

Why study Spanish?

10 reasons for Enrichment Spanish

1. **Spanish in high demand** – Not only is Spanish the 2nd leading language in the US, this country is home to the second largest Spanish-speaking community in the world! Knowing Spanish can help older students keep up with a quickly changing global community as well as have an advantage qualifying for jobs serving this fast-growing market.
2. **The sooner the better** – No surprises here. A second language is most easily acquired the younger you begin to study it, ideally around preschool age.
3. **Improve cognitive abilities** – People who are bilingual generally are more successful at monitoring their environment than monolinguals, making it easier for them to solve critical thinking problems not related to language.
4. **Our next door neighbors** – With Spanish as the second most spoken language in the United States, learners don't have to go far in order to practice their language skills.
5. **Lend a hand, make a friend** – Whether at home or abroad, being able to relate to and share with someone in his native language can quickly break down barriers between people. Giving directions or answering simple questions can make a big difference to someone who doesn't understand English.
6. **Fun & Games** – Enrichment classes offer students a wide variety of learning activities to keep things fun and interesting.
7. **Simpler to understand** - Well, no, Spanish is not quite as easy as adding 'o' to the end of every English word! But similarities do exist to simplify learning: can you guess the meaning of *computadora* and *inteligencia*? Other than their pronunciation, some words are the same in both languages: *perfume*, *hospital*, *doctor*, *color*, *idea* and *animal*, to name a few.
8. **High school advantage** – Most high schools require at least two to three years of foreign language study. Students who have had an early start to Spanish typically will find themselves better prepared for the rigor of high school language courses.
9. **Prepare for travel** – While visiting a foreign country is no doubt exhilarating, language barriers can tend to create frustration. Even the ability to exchange basic information can prove not only useful but perhaps critical – especially in the case of an emergency. You wouldn't pack a suitcase without the essentials; why not take some language?
10. **Improve English grammar** – Studying Spanish helps correct bad speech habits in English as students discover how grammar functions in both languages.

