

The most important reason to learn Spanish is **Relationship!** A foundation of all relationships is communication. Love at first sight only lasts so long :)

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<https://www.coloradomesa.edu/spanish/why-learn-spanish.html>

Why is it important to learn Spanish?

- There are over 400 million Spanish speakers world-wide.
- With more than 33 million speakers, Spanish is the second largest language in the United States.
- Hispanics are the largest minority in the United States, with the majority of them being Spanish speakers.
- By learning Spanish, you'll be better able to communicate with Spanish speakers.
- Latin American countries are our most important trading partners.
- Being able to speak Spanish greatly enhances your resume. If you are bilingual you are more competitive in the workplace.
- Whether as a Spanish teacher or that of any discipline, you can make a difference in the field of education. Your language skills will enable you to interact with English Language Learners.
- You can travel to a Spanish-speaking country and really get to know the culture.
- Your ability to understand Spanish enables you to gain important insights which monolinguals cannot.
- As we grow older, our memory begins to fade. Learning a foreign language actually helps keep your memory sharp.

https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/tk-reasons-ever-american-should-learn-spanish_us_55d773b5e4b08cd3359c1292

- **1 Stand out in a competitive job market**



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- A rising number of employers prefer individuals who can speak Spanish fluently. A 2013 survey of high level managers and executives conducted by [Strategy + Business](#) found that 96 percent of respondents “thought language skills are either “very important” or “somewhat important” for professional success in the current business environment.”

- **2** Expand your horizons



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- With 329 million native speakers, [according to Ethnologue](#), Spanish is the second most commonly spoken language in the world after English. Get to know your hemispheric neighbors in Latin America, and fake your way through Portuguese in Brazil with your new language skills.
- **3 Do your job better**



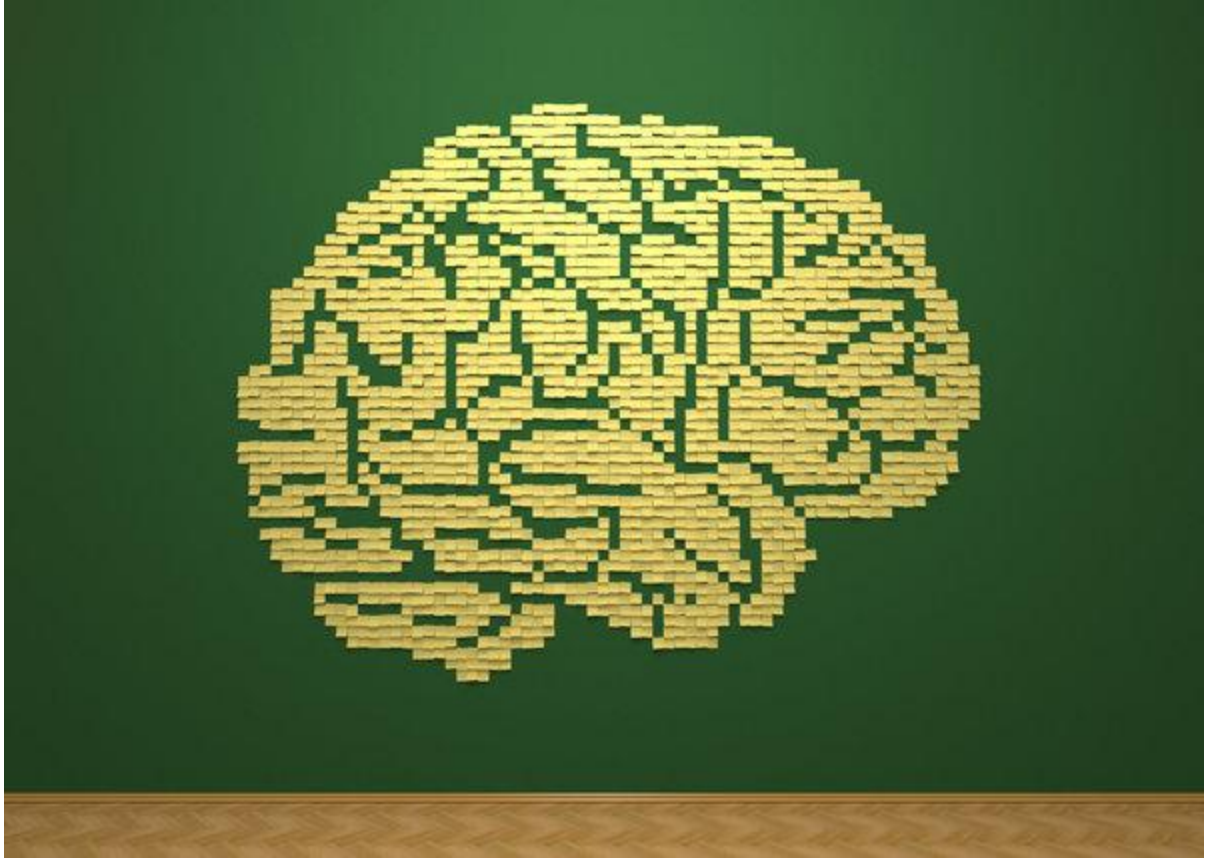
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- Doctors, lawyers and social workers work with diverse individuals and families day in and day out, many of whom may speak Spanish. According to the [U.S. census](#), 12.9 percent of Americans speak Spanish at home.
- **4 Communicate with your children**



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- By 2050, the U.S. will be the [largest Spanish speaking country](#), according to the Association of Spanish Language Academies. That means that if you have children in the next decade or so, they will likely speak the language or at least have friends who speak Spanish. Now, wouldn't you like to understand what your children and their friends are saying to one another when they're not speaking English?
- **5 Work abroad**



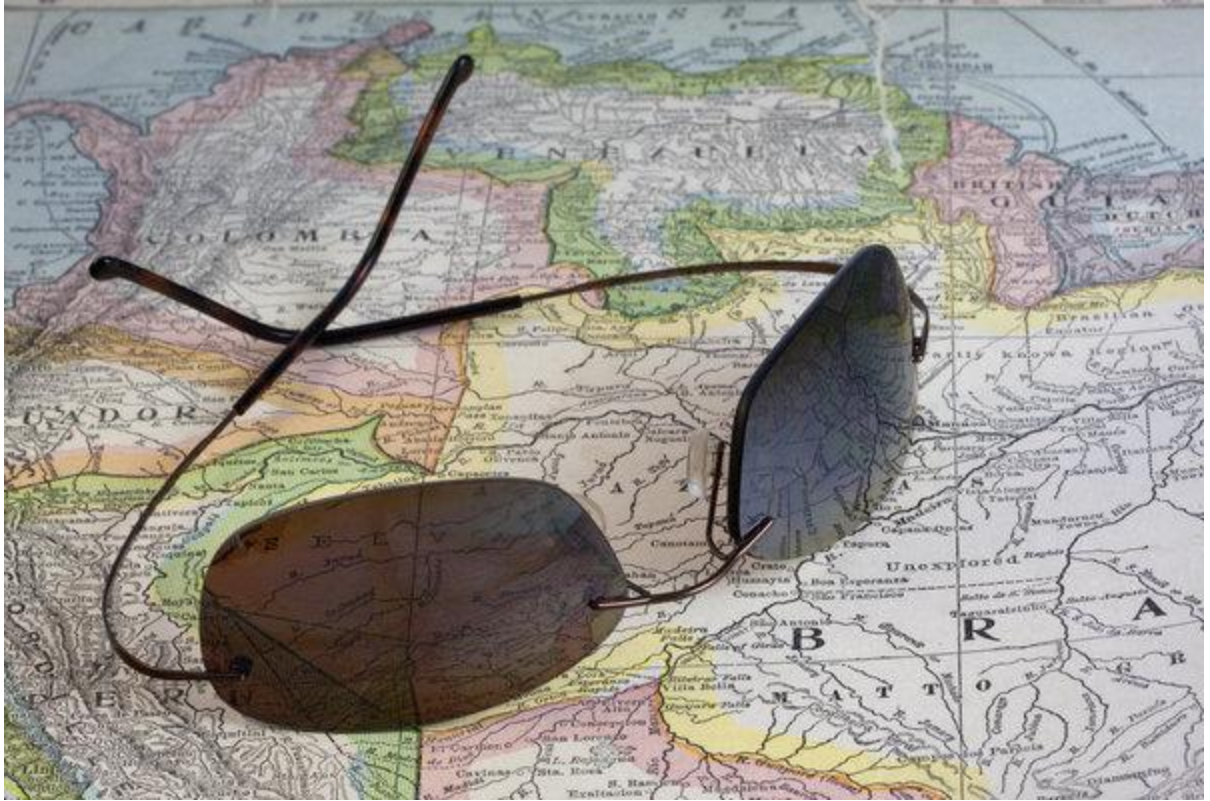
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- If working abroad or traveling for work is one of your career goals, learning how to speak Spanish fluently will help you get there. In an increasingly global market, being bilingual will help you speak with international clients, negotiate business deals abroad, and collaborate with experts across the globe.
- **6 Watch foreign films without reading subtitles**
- YouTube
- Once you master the Spanish language, you'll be able to understand the subtleties and get the jokes in real time whenever you watch a film from Latin America or Spain.
- **7 Improve your cognitive skills**



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- Not only does learning a second language improve your brain, but it helps your mind stay sharp longer. That's right — several [studies](#) show that speaking being bilingual improves cognitive skills unrelated to language.
- **8 Keep your brain young and healthy**



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- Researchers at the University of Ghent in Belgium recently [published a study](#) that added to the growing evidence that bilingualism can delay the onset of Alzheimer's and it "contributes to cognitive reserve and postpones the symptoms of dementia."
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- **9 Become a more independent person**



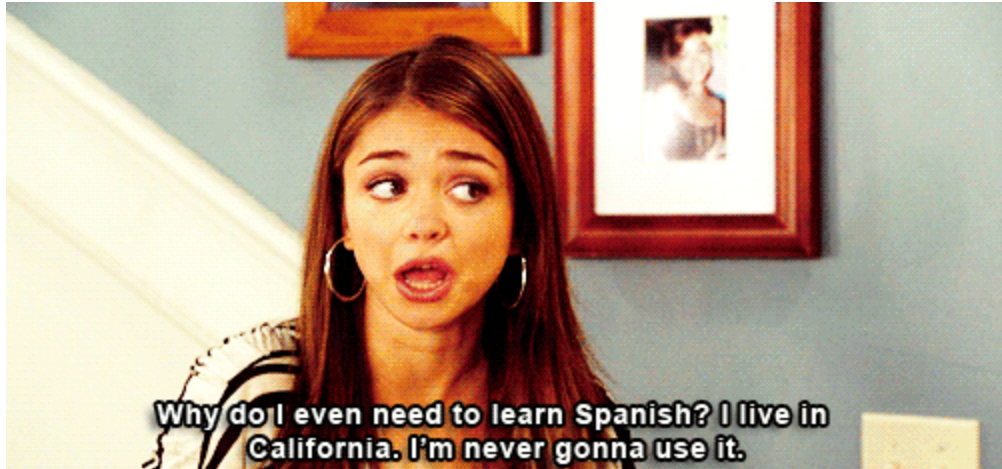
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- Ever find yourself in downtown Laredo, Texas or somewhere in Miami without an English speaker in sight? Learning to speak Spanish will help take care of that problem.
- **10 Understand Spanish song lyrics**
- YouTube
- Want to know what Shakira is saying when she sings in Spanish? Interested in knowing what the salsa song you're dancing to means? Learn Spanish and find out.
- **11 Make new friends**



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- Latinos are one of the fastest growing populations in the United States. Though English may be the country's most commonly spoken language, many Latinos in the U.S. come from Spanish-speaking households. Learning Spanish may help you get to know your neighbors and make new friends.
- **12 Improve your English**



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- Learning the Spanish can help boost your vocabulary by familiarizing you with English words that have Latin roots.
- **13 Up your game**
- [via GIPHY](#)
- Nothing says romance like taking the time to learn how to communicate with a potential partner or significant other in their native tongue.
- **14 It's relatively easy to learn**
- YouTube
- Spanish is spelled phonetically and many of the words are similar to English. And because so many people in the U.S. speak the Spanish fluently, you don't have to go very far to find someone with whom you can practice or some place where you can fully immerse yourself in the language.
- **15 You can put it to good use all day, every day**



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- Giphy
- Spanish is the second most spoken language in the U.S. You're bound to run into someone who speaks only Spanish in your daily life. Wouldn't it be nice if you could communicate with them?