

Communicating Smoothly in Spanish

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WHAT'S COVERED

In this lesson, you will learn some additional expressions that will help you communicate more easily when using the Spanish language. Specifically, this lesson will cover:

1. Al Comunicarse Sin Problemas en Español (Communicating Smoothly in Spanish)
 - a. Asking Questions
 - b. Answering Questions
 - c. Making a Statement Negative

1. Al Comunicarse Sin Problemas en Español (Communicating Smoothly in Spanish)

Learning expressions to use in the following contexts will be extremely helpful when having conversations in Spanish:

- Asking questions
- Answering questions
- Making a statement negative

1a. Asking Questions

Asking a question in Spanish is accomplished by intonation and/or simply reversing the order of the subject and verb.

Example Sentence	English Translation
<u>Usted habla</u> español.	<u>You speak</u> Spanish.
¿ <u>Habla usted</u> español?	<u>Do you speak</u> Spanish?

1b. Answering Questions

You can answer a question with a simple **sí** or **no**. You could also begin the sentence with "sí" or "no" and follow it with the answer.

Example Sentence	English Translation

<u>Sí</u> , hablo español.	<u>Yes</u> , I speak Spanish.
<u>No</u> , no hablo español.	<u>No</u> , I do not speak Spanish.

1c. Making a Statement Negative

To make a statement negative, simply put the word **no** before the verb.

Example Sentence	English Translation
Hablo español.	I speak Spanish
<u>No</u> hablo español.	I do <u>not</u> speak Spanish.
Yo tomo la medicina.	I take the medicine
Yo <u>no</u> tomo la medicina.	I do <u>not</u> take the medicine.



SUMMARY

In this lesson, you learned that to **communicate smoothly in Spanish**, it is important to know how to form expressions that you will use frequently in conversation. You now know how to **ask questions**, **answer questions**, and **make a statement negative**.

¡Buena suerte!

Support

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