Words → Phrases → Sentences

Palabras, frases y oraciones

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

A word names something; a phrase groups words; a sentence expresses a complete idea. Start with who + does what + extra information.

English	Spanish
water	agua agua: Noun
a glass of water	*un vaso de agua* un vaso de agua: Direct object — receives the action
Ana <u>wants</u> *water*. Ana: Subject — who or what?; wants: Verb — action or state; water: Direct object — receives the action	**Ana** <u>quiere</u> *agua*. Ana: Subject — who or what?; quiere: Verb — action or state; agua: Direct object — receives the action

Build it step by step · Constrúyelo paso a paso

English	Spanish
Ana <u>wants</u> *a glass of water*. Ana: Subject — who or what?; wants: Verb — action or state; a glass of water: Direct object — receives the action	**Ana** <u>quiere</u> *un vaso de agua*. Ana: Subject — who or what?; quiere: Verb — action or state; un vaso de agua: Direct object — receives the action
Ana wants water now.	**Ana** <u>quiere</u> *agua* ahora. Ana: Subject — who or what?; quiere: Verb — action or state; agua: Direct object — receives the action

Try it · Inténtalo

Turn “pan” into a phrase, then a sentence with Ana and quiere. Say each version aloud.

Self-check · Comprueba tu respuesta

One answer: un poco de pan → Ana quiere un poco de pan. Identify who (Ana), action (quiere), and what (un poco de pan).

Common mistake · Error común

A list of words is not automatically a sentence. Include a verb when making a statement.

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Use it in real life · Úsalo en la vida real

At home, ask for water with a statement: build Ana + quiere + agua, then add ahora.

Check and try again · Comprueba y vuelve a intentar

Ana quiere agua ahora. Keep a person and a verb so the words form a statement.

Notes

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