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**In Mexico and Latin America, English is spoken in tourist areas and in large cities, however, it is highly appreciated to speak Spanish when doing business or when interacting with locals.**



**In this booklet you will find a list of the most common phrases and expressions you will hear and use while doing business or living in Mexico.**



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| <b>Español</b>              | <b>English</b>                          | <b>Pronunciation</b> |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Saludos                     | Greetings                               |                      |
| Hola                        | Hello                                   |                      |
| ¿Cómo estás?                | How are you?                            |                      |
| Bien, gracias. ¿Y tú?       | Fine, and you?                          |                      |
| Buenos días                 | Good morning                            |                      |
| Buenas tardes               | Good afternoon                          |                      |
| Buenas noches               | Good night                              |                      |
| Muchas gracias              | Thank you so much                       |                      |
| Disculpe                    | Excuse me                               |                      |
| No importa/ no hay problema | No problem / There is no problem at all |                      |
| Por favor                   | Please                                  |                      |
| Gracias                     | Thank you                               |                      |
| Hasta luego                 | Bye                                     |                      |
| Hasta mañana                | See tomorrow                            |                      |
| Adiós                       | Good bye                                |                      |

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- Buenos días.

- Nos vemos mañana.

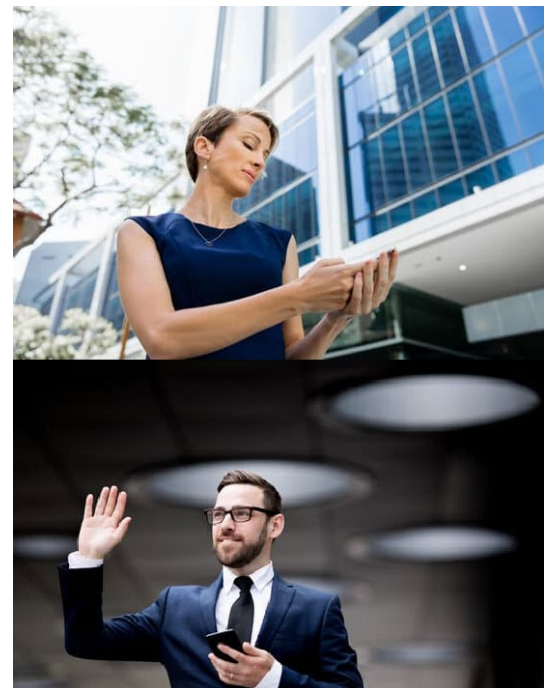
- Buenas tardes.



- Hasta luego.

- ¿Cómo estás?

- Muchas gracias.



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|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Señor/        Señora/<br>Señorita    | Mr. / Mrs. / Ms.                       |                      |
| Joven                                | Young man                              |                      |
| ¿Cómo te llamas?<br>(formal)         | What is your name?<br>(formal)         |                      |
| Me llamo... / Mi<br>nombre es        | My name is...                          |                      |
| Mucho gusto                          | Nice to meet you                       |                      |
| Estoy aquí...                        | I am here...                           |                      |
| Mi esposo / Mi<br>esposa             | My husband / My wife                   |                      |
| Mi familia                           | My family                              |                      |
| ¿De dónde eres?                      | Where are you from?                    |                      |
| Soy de + country<br>(Estados Unidos) | I am from + country<br>(United States) |                      |
| ¿Cuál es su/tu...?<br>Dirección      | What is your address?                  |                      |
| Este es mi email ...                 | This is my email ...                   |                      |
| Número de celular                    | My phone number is                     |                      |
| Estoy en el hotel<br>llamado         | I am in the Hotel<br>named...          |                      |

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- ¿Cómo te llamas?



- ¿De dónde eres?



- Me llamo...

- Soy de Estados Unidos.



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|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Me gustaría pagar en dólares            | I would like to pay in US dollars  |                      |
| ¿Cuánto cuesta?                         | How much does it cost?             |                      |
| ¿Dónde hay un cajero?                   | Do you know where's an ATM?        |                      |
| ¿Acepta tarjeta?                        | Do you accept card?                |                      |
| Me gustaría dejar propina               | I would like to tip                |                      |
| La cuenta está mal                      | The bill is wrong                  |                      |
| ¿Puedo ver ...?                         | May I see...?                      |                      |
| Quiero comprar...                       | I would like to buy                |                      |
| ¿Puedo probarlo/la?                     | Can I try it on?                   |                      |
| Solo estoy mirando, gracias.            | I'm just looking, thanks           |                      |
| ¿Puedo ayudarle?                        | Can I help you?                    |                      |
| ¿Desea algo más?                        | Would you like anything else?      |                      |
| ¿Acepta efectivo?                       | Do you accept cash?                |                      |
| Me gustaría pagar en efectivo / tarjeta | I would like to pay in cash / card |                      |

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- ¿Cuánto cuesta?

- ¿Puedo probarlo?

- ¿Acepta efectivo?

-Me gustaría pagar en efectivo.



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| Español                                 | English                                             | Pronunciation |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| ¿Qué hora es?                           | What time is it?                                    |               |
| Son las diez en punto                   | It's 10 o'clock                                     |               |
| ¿Cuándo?                                | When?                                               |               |
| El 20 de noviembre                      | On November 20th                                    |               |
| ¿A qué hora?                            | At what time?                                       |               |
| A las 8 de la noche                     | At 8 pm                                             |               |
| ¿Me puede/s recomendar un restaurante?. | Could you give me some restaurant recommendations?. |               |
| Quisiera una mesa para dos, por favor.  | I would like a table for two, please.               |               |
| ¿Me puede traer la carta, por favor?.   | Can you give me the menu please?                    |               |
| Aquí tiene.                             | Here you are.                                       |               |
| Quisiera ordenar...                     | I would like to order ...                           |               |
| ¿Qué me recomienda?.                    | Do you have any recommendation?.                    |               |
| Estamos listos para ordenar.            | We are ready to order.                              |               |
| Plato fuerte/principal                  | Main dish.                                          |               |
| Me gustaría ordenar lo mismo que ellos  | I would like to order the same as them.             |               |

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| Español                               | English                         | Pronunciation |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Sólo queremos beber algo              | We only want to drink something |               |
| ¿Me puede traer la cuenta, por favor? | Could we have the bill please?  |               |
| Tengo hambre                          | I am hungry                     |               |
| Desayuno                              | Breakfast                       |               |
| Cena                                  | Dinner                          |               |
| Beber                                 | Drink                           |               |
| Provecho                              | Enjoy your meal                 |               |
| Hervido                               | Boiled                          |               |
| Asado / a la parrilla                 | Grilled                         |               |
| frito                                 | Fried                           |               |
| a las brasas                          | Braced                          |               |
| al vapor                              | Steammed                        |               |
| con guarnición                        | With side order                 |               |
| sin...                                | Without                         |               |
| Cuchara                               | Spoon                           |               |
| Tenedor                               | Fork                            |               |
| Cuchillo                              | knife                           |               |
| Vaso/ botella                         | Glass                           |               |
| copa (de vino)                        | Glass of wine                   |               |
| taza                                  | A cup                           |               |

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- Me gustaría ordenar una mesa para dos.

- ¿Puedo ver el menú?.

- Solamente queremos tomar algo.



- Me gustaría una copa de vino blanco / rojo.

- ¿Me puede traer la cuenta?.



- ¿Acepta tarjeta?.

- Quisiera dejar propina

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**Suggestions: Use these phrases as a matrix to create short dialogues, expand and combine with the different tenses and settings throughout the whole list.**



**Take a phrase and use Google translator to expand it into a full sentence.**

# Pronunciation tips

All vowel sounds stay the same at all times. a: ah; e: eh; i: ee; o: oh; u: ooh. They will always sound the same in any positions of the word.

- J: sounds like a strong “h” in English, as in Juan/ Jose.
- G: in front of “e” and “i” sounds strong, like a strong “h” in English: General [he-neh-ral]; in front of the other vowel sounds it has a soft sound: Gato [Ga-toh]
- H: is always silent.
- C: in front of “e” and “i” it sounds like an “S” in English: Cerveza [cer-veh-za]; in front of the other vowel sounds it has a K sound: Casa [ca-sah]

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