

Synergy Spanish

Bola De Nieve

The follow up that builds on the Synergy Spanish foundation & makes expressing yourself in Spanish even more fluently as easy as rolling a snowball downhill.

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This course continues on from where Synergy Spanish left off, it builds on the momentum that you have already created

Speaking Spanish at new levels will be like rolling a snowball downhill

And like the cartoon clique of a rapidly expanding snowball, your Spanish can grow and grow almost by itself

Step by step momentum builder patterns wire your mind for Spanish in natural brain friendly ways

So communicating in Spanish freely, fluidly and confidently, is possible for everyone - no matter what your age or background.

All you need to do is to follow a path that works with your mind, not against it

That path is laid out for you step by step, right here, in Synergy Spanish Bola de Nieve (snowball)

So, let's let roll the snowball down the hill

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Modulo 1

Lección uno

Lesson 1

It's a good bet you already know the pattern I am about to show you. Don't be mistaken and think "this is too easy, I already know it". Knowing something is one thing, knowing how to use it instantly, anytime you want with confidence, is another thing altogether.

I'm sure you've seen those cartoons where someone makes a snowball and then rolls it downhill... it grows bigger and bigger and before long it's taking out trees, then houses and everyone is running for their lives.

Think of that image in regard to your Spanish, in Synergy Spanish you made a snowball... now all you have to do is gently roll it downhill to make everything much bigger...

Your ability to express ideas in Spanish at will, anywhere you go is going to expand like a snowball. When you complete the audio lessons your Spanish will have much more fluidity and you'll have far more confidence in your Spanish.

At the end of Synergy Spanish, I showed you that you had already mastered the most frequently used Spanish verb conjugations. Yet, you had not studied verb conjugations anywhere in the course. In fact, in the Synergy Spanish course, I didn't even mention verb conjugations... but that didn't stop you from speaking Spanish with conjugated verbs throughout the course.

In this lesson and lesson 2 from this first module, I am going to show you how to take what you have already learned and multiply it, so you can very easily expand what you can do with your Spanish.

Then, when you start adding more synergy patterns in chapter 3, look out, you will be amazed by how much Spanish expression is already available to you.

You see, you've already built the momentum in Synergy Spanish. Now, it only takes a little effort to keep it moving forward.

Let's go on to the first easy step...

Spanish Speaking Hints

Momentum Builder #1

Using brick verbs to talk about yourself.

Here's the most common verb pattern in Spanish.

Step 1

Brick verb	remove brick part of verb - AR
Necesitar (to need)	- ar = necesit

Step 2

add first person identifier o	
necesit	+ o = necesito (I need)

You already know this pattern very well from Synergy Spanish. The good news is that it's as easy as the example above to speak about yourself with around 80% of Spanish verbs.

Here are some more examples...

Step 1

Brick verb	remove brick part of verb - AR
Visitar (to visit)	- ar = visit
Gastar (to spend)	- ar = gast

Step 2

add first person identifier o	
visit	+ o = visito (I visit)
gast	+ o = gasto (I spend)

It's that easy.

By using this simple pattern, combined with your mortar words, you'll be amazed how much you can say...

You may even want to jump ahead, or go to the audio lessons right now. However, the foundation we're laying here is important, it's best to complete all the steps, even if they seem very easy.

You see, on the audio lessons you'll learn to use many Spanish patterns instinctively, without thinking. So, we need to make sure you understand everything 100%.

The ability you gain to express yourself at will in Spanish will be worth the time you spend on your foundation... so, let's go ahead now to exercise 1A...

Ejercicio 1A Translate into English

- | | | | |
|---------------|-------|---------------|-------|
| 1. Hablo | _____ | 15. No manejo | _____ |
| 2. Visitar | _____ | 16. Descanso | _____ |
| 3. Invito | _____ | 17. No compro | _____ |
| 4. Ayudo | _____ | 18. Gasto | _____ |
| 5. No estudio | _____ | 19. Ceno | _____ |
| 6. Regreso | _____ | 20. Esperar | _____ |
| 7. Regresar | _____ | 21. Buscar | _____ |
| 8. Viajo | _____ | 22. Olvido | _____ |
| 9. Paso | _____ | 23. Besar | _____ |
| 10. No cocino | _____ | 24. Escucho | _____ |
| 11. Tomo | _____ | 25. Llego | _____ |
| 12. Terminar | _____ | 26. Pago | _____ |
| 13. Termino | _____ | 27. Practico | _____ |
| 14. Camino | _____ | 28. No canto | _____ |

Respuestas del ejercicio 1A

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1. I speak | 15. I don't drive |
| 2. To visit | 16. I rest |
| 3. I invite | 17. I don't buy |
| 4. I help | 18. I spend (money) |
| 5. I don't study | 19. I have dinner |
| 6. I return | 20. To wait |
| 7. To return | 21. To look for |
| 8. I travel | 22. I forget |
| 9. I spend (time) | 23. To kiss |
| 10. I don't cook | 24. I listen |
| 11. I drink | 25. I arrive |
| 12. To finish | 26. I pay |
| 13. I finish | 27. I practice |
| 14. I walk | 28. I don't sing |

Ejercicio 1B Translate into English

Translate the following sentences into English

La gente = the people

1. Siempre desayuno en casa con mi familia.
2. Viajo a México todos los años para visitar a mis amigos.
3. Hablo español con mis amigos en Miami.
4. No trabajo los fines de semana. Siempre descanso.
5. Camino con ella en el parque todos los días.
6. No tomo café en la noche. Si tomo café en la noche, no puedo dormir.
7. Compro tortillas todos los días.
8. No tomo mucho.
9. Manejo todos los días.
10. Camino a mi casa después de trabajar.
11. Estudio español porque me gusta el lenguaje y **la gente**.
12. Canto con mi grupo los fines de semana en un bar.
13. No compro CDs en el mercado negro.

las llaves = the keys

14. Trabajo en la ciudad.
15. Siempre ceno después de las 8.00pm.
16. Siempre olvido **las llaves**.
17. Tomo café en la mañana.
18. Busco **las llaves**.
19. Llego en el vuelo número 234 de Aeromexico.
20. Cocino para mi familia casi todas las noches.
21. Tomo mucha agua cuando voy al gimnasio.
22. Termina a las 6.00 p.m.
23. Siempre camino con mi esposa en el parque en la tarde.
24. No manejo en México DF.
25. Hablo español en casa pero hablo inglés cuando trabajo.
26. Busco algo para mi mamá.
27. No tomo en la mañana.
28. No cocino muy bien.
29. No manejo el Jetta, manejo el Bronco.

Respuestas del ejercicio 1B

1. I always have breakfast at home with my family.
2. I travel to Mexico (all the years) every year in order to visit my friends.*
3. I speak Spanish with my friends in Miami.
4. I don't work on the weekends. I always rest.
5. I walk with her in the park every day.*
6. I don't drink coffee at night. If I drink coffee at night, I can't sleep.
7. I buy the tortillas every day.*
8. I don't drink much.
9. I drive every day*
10. I walk to my house after (to) work.
11. I study Spanish because I like the language and the people.
12. I sing with my group (on) the weekends in a bar.
13. I don't buy CDs in the black market.
14. I work in the city.
15. I always have dinner after 8.00pm
16. I always forget the keys.
17. I drink coffee in the morning.
18. I am looking for the keys.**
19. I arrive on (the) Aeromexico flight number 234.
20. I cook for the family almost every night.*
21. I drink a lot of water when I go to the gym.
22. I finish at 6.00pm
23. I always walk with my wife in the park in the afternoon.
24. I don't drive in Mexico DF (Mexico City).
25. I speak Spanish at home but I speak English when I work.
26. I am looking for something for my mom.**
27. I don't drink in the morning.
28. I don't cook very well.
29. I don't drive the Jetta, I drive the Bronco.

* Literally **todos los días/todas las noches** means, all the days/ all the nights, and todos los años means all the years. You'll frequently hear, **todos los días/noches**, used as every day and every night, likewise **todos los años** is used for every year. See more about this on page 9.

** literally **busco** means I look for, however you will often hear Spanish speakers use the present tense this way to also mean, I am looking for.

Ejercicio 1C Translate into Spanish

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|-------------------|-------|-------------------|-------|
| 1. I speak | _____ | 15. I don't drive | _____ |
| 2. To visit | _____ | 16. To rest | _____ |
| 3. I invite | _____ | 17. I don't buy | _____ |
| 4. I help | _____ | 18. I spend (\$) | _____ |
| 5. I don't study | _____ | 19. I have dinner | _____ |
| 6. I go back | _____ | 20. To wait | _____ |
| 7. To return | _____ | 21. To look for | _____ |
| 8. I travel | _____ | 22. I forget | _____ |
| 9. I spend (time) | _____ | 23. To kiss | _____ |
| 10. I don't cook | _____ | 24. I listen | _____ |
| 11. I take | _____ | 25. I arrive | _____ |
| 12. To finish | _____ | 26. I pay | _____ |
| 13. I finish | _____ | 27. I practice | _____ |
| 14. I walk | _____ | 28. I don't sing | _____ |

Respuestas del ejercicio 1C

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|---------------|---------------|
| 1. Hablo | 15. No manejo |
| 2. Visitar | 16. Descansar |
| 3. Invito | 17. No compro |
| 4. Ayudo | 18. Gasto |
| 5. No estudio | 19. Ceno |
| 6. Regreso | 20. Esperar |
| 7. Regresar | 21. Buscar |
| 8. Viajo | 22. Olvido |
| 9. Paso | 23. Besar |
| 10. No cocino | 24. Escucho |
| 11. Tomo | 25. Llego |
| 12. Terminar | 26. Pago |
| 13. Termino | 27. Practico |
| 14. Camino | 28. No canto |

Speaking Spanish more naturally

Todos los días

Every day

Literally, **todos los días** means, *all the days*. However, you will frequently hear **todos los días**, used as *every day*.

Here are some other ways this pattern is used.

Visito a mi mamá todos los meses .	I visit my mom <i>every month</i> .
Buceo en México todos los años .	I (skin) dive in <i>Mexico every year</i> .
Esquío en Europa todos los inviernos .	I ski in Europe <i>every winter</i> .
Trabajo todos los fines de semana .	I work every weekend.

There is a small change you'll need to make for the feminine words such as semana and noche.

Juego fútbol todas las semanas .	I play football <i>every week</i> .
Como en casa todas las noches .	I eat at home <i>every night</i> .

Notice that **todos los**, changes to **todas las**, for the feminine words **semana** and **noche**.

We can also use cada, for example:

cada día	each/every day
cada semana	each/every week
cada verano	each/every summer

However, as you will hear **todos los** used very often, de ahora en adelante (from now on) in this course, you will practice using **todos los** when talking about time frames.

There are times when it is better to use cada, in which case, for clarity, we will translate **cada** as *each*. That way, you'll know whether I want you to use **cada** or **todos los**. For example...

I have classes every second day (each two days)	Tengo clases cada dos días.
Each day I speak more Spanish.	Cada día hablo más español.

Please go on to ejercicio 1D...

Respuestas del ejercicio 1D

1. No hablo mucho español.
2. Camino todos los días.
3. No manejo en la noche. **
4. Paso todos los fines de semana con mi familia.
5. No tomo.
6. Termino mañana.
7. Regreso a España cada año.
8. Trabajo en México los fines de semana. *
9. No hablo español muy bien. Necesito practicar más.
10. Estudio español todos los días.
11. Regreso mañana en la noche. **
12. Paso el verano en Chicago y el invierno en México.
13. No trabajo aquí.
14. No cocino muy bien.
15. Practico español con ellos.
16. No canto muy bien.
17. Siempre visito a mis amigos los fines de semana. *
18. Hablo español.
19. No trabajo los fines de semana.
20. Hablo con él todos los días.
21. Llego mañana en la noche. **
22. Siempre olvido algo.
23. No cocino mucho.
24. Siempre ceno con mi familia.
25. Paso los veranos aquí.
26. No manejo mucho aquí.

* To say *on the weekends* in Spanish, you can just say *the weekends*, **los fines de semana**.

** It's about a 50/50 chance whether you'll hear **por la noche** or *en la noche*. It depends where you use your Spanish. In this course, as in Synergy Spanish, we'll be using **en la noche**, **en el día** etc.

That way, the course remains consistent. However, even if, *por la noche*, is more common in your region, you'll still be understood without any problem.