Spanish Cheatsheet

Overview

Spanish is a Romance language spoken by over 500 million people worldwide as a first or second language.

Alphabet

The Spanish alphabet consists of 27 letters, including the following additional letter:

• ñ.

Pronunciation

- r is pronounced as a trill or a tap, depending on the region.
- 11 is pronounced as the "y" in "yes".
- j is pronounced as a guttural sound similar to the "ch" in Scottish "loch".
- qu is pronounced as the "k" in "kite".
- v is pronounced as a bilabial fricative, similar to the "v" in "very".
- z is pronounced as the "th" in "thin" in Spain, and as an "s" in Latin America.

Grammar

- Spanish uses the Latin alphabet and is written from left to right.
- Nouns have gender (masculine or feminine) and can be either singular or plural.
- · Verbs are inflected for tense, aspect, and mood.
- Word order in Spanish sentences is typically subject-verb-object.

Examples

- ¡Hola! : Hello!
- ¿Cómo estás? : How are you?
- No hablo español. : I don't speak Spanish.
- ¡Adiós! : Goodbye!
- Un café, por favor. : A coffee, please.
- Te quiero. : I love you.

Resources

- <u>Duolingo Spanish course</u>
- Spanish Grammar Forum
- Spanish Dictionary