

Speak Spanish Easy Presents:

10 Phrases to Start Thinking in Spanish (Cheat Sheet)

1. ¿Cómo estás?

(How are you?)

Use anytime you greet someone. Default to connection.

2. Estoy bien, gracias. ¿Y tú?

(I'm good, thank you. And you?)

The natural follow-up — build conversation, not just answers.

3. ¿Dónde está el baño?

(Where is the bathroom?)

Essential for travel and real-world use. Always practical.

4. Quisiera [comida/bebida].

(I would like [food/drink].)

Use at restaurants instead of 'I want' — sounds more polite.

5. ¿Cuánto cuesta?

(How much does it cost?)

Must-know phrase for shopping, markets, and street vendors.

6. No entiendo. ¿Puede repetirlo, por favor?

(I don't understand. Can you repeat it, please?)

Shows confidence, not weakness. Keeps conversations flowing.

7. ¿Puede ayudarme?

(Can you help me?)

Another real-world lifeline when traveling, shopping, or lost.

8. ¿Qué recomienda?

(What do you recommend?)

Pro-level conversation starter — especially at restaurants or stores.

9. Está bien. / No hay problema.

(It's okay. / No problem.)

Everyday phrase to sound natural and relaxed in conversations.

10. ¡Muchas gracias!

(Thank you very much!)

Gratitude closes every conversation in Spanish-speaking culture.

How to Use This Cheat Sheet:

- ✓ Read each phrase aloud twice a day
- ✓ Visualize a real situation where you'd use it
- ✓ Bonus: Write one short Spanish dialogue using at least 3 phrases