

Shortcut to Spanish and Synergy Spanish present

Discover Your Spanish Detective Pronunciation Lesson

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I always found the pronunciation exercises that show you how to hold your mouth and tongue to produce a sound, incredibly dull. Listen and repeat for me was unbearable. I wanted to learn more than anyone I knew, but I just couldn't make it through that style of lesson.

So, I like to create more interesting ways for you to uncover Spanish sounds and at the same time discover the language. It's much more fun and.... as far as I can tell, it works about a thousand times better.

So I have created a pronunciation lesson for you to uncover you Spanish detective.

The great thing about Spanish is it's phonetic, so once you know a sound you can read and recognize Spanish right away.

Have some fun with the following words and see how many you can uncover. They are almost identical to English, but they are written very differently because as we know English gets crazy at times, e.g. through - threw, or dough - cough.

Remember Spanish doesn't get crazy, it has rules and if you know them and think phonetically you will recognize these words.

If you are still learning the rules of Spanish pronunciation, take this opportunity to discover some Spanish pronunciation by doing this lesson. I guarantee it will stay in your memory better than those listen and repeat and how to hold your mouth exercises.

Onward

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Pronunciation Lesson Part 1

Before you listen to the audio, see if you can figure out these Spanish words.
Write the English on the line

1. Asma _____
2. Bambú _____
3. Bebé _____
4. Bulevar _____
5. Caqui _____
6. Yanqui _____
7. Cebra _____
8. Comité _____
9. Coñac _____
10. Cañon _____
11. Cupón _____
12. Champán _____
13. Champú _____
14. Galón _____
15. Laca _____
16. Licor _____
17. Lider _____
18. Rol _____
19. Tabú _____
20. Ampayer _____
21. Fútbol _____

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Pronunciation Lesson Part 2

Now, listen to the audio and see if you can figure out any words that you missed in **part 1**
Write the English on the line

1. Asma _____
2. Bambú _____
3. Bebe _____
4. Bulevar _____
5. Caqui _____
6. Yanqui _____
7. Cebra _____
8. Comité _____
9. Coñac _____
10. Cañon _____
11. Cupón _____
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Discover Your Spanish Detective Pronunciation Answers

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|-------------|-----------|
| 1. Asma | asthma |
| 2. Bambú | bamboo |
| 3. Bebé | baby |
| 4. Bulevar | boulevard |
| 5. Caqui | khaki |
| 6. Yanqui | yankee |
| 7. Cebra | zebra |
| 8. Comité | committee |
| 9. Coñac | cognac |
| 10. Cañon | canyon |
| 11. Cupón | coupon |
| 12. Champán | champaign |
| 13. Champú | shampoo |
| 14. Galón | gallon |
| 15. Laca | laqua |
| 16. Licor | liquor |
| 17. Lider | leader |
| 18. Rol | roll |
| 19. Tabú | taboo |
| 20. Ampayer | umpire |
| 21. Fútbol | football |

Your results?

Are you a Spanish detective or a French inspector?

20 or more - Sherlock Holmes

14 - 20 - Magnum PI, Colombo and Rockford rolled into one

13 or less - Inspector Clouseau (The Pink Panther)

What the answers mean and how you can use them to improve your Spanish pronunciation.

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| 2. Bambú – bamboo | the u in Spanish is always pronounced like oo in English think bamboo or Winnie the Pooh |
| 4. Bulevar- boulevard | the u in Spanish is always pronounced like oo in English think bamboo |
| 5. Caqui-Khaki | QUI is pronounced KEE as in Keen Useful in the Spanish word for who- quien (pronounced key EN) |
| 6. Yanqui-Yankee | QUI is pronounced KEE as in Keen |
| 9. Coñac –cognac | Remember el niño – the Ñ is pronounced just like the GN in cognac. |
| 10. Cañon canyon | The GN in cognac and the NY in canyon are the same sound as the Ñ in Spanish. |
| 11. Cupón coupon | The U in Spanish is always pronounced like OO in English think bamboo or shampoo. |
| 12. Champú shampoo | the U in Spanish is always pronounced like OO in English think bamboo. |
| 17. Lider leader | the I in Spanish is like EE in feet |
| 19. Tabú - taboo | The U in Spanish is always pronounced like OO in English think bamboo, shampoo |
| 21. Ampayer | This is perhaps Spanglish, but in wide use, especially in Mexico and the USA. Often in English the letter U is pronounced as ah e.g. bus, cup, but etc. But in Spanish the letter “A” is always ah. That’s why the Spanglish spells umpire ampayer |

Discover Your Spanish Detective Pronunciation Audio Lesson Transcript

Making sentences in Spanish

Let's add some speaking practice to what you have learned, go ahead and interact with the audio lesson.

Listen to the Spanish or for asthma

Asma

Say asthma

Asma

Say I have asthma

Tengo asma

Say I don't have asthma

No tengo asma

Listen to baby

Bebé

Say baby

Bebé

Say my baby

Mi bebé

Say I need shampoo

Necesito champú

For my baby

Para mi bebé

Say I need shampoo for my baby

Necesito champú para mi bebé

Say a gallon of cognac

Un galón de coñac

To say a lot of cognac you say much cognac

Mucho coñac

Say a gallon is a lot of cognac

Un galón es mucho coñac

Say cognac is a liquor
Coñac es un licor

Champaign is a liquor
Champán es un licor

Tequila is a liquor
Tequila es un licor

Liquor is taboo
Licor es tabú

Say I don't want champaign
No quiero champán

Say I don't want tequila, thanks you
No quiero tequila, gracias

From the other lessons I have shared do you remember how to say I want to see
Quiero ver

Say I want to see the football
Quiero ver el fútbol

Tomorrow
Mañana

Say I want to see the football tomorrow
Quiero ver el fútbol mañana

With my friends
Con mis amigos

Say I want to see the football tomorrow with my friendo
Quiero ver el fútbol mañana con mis amigos

Well that's all for now. Remember in Shortcut to Spanish <http://www.how-to-speak.com> you can explore in depth all the ways to make 3145 Instant Spanish word

In Synergy Spanish <http://www.synergyspanish.com> you will discover how to make a lot of Spanish from a few words. In fact, by knowing how to combine just 138 Spanish words you can make thousands of Spanish sentences.

