



# Learn Spanish

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Now is the time to start learning a new language. The older you get, the harder it is. Spanish and English share many of the same words because they share Latin as a common root language. Spanish is an easy language to learn to pronounce because the letters have predictable sounds, unlike English. For instance, say these words out loud and listen for all the ways the letter *a* sounds or is silent.

Bat	Ball	Air	Also
Bag	Balloon	Coat	Read
Bar	Ear	Because	Raw
Bare	Pal	Calendar	Paper

No wonder it can be so hard to learn to speak English. In Spanish the vowels are very predictable. To make it even easier, the vowels are often alone and not with another vowel. There are certainly exceptions to this, especially with the letter *u*. But if you learn these vowel sounds, you can pronounce most Spanish words correctly:

Vowel	Sound in Spanish	Try a Word
a	Like the <i>a</i> in <i>ball</i>	pan (This means <i>bread</i> in Spanish.)
e	Like the <i>e</i> in <i>pet</i>	tres (This means <i>three</i> in Spanish.)
i	Like the <i>e</i> in <i>me</i>	sí (This means <i>yes</i> in Spanish.)
o	Like the <i>o</i> in <i>go</i>	no (This means <i>no</i> in Spanish.)
u	Like the <i>oo</i> in <i>goose</i>	uno (This means <i>one</i> in Spanish.)

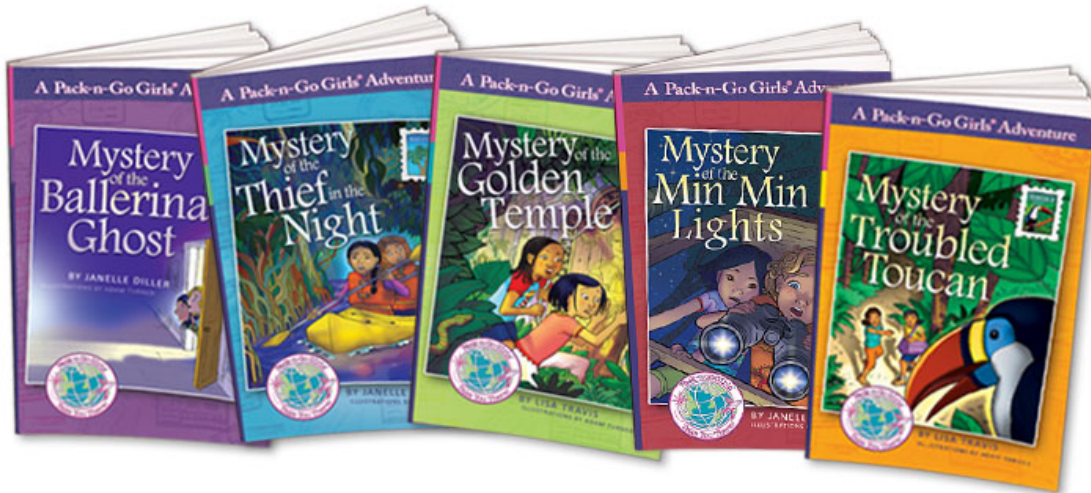
**Now try reading this out loud. It's fun to speak Spanish, isn't it?**

¡Hola! ¿Como estas? (Hello! How are you?)

Mi nombre es \_\_\_\_\_. (My name is \_\_\_\_\_.)

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