Common English-Speaker Mistakes

Errores frecuentes de angloparlantes

Grammar hints: bold = subject; underline = verb; italics = object; bold with a gray highlight = negation. The labels below each example explain its roles.

Understand it · Entiéndelo

What you are learning · Qué vas a aprender

Check agreement, subject omission, ser/estar, and noun phrases before translating word for word. Spanish often expresses English ideas with a different verb or construction.

English	Spanish
I am twenty years old.	Tengo veinte años. Tengo: Verb — action or state
I am hungry.	Tengo hambre. Tengo: Verb — action or state
I am a teacher. (female)	Soy maestra. maestra: Noun

Build it step by step · Constrúyelo paso a paso

English	Spanish
The white house is nearby.	La casa blanca está cerca. blanca: Adjective
I want to learn Spanish.	Quiero aprender español. Quiero: Verb — action or state

Try it · Inténtalo

Translate “I am hungry”, “I am twenty years old”, and “I am a teacher” as a woman.

Self-check · Comprueba tu respuesta

Tengo hambre. Tengo veinte años. Soy maestra. A simple profession after ser normally has no indefinite article.

Common mistake · Error común

Not every English “am” becomes soy or estoy: hunger and age commonly use tener.

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