



ROCKET LANGUAGES
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INSTRUCTION
MANUAL

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Bienvenido

Welcome to Rocket Spanish! My name is Mauricio Evlampieff, and I'll be guiding you through this course.

Congratulations on making the decision to learn a very special language. This course will teach you how to speak Spanish efficiently and effectively. Unlike other courses that *just* give you grammar, *just* give you conversation, or *just* give you vocabulary, my course gives you all three ... as well as the option to tailor your learning program to your needs.

- ✓ Start speaking Spanish in real-world situations with our **Rocket Spanish Interactive Audio Course**, along with the complementary **Conversation Coursebook**.
- ✓ Study grammar with the **Rocket Spanish Beginners** and **Advanced** books.
- ✓ Build vocabulary with our innovative **Rocket Spanish MegaVocab** and **MegaAudio** software games.

First of all, let me tell you a little about myself. I'm a native of Viña del Mar, Chile. I *know* what it's like to learn a second language. When I was twelve years old, I was thrown into an English-speaking school, and I had to sink or swim. From my own experience, I know that speaking another language can seem like an impossible task when you're faced with a mountain of vocabulary, grammar, and pronunciation.

That's why Rocket Spanish is here to help! I developed this course because I was having so many friends coming to me and asking me to teach them Spanish. I looked at the other language-learning products out there, but I couldn't find one that I could truly recommend to them. I remembered an old saying: often the best way to do something is to do it yourself! So I decided to do it myself. I set out to develop the kind of program that I was looking for but couldn't find, a program that would make learning a language easy, fun, and natural, no matter what your learning style. It took me over a year, cost me tens of thousands, but in the end I think you'll agree that the result was worth it!

There are lots of products out there that claim to do that, but few that actually succeed. I think that you'll agree that Rocket Spanish is unique. Whether or not you learn better by listening, by reading, or by playing games, you'll find something in Rocket Spanish for you!

Contents of Rocket Spanish

In your Rocket Spanish pack, you'll find the following:

- This **Instruction Manual** in both e-book format (*InstructionManual.pdf*) and read aloud in an audio version (*Start Here.mp3*).
- My **Interactive Audio Course**. Listen to these 15-25 minute lessons and start speaking Spanish by repeating words and phrases aloud after me. You don't need any prior knowledge of Spanish to do this course! The course consists of 31 audio tracks in MP3 format.
- **Four e-books**, including...

...my **Conversation Course** (*ConversationCourse.pdf*). The Conversation Course is backed by over 1,000 audio tracks so that you can hear the Spanish as you read it. Just click on any word or phrase inside the gray tables to listen to it being spoken aloud. This course is full of useful words and phrases for travelers or anyone wanting to jump start their ability to converse in Spanish.

...my **Beginners Book** (*RocketSpanishBeginners.pdf*). If you don't understand masculine or feminine nouns, verb conjugations, or why Spanish has so many forms of "you," then this is the book for you! It will introduce you to Spanish grammar through a series of fully-illustrated chapters. Each section concludes with exercises for you to practice what you have learned.

I recommend that you listen to the **Beginners Book** while you read along. Each chapter has a corresponding audio file (MP3 format) that you can play while you follow along in the book. Find them in the **Beginners Book Audio Version** in the **Bonus Audio CD**.

...my **Advanced Book** (*RocketSpanishAdvanced.pdf*). This book continues where the Beginners Book left off and introduces you to the past and future tenses, as well as explaining the difference between some tricky prepositions.

...my **Beginners Vocabulary Supplement** (*RocketVocabSupplement.pdf*). This e-book contains vocabulary lists grouped by themes, supplemented by 10 stories written in Spanish. Build your vocabulary by studying the vocabulary and practicing your reading comprehension.

- My **MegaVocab** and **MegaAudio** games. Install these games onto your computer to practice the vocabulary from the Beginners and Advanced grammar books, as well as the Beginners Vocabulary Supplement. You'll be able to practice your ability to recognize both written and spoken Spanish words while trying to get the high score!
- My **MegaCards Beginners** and **Advanced** series (*MegaCardsBeginners.pdf*, *MegaCardsAdvanced.pdf*). Build your vocabulary in a different way by cutting out and folding these flashcards. Test yourself on your knowledge of some of the most important words from the **Beginners** and **Advanced** grammar books.
- My **Bonus Audio Lessons**. Because so many people have asked me to include audio lessons to build vocabulary, I've included bonus audio lessons on topics ranging from the colors to the numbers. Listen to these lessons and practice repeating the words after me!

Don't forget that you can still access my free bulletin board on my website, www.rocketspanish.com. The Rocket Spanish bulletin board is your portal to more information about the Spanish-speaking world. I highly recommend that you sign up to ask any questions you may have about the program and get a personal answer from me, Amy, or one of the other Rocket Spanish members!

Setting a Goal

Why did you buy this course? Do you want to...

- Use this course to help improve your grades at school?
- Speak enough Spanish to get around when traveling?
- Achieve fluency so that you can have a conversation with a Spanish-speaking friend or loved one?
- Add a second language to your résumé to improve your employability?

No matter whether you ticked one box, none of them, or all of them, Rocket Spanish has a plan for you!

If you are going to stay motivated, you need to set a goal. Maybe you're traveling to Spain in a month and need to blast through the course. If you do, my 31-day **Interactive Audio Course** is for you! Maybe you want to find an easier way to memorize those interminable vocabulary lists at school. If so, my **MegaVocab** game makes it easy! You can choose to do only those parts of the course that suit your learning goals, or to do all of them for a powerful, comprehensive Spanish-learning experience.

The Plan

The biggest deficiency in Spanish-language courses taught in schools and universities is that many students leave unable to engage in ordinary, everyday conversations in Spanish. **Rocket Spanish** changes all that. My **Interactive Audio Course** leads you step by step through basic conversations in Spanish. You'll learn how to express what you want, what you need, and what you would like. You'll even learn how to flirt with someone, how to have an argument, how to host a party, and how to call in sick for work! You'll learn all this in the simplest words and phrases possible. Once mastered, these few but powerful words and phrases will give you enormous flexibility.

If you want to actually be able to speak Spanish and have a conversation in the Spanish language, then you need to devote at least half an hour a day to listening to one of the lessons from my **Interactive Audio Course**. Each lesson will teach you the most useful words and phrases you can have at your disposal, as well as invaluable cultural insights. This course is participative, which means that you will be asked to respond and answer questions aloud. It's just like having a Spanish tutor in your very own home. You'll laugh, you'll learn, and you'll *actually be speaking Spanish*. You can't get much better than that.

You can't learn how to speak Spanish from books alone. The best way to learn a language, hands down, is by listening and repeating what you hear. Not convinced? Think of how we all learned our first language. As a child, you heard others speak and imitated the sounds they made. Only afterwards, once you'd already mastered spoken fluency, did you learn reading and grammar.

That's why my **Rocket Spanish** course emphasizes developing the ability to speak Spanish and understand what you're saying in context, *before* you learn the nitty-gritty details of grammar (provided in the **Rocket Spanish Beginners** and **Advanced** books). Amazingly enough, speaking Spanish in real life is actually *easier* than studying it in school, because in school you are tested on your ability to remember words and phrases independent of their context in a conversation. On the other hand, in a conversation you can often guess more or less what the person is saying, and you can ask a question if you don't understand.

So are you ready to start speaking Spanish? Pop the first **Interactive Audio Lesson** in your CD player right now, or bring it up on your computer. Make sure that you are in a quiet place where you can speak aloud without feeling self-conscious or being disturbed. Remember that these lessons *depend on your participation*. If you are going to speak Spanish, you have to get into the habit of speaking Spanish *now*. And who could be more fun to speak with than me and my friend Amy?

Listen to these lessons once, twice, or more if need be! I recommend that you listen to each lesson at least twice. Often, things that are confusing the first time around make complete sense by the second time through. Repetition will engrain the concepts into your memory, and you'll experience the satisfaction of mastery as you're able to respond to questions with ease.

Using All Your Resources

It's a challenge to learn a language from hearing the words, without actually seeing them written down. That's why I've included a variety of supplemental resources to help you out.

Every lesson in the **Interactive Audio Course** correlates to the correspondingly numbered lesson in the **Conversation Course** and **Beginners Book**.

- ✓ *If you are excited by what you've learned in the Interactive Audio Lesson and want to be able to talk at greater length on the topic, then go to the **Conversation Course**.*

The **Conversation Course** gives you practical, real-world things to say on just about any topic: directions, shopping, chores, descriptions, filling out forms, and more. This is *practical* Spanish that you'll have hundreds of opportunities to use!

- ✓ *If you want to know the why behind the language and understand exactly what masculine and feminine nouns are, why you sometimes hear "¿Cómo te llamas?" and other times "¿Cómo se llama?", and how to use those tricky indirect object pronouns like "me" and "te," then you need the **Beginners Book**.*

The **Beginners Book** (and its follow-up, the **Advanced Book**) gives you the grammar behind the conversation. If you're going to understand Spanish completely, you'll eventually have to learn how to conjugate verbs and form correct sentences. This book teaches you the basics in an easy-to-read format, fully illustrated, with exercises at the end of each part to test you on what you have learned.

If your ultimate goal is to speak Spanish, you'll need to use all the resources at your fingertips! Strengthen your Spanish-speaking "muscles" from all sides. Listen to the **Interactive Audio Lessons**, read the corresponding lessons in the **Conversation Course** and **Beginners Book**, do the exercises, and play one of our innovative Rocket Spanish software learning games.

A Course of Study for People Serious about Spanish

If you're really serious about Spanish, here's what I recommend.

1. Listen to a lesson in the [Interactive Audio Course](#).
2. Read the corresponding lesson in the [Conversation Course](#).
3. Study the corresponding lesson in the [Beginners Book](#), and do the exercises at the end of each part.
4. Schedule at least fifteen minutes to play the [Rocket Spanish MegaVocab](#) and [MegaAudio](#) games, or examine the supplemental vocabulary lists in the [Beginners Vocabulary Supplement](#).
5. Listen to the [Interactive Audio Lesson](#) one final time. Consider how much more you now understand.

If you want to learn Spanish in a month, then repeat this process once a day for 31 days. If you have more time on your hands, spread out the process over no longer than a week for 31 weeks.

Remember: the more parts of the course you use, the more you hit your brain from all angles. For example, listening stimulates a different part of the brain from reading. A fully comprehensive program will involve speaking, reading, studying grammar, written exercises, and building vocabulary. That's why I strongly recommend that you take advantage of all elements of the **Rocket Spanish** course.

How Rocket Spanish Can Help You at School

If you are already taking a course on Spanish, **Rocket Spanish** can take you further than your course curriculum by giving you extra explanations of tricky topics like the difference between the preterite and imperfect tenses. Use the exercises after each part of the **Beginners** and **Advanced** books to test your understanding of concepts *before* the exam.

Best of all, if there's a vocabulary list you *need* to memorize, you can use my innovative software learning tool, **Rocket Spanish MegaVocab**, to help. The **MegaVocab** game comes pre-loaded with well over two thousand vocabulary words to test your skills. The game uses pictures to teach you to associate things with what they are called in Spanish. Why is this so revolutionary? Well, if you are studying vocabulary by memorizing the English equivalent, you're slowing yourself down. That's because, the next time you see a book, for example, you'll think of the word, "book," *then* the word, "libro." If you practice my **MegaVocab** game for long enough, you'll see a book and immediately think, "libro"! That's twice as fast!

If there is specialized vocabulary that you want to learn or need to know, you can also add your own unique, individualized vocabulary lists to the game. Just add the words and, if desired, upload your own image files. Quiz time will be a snap with this extra learning tool!

Enjoy Learning!

Rocket Spanish is a fun, comprehensive learning course *relevant to people who actually want to speak Spanish*. Think of me as your guide to the insider hints, tips, and tricks that maximize your language-learning potential *without* bashing your head against grammar and constant tests. That's because communication in a foreign language is completely different from passing a test about a foreign language. I teach you *how to communicate*. In no time, you'll be speaking Spanish and loving it!

If you have any questions about the course, check out my bulletin board at www.rocketspanish.com. You'll find entire discussions on aspects of the Rocket Spanish program. Sign up to ask your own questions and chat with other Rocket Spanish members. You can also email me personally at Mauricio@RocketSpanish.com.

Good luck with the course!

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