

# SURVIVAL SPANISH

Okay, so it may not mean survival as in the difference between life and death, but it can mean the difference between finding a bathroom and having to cross your legs uncomfortably for a long time. It can also be the difference between ordering something you might actually like at a restaurant instead of blindly pointing at a picture on the menu, and hoping for the best.

## FLIP OVER FOR YOUR NEXT CHALLENGE



### EARN THIS NUGGET

1. Memorize and demonstrate the cognates to your parents along with fifteen more that you research yourself.
2. Visit with a Spanish speaking individual and practice your phrases and have them give you advice concerning your pronunciation.

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Spanish is a language that comes from Latin and there are a number of cognates in Latin that you will recognize because they are so close to the English words that mean the same. The primary difference is the way the word is pronounced, sometimes it is spelled the exact same, or other times the word's spelling is so similar you can easily tell what it means. For instance, here are a list of English/Spanish Cognates:

Animal  
Auto  
Café  
Chocolate  
Club  
Festival  
Gas  
Hospital  
Hotel  
Mango  
Menu  
Pasta  
Radio  
Taxi

See what I mean? So if you knew some useful phrases, and you knew some cognates, it would not be terribly difficult to ask where to find a Taxi, ask for a menu, tell the waiter you want chocolate, and also ask where to find a festival.



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Learning a foreign language takes time, LOTS of time, but if your family is taking a vacation or you are going on a mission trip, you may not have enough time to learn all the ins and outs of a foreign language. So, survival Spanish would then be the next best thing for you.

If there is one thing to keep in mind though, be aware of the most common mistake of people trying to learn a foreign language. You CANNOT translate word for word and expect your sentences to make sense. Spanish is a language, unlike English, that puts adjectives (describing words) after nouns (person, place, thing). In English we would say “The blue house” but if you translated the same phrase into Spanish it would be “La Casa azul” or “The house blue.” Don’t worry too much about this but know that if you are carrying around a pocket dictionary or translator, this is one of the areas that translation gets confusing.

Now that that is out of the way, lets get a few basics down so you can survive.

¿Dónde está el baño?- Where is the bathroom?

Estoy perdido.- I am lost.

¿Cuánto cuesta?- How much does it cost?

Yo no comprendo.- I do not understand.

Necesito ayuda.- I need help.

Agua, por favor. –Water please.

Quiero \_\_\_\_\_ - I would like \_\_\_\_\_ (chocolate anyone?)

Necesito \_\_\_\_\_ - I need \_\_\_\_\_ (hospital, taxi, hotel)

¿Como se dice?- How do you say?

No hablo Espanol. –I don’t speak Spanish.

