

Spanish is a romance language spoken by about 290 million people worldwide. It is the official language of Spain and its dependencies, Equatorial Guinea, and 18 Central and South American countries. There are substantial communities of Spanish speakers in the U.S., Puerto Rico, Morocco, Western Sahara, the Philippines, and Australia.

There are two "educated norms" or standards of Spanish: Castillian, the dialect spoken in Madrid, Spain, and Latin American, the dialect spoken in Mexico City. Bolivia was settled by Spanish speakers from two directions' the high altiplano from Peru, and the llanos from Paraguay and Argentina. Consequently, within Bolivia, there is a basically east (llanos) - west (altiplano) division between certain speech characteristics.

The speaker in this recording is a female in her 20's from LaPaz (west), Bolivia.

### Spanish (LA) Consonant Phonemes:

Stops:	p	t		k
	b	d		g
Affricates:			tʃ	
Fricatives:	f	s		x
Nasals:	m	n	ɲ	
Liquids:		l	ʎ	
		r r		
Glides:			j	w

Castillian Spanish maintains another phoneme /θ/ that Latin American Spanish does not (it is hypothesized that /θ/ never existed in LA). Bolivian Spanish (throughout the country) maintains the /ʎ/ vs /j/ distinction that has been lost in many dialects of LA and /x/ has a tendency towards [h]. In altiplano, intervocalic /d/ tends towards /ð/. Pronunciation of word-final /n/ varies; velarization and elision are common.

### Spanish (LA) Vowel Phonemes:

### Vowels Encountered:

i	u
e e j ew	o o j
a a j aw	

### I. Spontaneous Speech

### II. Word Lists

### Obstruents:

1.	pagar	'to pay'
2.	vagar	'to rove'
3.	peligroso	'dangerous'
4.	bisabuela	'great-grandmother'
5.	bochornoso	'embarrassing'
6.	polilla	'moth'
7.	cabo	'end'
8.	capaz	'capable'
9.	llave	'key'
10.	tapa	'lid'
11.	tomar	'to take'
12.	domar	'to tame'
13.	dudar	'to doubt'
14.	titubear	'to hesitate'
15.	dato	'data'
16.	toda	'all'
17.	gancho	'hook'
18.	canjear	'exchange'
19.	callado	'quiet'
20.	galleta	'cookie'
21.	aquí	'here'
22.	igual	'same'
23.	chancho	'pig'
24.	chichón	'bump'
25.	salchicha	'sausage'

Fricatives:

1.	haba	'bean'
2.	avance	'advance'
3.	abusar	'abuse'
4.	estaba	'it was'
5.	vega	'plain'
6.	aguzar	'sharpen'
7.	mucho gusto	'great pleasure'
8.	girar	'to revolve'
9.	gente	'people'
10.	jardin	'garden'
11.	joya	'gem'
12.	jugar	'to play'
13.	afligido	'grieve'
14.	escoger	'to choose'
15.	esperar	'to expect'
16.	agosto	'August'
17.	medio	'half'
18.	seso	'brain'
19.	vez	'turn'
20.	zozobra	'worry'

21.	fregar	'to scour'
22.	viejo	'old'
23.	hijo	'son'
24.	ceja	'eyebrow'
25.	reloj	'clock'

Palatal Consonants:

1.	caro	'dear'
2.	carro	'cart'
3.	pero	'but'
4.	perro	'dog'
5.	yero	'lentil'
6.	hierro	'iron'
7.	cero	'zero'
8.	cerro	'hill'
9.	rico	'rich'
10.	árbol	'tree'
11.	alrededor	'around'
12.	carrera	'race'
13.	derrumbarse	'to collapse'
14.	pelirrojo	'red hair'
15.	lograr	'to get'
16.	llorar	'to weep'
17.	leche	'milk'
18.	llegar	'to arrive'
19.	llamar	'to call'
20.	halar	'to pull'
21.	hallar	'to find'
22.	gallina	'hen'
23.	desarrollar	'to develop'
24.	rana	'frog'
25.	raña	'low land'
26.	penar	'to suffer'
27.	peña	'rock'
28.	niño	'child'
29.	ñoño	'shy'
30.	sonar	'to sound'
31.	soñar	'to dream'
32.	bañero	'life guard'
33.	mañana	'morning'

Vowels:

1.	paso	'step'
2.	fama	'fame'
3.	hablar	'to speak'
4.	azahar	'orange blossom'
5.	peso	'weight'

6.	eše	'that'
7.	se	'I know'
8.	usted	'you'
9.	enviar	'to send'
10.	piso	'floor'
11.	sí	'yes'
12.	adivinar	'to guess'
13.	individuo	'individual'
14.	divinísimo	'divine'
15.	mono	'monkey'
16.	somos	'we are'
17.	corazón	'heart'
18.	propósito	'purpose'
19.	glorioso	'glorious'
20.	mucho	'very'
21.	suma	'addition'
22.	preocupado	'preoccupied'
23.	ridículo	'ridiculous'
24.	agujero	'hole'
25.	vente	'come here'
26.	veinte	'twenty'
27.	peinado	'combed'
28.	penado	'convict' (n)
29.	tienés	'you have'
30.	tenéis	'you have' (pl)
31.	baile	'dance'
32.	vaina	'nuisance'
33.	jaula	'cage'
34.	deuda	'debt'
35.	cuidar	'to take care of'
36.	viuda	'widow'

### III. Tongue Twisters

1. Papá va a la habana para hablar a Arnaldo Arano.
2. Pablo, no pelas papas on pala.
3. Teodoro, no tomas té con tenedor
4. ¡Caramba, Quico, cuando comes carne con cuchara, te creen loco!
5. Es extraño que no existan asas cosas en este país.
6. Luis la alaba a la luz de la luna.
7. La llama que se llamaba Lola se lamía el lodo.
8. Ere con ere cigarro, ere con ere barril, rápido corren los carros cargados de azúcar del ferrocarril.
9. Tres tigres trigAn en un trigal.

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