

## Language Basics

### Part 1: Bare necessities,

#### English to Spanish

#### Small talk:

How are you? *Cómo está?*

Good morning/night *Buenos días/buenas noches*

What are you doing? *Que está haciendo?*

Where is the bathroom? *Donde está el baño?*

Is it going to rain? *Va a llover?*

How is your family? *Cómo está su familia?*

Where are your children? *Donde están sus niños?*

The food is good. *La comida está muy rica.*

Thank you for the food. *Muchas gracias para la comida.*

No thank you. *No gracias*

Goodbye. *Adios, va pues*

I have ... *Tengo ...*

a headache *un dolor de cabeza*

a cold *la gripe*

a pain in my back *un dolor en mi espalda*

I have no money. *No tengo dinero.*

How do you say ... ? *Como se dice...?*

Would you like... *Quieres...*

water *agua*

food *comida*

to see my photos *ver mis fotos*

to go to town? *ir a la ciudad?*

What would you like to eat/drink?

*Qué quieres comer/tomar?*

These are my... *Esto(s) es(son) mi(s)...*

These are my children *Estos son mis niños*

children *niños*

brother *hermano*

sister *hermana*

uncle *tío*

aunt *tía*

grandma *abuela*

grandpa *abuelo*

grandchildren *nietos*

This is my home. *Esta es mi casa.*

This is my church. *Esta es mi iglesia.*

#### With children:

How old are you? *Cuántos años tienes?*

What grade are you in? *En que grado estás?*

What is your favorite game?

*Que es su juego favorito?*

Do you have brothers or sisters?

*Tienes hermanos o hermanas?*

Will you teach me some Spanish?

*Me puedes enseñar Español?*

Games *jugetes*

Book *libro*

Puzzle *rompecabeza*

Pens/pencils *lapices*

### **Around the hotel:**

The light is broken. *La luz no funciona.*

The fan doesn't work. *El ventilador no sirve.*

What time is breakfast ready?

*A que hora será el desayuno?*

When is dinner? *Cuando es la cena?*

Can you wash these clothes?

*Puede usted lavar esta ropa?*

Do you need laundry soap? *Necesita usted jabón?*

I need... *Necesito...*

another towel *otra toalla*

clean towels *toallas limpias*

toilet paper *papel higiénico*

Do you have... *Tiene usted...*

a broom *una escoba*

another blanket *otra cobija*

another pillow *otra almohada*

Is there hot water? *Hay agua caliente?*

The toilet doesn't work. *El servicio no funciona.*

Can you help me with the telephone?

*Puede usted ayudarme con el teléfono*

I am expecting a telephone call/a message. *Estoy esperando una llamada por el teléfono/un mensaje.*

### **On the job with the community:**

What can I do? *Qué puedo hacer?*

Do you need help? *Necesita usted ayuda?*

Can you help me? *Me puede ayudar?*

I need more nails. *Yo necesito más clavos.*

We need more water. *Necesitamos más agua.*

This is hard work. *Este trabajo es duro.*

This is easy work. *Este trabajo es muy fácil.*

Let's take a break (a rest). *Tomemos un descanso.*

Where is (are) the... *Donde esta(n)...*

blocks *los bloques*

boards *las planchas*

bricks *los ladrillos*

cement *el cemento*

concrete mix (with stones) *el concreto*

gloves *los guantes*

hammer *el martillo*

level *el nivel*

mortar mix *la mezcla*

nails *los clavos*

pick *el pico*

saw *el cerrucho*

shovel *la pala*

string *la linea*

trowels *las cucharas*

wheelbarrow *carretilla*

wire *el alambre*

This is fun. *Este es alegre.*

## **Part 2: Vocabulary: Spanish to English**

*tal vez* – maybe

*Va pues* – So long

### **General conversation:**

*adios* – goodbye

*ahorita* – right away

*amiga* – friend (female)

*amigo* – friend (male)

*baile* – dance

*bienvenidos* – welcome

*Cómo?* – What did you say?

*Cómo se dice...?*

- How do you say ...?

*cuando* – when

*Disculpe (me)* – Excuse me

*Espérese* – Wait

*Lo siento* – I'm sorry

*luego* – later

*más tarde* – later

*momento* – wait a minute

*necesito* – I need

*no hasta mañana* – not until tomorrow

*no hay* – there isn't any,

or we have none

*no hay lugar* – there isn't room

*quiero* – I want

*Que deséa?* – What do you want?

*Qué tal?* – How are you?

### **Food & drink:**

*agua* – water

*agua purificada* – purified water

*aguacate* - avocado

*batido/licuado* - milkshake

*cebolla* – onion

*cerveza* – beer

*comedor* – local eatery

*ensalada* – salad

*gaseosa* – soft drink

*hamburguesa* – hamburger

*helado* – ice cream

*hielo* - ice

*jamón* – ham

*leche* – milk

*leche agria* – yogurt

*malteada* – milk shake

*me gusta* – I like it

*pan* – bread

*pan dulce* – sweet bread

*papas fritas* – French fries

*pescado* – fish

*pipian* – squash

*plátano* – plantain (a type of  
banana, usually fried)

*plato típico* – combo plate,  
usually with chicken or beef,  
beans, rice, cheese, plantains

*remolacha* - beet

*restaurante* – restaurant

*sorbete* – ice cream

*torta* – sandwich

*vaso* – glass

*yogur* – yoghurt

*zanahoria* – carrot

**Health care:**

*ambulancia* – ambulance

*ayuda* – help

*calentura* – fever

*clínica, dispensario, centro de  
salud* – neighborhood clinic

*emergencia* – emergency

*enfermo/a* – sick

*estómago* – stomach

*gripe* – cold

*hospital* - hospital

*me duele* – it hurts

*médico* – doctor

*farmacia* – pharmacy

**Getting around:**

*aeropuerto* – airport

*avión* – airplane

*calle* – street

*camino* – road

*camion* - truck

*carretera* – highway

*cerca* – near

*cien varas* – one block

*Cuando sale el bus?* – When does  
the bus leave?

*derecha* – right

*detrás* – behind

*entrada* – entrance

*esquina* – corner

*frente* – in front of

*izquierda* – left

*kilómetro* – kilometer (5/8 mile)

*lago* – lake

*lejos* – far

*montañas* - mountains

*otra* – another

*playa* – beach

*proxima* – next

*recto* – straight ahead

*salida* - exit

*una cuadra* – one block

*vara* – yard

### **Places in town:**

*artesanía* – arts & crafts shop

*casa* – house

*cine* – movie theater

*centro nocturno* – nightclub

*cubierto* – cover charge

*discoteca* – disco

*edificio* – building

*iglesia* – church

*católico* – catholic

*evangélico* - protestant

*librería* – bookstore

*mercado* – market, usually the

central marketplace

*parque* – park

*pulpería* – corner grocery

*repostería* – pastry shop

*supermercado* – supermarket

*tienda* - shop

### **Money/shopping:**

*barato* – cheap

*buen precio* – good price

*cambio or vuelto* – change

*cancelar* – pay a bill

*caro* – expensive

*Cuanto cuesta?* – How much

does it cost?

*cuenta* – check

*dinero* – money

*córdoba* – Nicaraguan currency,

roughly 13 cordobas = \$1

*colón* – Salvadoran currency,

8.75 colones = \$1

*más* – more

*menos* – less

*moneda* – coin