

## BIENVENIDO A SIMPLE SPANISH PODCAST WELCOME TO SIMPLE SPANISH PODCAST



### How to get the most out of Simple Spanish Podcast!

Welcome to Simple Spanish Podcast. This podcast, like Tofu, Tattoos and Talk podcast, were born from the single most common problem that I have found in my teaching experience: “Where can I find good-quality study material at my level that comes with transcripts?” After all, the secret to reaching more advanced levels in a language is to spend as much time as possible with interesting, motivating content in the language. However, not only is most authentic material far too advanced, it is almost impossible to find interesting material that comes with a transcript, so you can listen and read at the same time. Consequently, most learners stop listening to the language they are trying to learn, and fluency, of course, never gets any closer.

Here, you will find material for beginner learners. With this podcast you can start learning Spanish on your own, following the guide topics of each episode. This podcast is created to complement your studies and give you effective tools to improve your listening and speaking. In addition to this audio, you will find on the web page the transcription and translation of each episode and some learning Tips to improve your understanding on natural grammar.

So, how can you get the most of this podcast? Here is a short guide:

1. Listen the episode one or two times. At first, your focus is not on the language itself but it is on how it sounds and if you can understand part the message, as consequence, you will learn the language that is used. Like we are just getting started and this is a podcast for beginners, the material is easy and understandable, so this is going to be comprehensible input for you. Little by little we'll make it more complex and difficult. If you are using the transcript, focus on the Spanish version, that way you establish the relationship between the spoken language and the written language.
2. Listen again, but this time you will pay attention in detail with the aim of understanding every word. Now it's good idea to make notes, write the new vocabulary and this time you can start checking the English version, that way you can understand what we are saying. And here is where your language acquisition process begins, because you are going to start to understand more and more each time.
3. Something that is really making a difference is to jot things down. If you want things to stick use a notebook only for Spanish, so you can save your progress and the information. Also, you can print the PDF, and start taking notes on the same page.



4. After this, try to make the exercises included in the PDF. You can use the material as a guide for you to write your answers. Always search for new words you frequently use in your mother language and integrate them to your new set of Spanish vocabulary.
5. Keep track of every episode through your notebook or a folder where you save the pdf with all your notes and exercises. This will give you material to study and review and is going to show you all the effort you are putting every single day on your goal of learning Spanish.

**Other tips that may help you are:**

\*Set a time in your calendar exclusively for learning, and try to focus only in this. (Avoid distractions)

\*Set up for success, not stress. As you know, the journey to fluency in a foreign language is not always easy; there is much to learn and there are many obstacles to overcome, most of which take you by surprise and are difficult to anticipate in advance. With the right attitude, these challenges can be a great source of learning in themselves, and hugely motivating when you overcome them.

\*Embrace confusion and chaos.

\*Expect to make mistakes, it is part of the process.

\*Don't forget you can schedule a class with me, in case you have doubts or if you want to practice what you have learnt.

Enjoy this wonderful journey!

Love,

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