

# Spanish Survival Phrases

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You need to say and use the following phrases, *The Dirty Dozen*, just to get by. Memorize the *Dirty Dozen* (*la docena sucia*) with the following activities and games.

## THE DIRTY DOZEN

1. ¿Puedo ir al baño?	Can I go to the bathroom?
2. ¿Puedo ir a . . . ?	Can I go to . . . ?
3. ¿Puedo tomar agua?	Can I get a drink of water?
4. ¿Puedo hablar en inglés?	Can I speak English?
5. ¿Cómo se dice . . . en español?	How do you say . . . in Spanish?
6. Más despacio por favor.	Slower please.
7. Yo comprendo.	I understand.
8. No comprendo.	I don't understand
9. ¿Cómo?	How was that? Huh?
10. Tengo una pregunta.	I have a question.
11. Repite por favor.	Repeat please
12. ¿Qué significa . . . en inglés?	What does . . . mean in English

**Mixed Up Matching Tables.** You, or you and a partner, need to match the Spanish phrase with its correct English meaning. **The table below is mixed up.** Use numbers like a 1 and a 1 or letters like A and A to match them.

### Spanish Phrase

¿Puedo ir al baño?

Puedo ir a .. ?

Puedo tomar agua?

Puedo hablar en ingles?

Cómo se dice . . en español?

Más despacio por favor.

Yo comprendo.

No comprendo.

Cómo?

Tengo una pregunta.

What does . .mean in English

Slower please

I have a question.

Repeat please.

How do you say . . . in Spanish?

I understand.

How was that? Huh?

Can I go to the bathroom?

Can I speak English?

Can I get a drink of water?

Repíte por favor.

Can I go to . . . ?

## Actividades

**See and Say.** Take turns with a partner. One partner touches a Spanish phrase. The other partner needs to read it out loud. Then take turns.

¿Puedo ir al baño?

¿Puedo ir a mi . . . ?

¿Puedo tomar agua?

¿Puedo hablar en inglés?

¿Cómo se dice . . en español?

Más despacio por favor.

Yo comprendo.

No comprendo.

¿Cómo?

Tengo una pregunta.

Repíte por favor.

**\*Cut out each phrase, then shuffle** the phrases. Place all of them on a table. Play see and say with a different partner.

**Pégalo (hit it):** Place all of the phrases on a table. One person calls out the phrase. The other players race to tap, or hit the correct phrase first. The winner wins the point and the phrase is taken off of the table. Play pégalo with three other people

Your teacher will have other games too like class **bingo/lotería, tic tac to, & matamoscas (flyswatters)**. Can you think of any new games to help you learn?

## THE NEXT BATCH

Yo sé.	I know.
No sé.	I don't know.
Se me olvidó.	I forgot.
Lo siento.	I'm sorry.
¿Puedo sacarle punto del lápiz?	Can I sharpen my pencil?
Préstame . . .	Lend me . . . (to a classmate)

## SOME HIGH-FIVE PHRASES

Buena suerte.	Good luck.
Bien hecho.	Well done.
¡Chéquel!	Check it out.
¡Qué Padre!	How cool. (only in Mexico)
¡Magnífico!	Magnificent!
¡Excelente!	Excellent!
¡Chévere!	Great!
¡Super!	Super!
¡Bravo!	Bravo!
¡Fantástico!	Fantastic!
¡Felicidades!	Congratulations!

## The Yous of Spanish: And There are Two!

You may have noticed that some of the "Survival Spanish" expressions are "formal" or "informal/singular". In Spanish, there are two ways to say "you" - **TÚ** and **USTED**.

- **Use TÚ** . . . when you are talking to one person (singular) who you know very well (**informal**.) Even if you don't see the exact word "tú" in the expression, you still have a more relaxed way of talking to a friend, family member, pet, or plant!
- **Use USTED** . . . when you are talking to an adult you don't know well (**formal**). This could be a friend of your parents, a waitress, a salesperson, or the President. It is important to show proper respect when speaking Spanish. Many Spanish teachers expect that you will speak to them formally, but American teachers are more casual. You may use "tú" with Señora Fortín and Sr. Ortiz at first, or if you forget the USTED form later. If you are ever in doubt, use "Usted"!
- **Use USTEDES** . . . when you are talking to more than one person (plural), even if you know them very well. Like "tú", you won't necessarily see the word when speaking in a plural way. Sometimes it is just the verb that changes.



Imagine that you are speaking to the following people. Should you be formal or informal? Are you talking to one person (singular) or more than one person (plural)

	Formal	Informal	Singular	Plural
1. La Señora Fortín				
2. Your best friend				
3. Your parents				
4. Your dog				
5. Your waitress				
6. Your doctor				
7. Your classmates				
8. Your dentist				
9. A favorite aunt				
10. A teacher in Spain				



Write the correct Dirty Dozen or survival phrase in Spanish

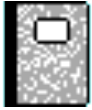
1. Your teacher is speaking very quickly. Ask her to slow down.  
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2. You want to know how to say the word "banana" in Spanish.  
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3. Your teacher asks the class, "¿Comprenden?" (Do you all understand?) and you do!  
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4. Even though you wish you could wait until class is over, you NEED to go to the bathroom!  
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5. You ran out of paper and you need to ask a classmate to borrow a sheet.  
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6. You are trying to walk to the front of the room, but a classmate is in the way.  
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7. You raised your hand, but then you *forgot* what you wanted to say.  
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8. Your teacher asks you a question, but you do not know the answer.  
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9. Your teacher keeps saying the word, "tarea" Ask what it means in English.  
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10. You want to know how to spell "buenos días."

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11. You have a question during Spanish class. You have tried EVERYTHING . . . "No comprendo." "Tengo una pregunta." "¿Qué significa . . . en inglés?" You have even tried to ACT OUT your question. Your teacher still does not understand what you want to know. As a last resort, you decide to ask permission to speak English.

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You will learn a mini-story about going to Spanish class. In your composition book, write the following sentences in the correct order. Do quick, stick-figure illustrations to accompany the sentences

Yo voy a la clase de español.

Gracias. Yo comprendo.

Me asiento.

¿Cómo?

Yo escucho.

Yo miro.

Tengo una pregunta.

No comprendo.

Tengo mi cuaderno, mi libro, mi agenda, y mi lápiz.

