

## Top 10 Tips – learning a foreign language

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Speaking a second language is a skill that is becoming the norm in an increasingly globalised economy. In the case of Spanish it is the first language of over 300 million people around the world and learning to use it is certainly a business asset.

**1: Set your goal.** Whether you need the language for basic communication strategies, for advanced conversation or to achieve a qualification you should consult a training adviser to find out the best course programme for your goals.

**2: Ask for a trial lesson before you commit to a training programme.** It is important to make sure you feel comfortable with the teaching style, materials and training facilities offered by the language provider.

**3: Request a course outline** that states the programme contents, the training schedule and the number of hours per module/bloc. With this information you will be able to assess the course development and your own achievement according to that framework.

**4: Know your learning style!** People learn in diverse ways; some might find listening/speaking, reading/writing or digital solutions to be more effective when learning a new language. If there is a learning approach that suits you best talk to your training leader. He or she should be able to advise on strategies to maximise the benefit of your training!

**5: Language apps? Yes please!** Language learning using apps is a good way to acquire vocabulary, to familiarise yourself with basic structures or to develop your ability to hear and recognise words. They are a fantastic way to boost the results of a language course.

**6: Don't learn on your own.** Learning a language is important for communicating with people, so learn with others! The most evident advantage is that you learn in real time; this means you can practise, receive immediate feedback, have your questions answered and learn through a multi-skill learning experience (i.e. speaking and listening, reading and writing) - all together. Learning a language is a socio-cognitive skill that is best learned with other people.

**7: Maintain and improve** your understanding of the language by watching the news in your target language on a regular basis, or visit a local social group where you can chat with other members interested in your target language.

**8: Avoid procrastination!** Language learning needs constant practise. If you postpone a regular practice you risk wasting your effort and all the skills gained through previous training.

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**9: Consider a qualification.** Achieving a language certificate potentially enables you to work or study abroad. It will also look good on your CV!

**10: For Spanish learners: which type of Spanish should you learn? Castilian!** While there are distinctions between the varieties of Spanish (not only among the countries in South America but even within different regions in Spain!), Spanish speakers are united by the same language - Castilian - and can all understand each other, whether in Madrid or Buenos Aires.

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