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The \*\*Romance Languages\*\* descend from Latin and consist of well-known languages like Spanish, Portuguese, French, Italian and Romanian, as well as numerous dialects. In 2013, over [a million]( https://apps.mla.org/pdf/2013\_enrollment\_survey.pdf) students were enrolled in a romance language course – more than any other language group. If you are interested in taking a romance language, Spanish is the easiest.

This was difficult to ascertain, as these languages are very similar. All are considered [closely related to English]( http://www.effectivelanguagelearning.com/language-guide/language-difficulty) by the Foreign Language Institute and require about 24 weeks to become proficient. Grammatically, you will find noun gender, various irregular verb conjugations, and levels of politeness. They generally share the same word order as English, albeit with greater variation.

To find the easiest language, we looked at the following criteria:

-Pronunciation  
-Lexical similarity (\*vocabulary overlap\*)  
-Grammar  
-Material Access

Due to Slavic influences, Romanian appeared far more difficult than other Romance languages. The case system is a grammatical concept most English speakers struggle with in languages like German and Russian. Despite a [27% overlap in vocabulary](<https://www.ethnologue.com/language/eng>) with English, spoken French includes unfamiliar sounds and is not phonetic. Italian and Portuguese also include significant differences with pronunciation, but are more similar to Spanish.

As the romance languages are also similar to one another, and you’ll find hundreds of familiar words in Spanish. Spanish is highly phonetic, the use of articles and plurals are fairly straightforward. In addition, a Spanish learner has far more tools available in comparison with other languages. For those living in the US, you can practice your language skills in nearly every city, especially as Spanish continues to be the [fastest-growing]( http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2013/09/05/what-is-the-future-of-spanish-in-the-united-states/) non-English language in the US. There is an abundance of TV shows, courses, and resources to help you succeed.

If you still aren’t sure which romance language is the best match for you, try them out on WordBrewery.com’s [Explore](https://www.wordbrewery.com) mode, now with \*\*authentic Spanish audio\*\*.