



## Easy step #3: Sign Up For Conversational Spanish Lessons

Spanish is a difficult language to learn by yourself, and you are going to need help. You should look for a good Spanish school, like The Language School, and enroll. Use the checklist on the following pages to evaluate at least 2 schools before making a decision.

Look for Spanish schools in your city on Google. Make sure to look at their reviews on Google and Yelp too. Look for programs that have at least ten 4 star reviews and ensure some of the reviews are recent. If there are bad reviews, check to see if the owner has given a response before accepting it as a bad review. Then call them to learn about their programs.

Be careful and patient while making your choice – don't enroll in a school just because it is close to your house or because it is cheap. You want a school that is going to give you results and success with speaking the language.

Ask them these types of questions:

1. **How many students do you allow to enter the class?** You don't want to study in a class that has more than 10 people in it. More people mean less attention for you, and you simply won't get the attention that you need if the school works with large groups of students. This is the #1 reason that most high school and college programs fail to teach students how to speak Spanish today.
2. **What is the experience of the teachers?** You want a teacher that is an expert and professional. Just because someone speaks Spanish doesn't mean that they are qualified to teach Spanish. Those are two completely different talents.
3. **For whom are the classes?** If you are an adult it is not good to study with children, and vice versa. Adults learn differently and a program that mixes the two groups will result in frustrated students.
4. **What is the focus of the classes?** There are programs that focus on conversation, writing, grammar, reading, and other parts of the language. If you want to learn how to speak Spanish with confidence, you should look for a school that teaches conversational Spanish.
5. **Can I take an evaluation?** You want to be in a level with students that have the same experience/level as you. If not, someone will get frustrated. Before enrolling in a course, you want to take an evaluation to be sure that you are enrolling in the correct level and it's a professional school.



If a school responds well, then you can ask about the price. If you can pay it, do it, even if the price is a little high. Your education is priceless, and learning how to speak Spanish is one of the most valuable investments you can make.

## Spanish School Evaluation Checklist

Name of school \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone number \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Website \_\_\_\_\_

Criteria	Check	Notes
Good reviews online		
+/> 10 students in class		
Experienced teachers		
Students are like me		
Focus is on conversation		
Various levels offered		
Evaluation offered		
Location is reasonable		
Price is reasonable		

What do you like most about this school?

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What do you like least about this school?

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Do you believe that this school will successfully teach you how to speak Spanish?

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