Pronunciation & First Words — Essentials

La pronunciación y primeras palabras

Understand it · Entiéndelo

What you are learning · Qué vas a aprender

Say clear Spanish vowels, keep h silent, and introduce yourself with a short phrase. First work on the sounds within words; Course: Stress & Accent Marks then shows which syllable to emphasize. You do not need to imitate every regional accent feature yet. Grammar View shows sentence roles in the short sentence examples; use it when you want to connect these sounds with how a sentence works.

English	Spanish
house; both a vowels keep an ah-like sound	casa
table; e stays eh and a stays ah	mesa
island; i keeps an ee-like sound	isla
bear; both o vowels stay clear, without an English ow glide	oso
grape; u keeps an oo-like sound	uva

Notes

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Use it · Úsalo

Build it step by step · Constrúyelo paso a paso

English	Spanish
Hello! My name is Mark.	¡Hola! Me llamo Mark. llamo: Verb — action or state
What's your name? Nice to meet you.	¿Cómo te llamas? Mucho gusto. llamas: Verb — action or state
How are you? I'm fine, thanks.	¿Cómo estás? Estoy bien, gracias. estás: Verb — action or state

Common mistake · Error común

A less stressed vowel is still a vowel. Do not turn the last a of casa into an English uh or add an English ow glide to oso. Say the final vowel clearly without giving every syllable equal emphasis.

Use it in real life · Úsalo en la vida real

Meet a new classmate. Give your greeting and name: ¡Hola! Me llamo... Then ask ¿Cómo te llamas? When they answer, say Mucho gusto. Try without reading; if a sound is unclear, replay the relevant phrase and repeat it before trying the conversation again.

Check and try again · Comprueba y vuelve a intentar

¡Hola! Me llamo [your name]. ¿Cómo te llamas? Mucho gusto. Check silent h in hola, clear vowels, and the y-like ll in llamo/llamas. Listen once, say it, then compare one feature at a time. Synthesized practice audio is not a native accent recording. Continue to Stress & Accent Marks for strong syllables and written accents.

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