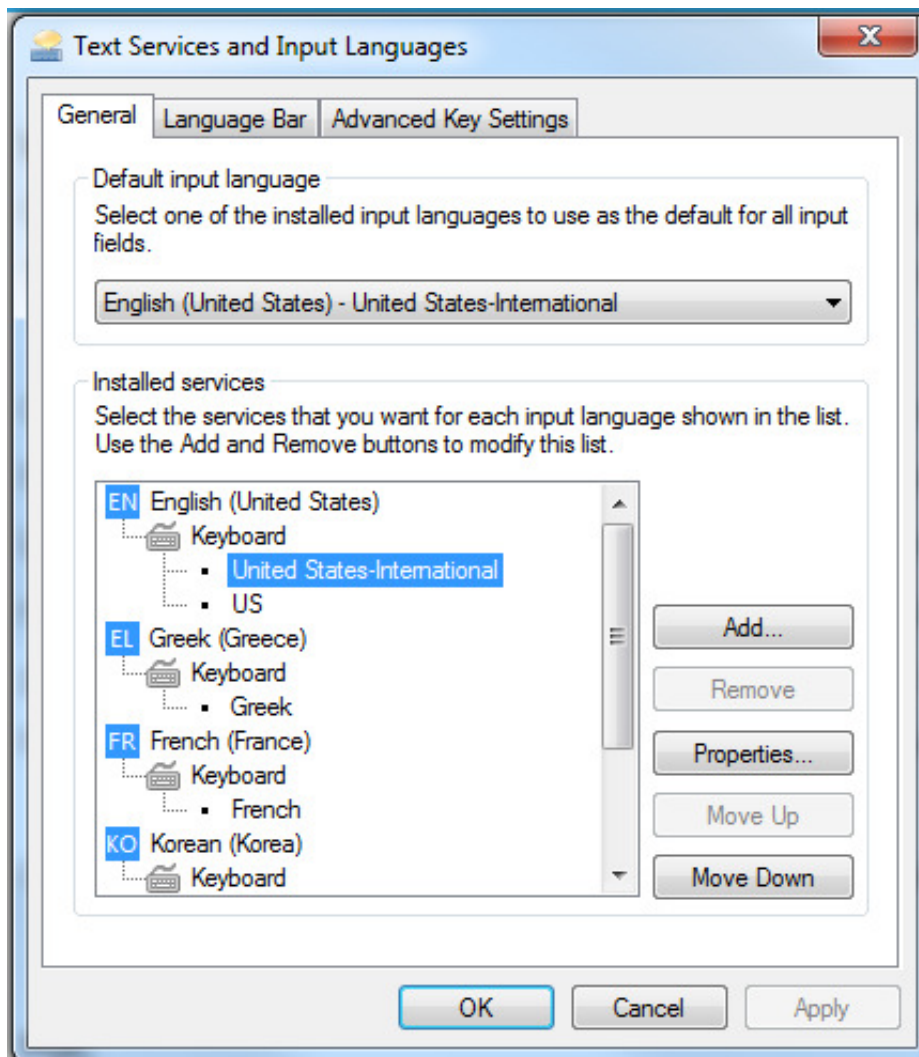
## Detailed instructions for selecting keyboard:

1. Go to the Windows menu.



2. Select "Control Panel"
3. Select "Region and Languages"
4. Select "Keyboards and Languages", and select "Change keyboards"





You will see something similar to this above.

5. Under the section "Installed services"

check for "EN English (United States)"

if this is not selected, then select "English (United States)"

6. Under "English (United States), then select "Keyboard", and "United States-International"

7. Then make sure you remember to press the **Apply** button !

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## Further recommended and related articles

- [https://duolingo.wikia.com/wiki/Guide\\_to\\_keyboard\\_layouts\\_and\\_input\\_methods](https://duolingo.wikia.com/wiki/Guide_to_keyboard_layouts_and_input_methods)
  - <https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/help/237179/assign-macro-or-function-to-keys-on-your-keyboard>
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