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Learn Spanish With Stories For Beginners: 10 Easy Short Stories With English Glossaries





Synopsis

An Effective Way to Improve Your Spanish Reading and Listening Comprehension Skills This book makes use of simple yet entertaining stories to help you learn Spanish. By covering a diverse range of grammar structures and vocabulary, and supplementing it with audio, you can improve your reading and writing skills, and even practice your listening and pronunciation. Improve Your Listening Skills in Spanish With the help of the audio, you can give your listening skills a boost as well as practice your pronunciation. Recorded by a professional voice talent from Madrid, Spain, the stories are narrated using a standard Spanish voice at a slightly slower speed than how actual Spanish people speak. This will allow beginners and low-intermediate learners to grasp the narration properly. Extra care has also been given to the recording of the audio to ensure a pleasurable listening experience for learners. Learn Useful Vocabulary for Everyday Situations Movies or cinema Ordering in a restaurant Family Daily routine Crime and police Physical description Vacation/holiday Seasons/weather Chores Quantity The stories are written using a wide range of vocabulary and diverse grammar structures. The carefully selected combination of dialogue and descriptions is especially suited for beginner to low-intermediate level learners. What to Expect from This Book Ten entertaining stories about everyday themes that are short enough to hold your attention, but long enough to make you feel a sense of accomplishment and progress after finishing each one. A total of 1,000 new Spanish vocabulary words including some colloquial terms spoken in everyday Spanish conversations Highly improved listening skills in Spanish, thanks to the audio material provided

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Customer Reviews

This book is a good tool for the beginner/intermediate Spanish speaker. I personally have taken several years of Spanish in high school and college, but it has been years since I have studied or used my skill save for a personal trip to Spain that lasted for about a week. It is one thing to memorize a list of words and their meanings and quite another to see how those words fit together and are used in reality, which this book provides at a level appropriate for my knowledge of the language. In the past I have tried this technique by reading a children's book in Spanish (The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe), however I was quickly lost when my vocabulary was tested past its abilities. My favorite aspect of this book is that every page includes a glossary of more difficult words in the story so that you can see their English meaning easily and move on. My only qualm was that the story and the glossary did not always align on the same page on my Kindle, so occasionally I would have to skip to the next page to see the meaning. But this is still better than having to look the word up in a dictionary, or at the end of the story/book. This book also includes a list of questions at the end of the story, to test reading comprehension, and a summary in both Spanish and English. Both gave me a good sense of how much I actually followed and understand the story, which was nice. A vocabulary list is the last resource for each story, which provides your standard word for word memorization, which can be helpful to review, but not the highlight of the book. My last comment is related to the audio portion of the book. It was a little confusing on how I was to access the audio, but I eventually clicked on the link provided while on my kindle and downloaded the audio files, though I believe you have to have an internet connection for this. The audio was obviously useful for listening comprehension and accent/pronunciation, which I believe is the most difficult thing for me and the most helpful when traveling in Spanish speaking countries or even talking to native Spanish speaking people in the USA.

I bought this book as I really liked that the audio was included with it and I could follow along with the stories whilst learning a new language. I am a beginner in Spanish, but have several Spanish friends and I wanted to be able to understand some of what they talk about sometimes. I thought it would give me more of a connection with them. This book is perfect for beginners or intermediate Spanish speakers as it has the audio to follow along to but also includes a list of questions at the end of the story, to test reading comprehension, and a summary in both Spanish and English. I have learnt many new words that I can use with my Spanish friends. I really liked it that I was able to follow along and understand the stories. I was a little confused at first as to where the audio was and how I could play it but then I found the link to open it and I was away!

I got this book as a refresher on my Spanish. . I do very much like how you have the English words after the Spanish words that way you know what you are referring to. Its a great beginners book without being to childish as stated in the beginning of this book. Thanks for a great Ebook that I can go back to. Look forward to more in the future.

I decided to buy the ebook for reading practice, since I am learning to read, write and speak Spanish. I enjoy the reading very much, it helps enhance my Spanish vocabulary, and the stories are great. The glossary at the beginning of each story helps a lot, specially if your Spanish is still rusty. The quiz at the end of each story, helps me with my comprehension. On understanding not just the story but also in learning/remembering Spanish words. I love the audio piece of the book. It helps with how I pronounce the words and say it with good intonation. I downloaded the audio on my phone and I just connect it to the Bluetooth in my car so even when I'm driving I can still listen to it.

I've tried a couple of books and even e-courses to try and get a handle on speaking basic Spanish. Usually the materials are too advanced or too complex and not easy to grasp for someone that's just learning the language. This book was perfect; breaking down the language into stories made the book easy to read and hold my attention. I only read a story at a time, but having the english translations for some of the not so common words right along with the text was a lot better than having a glossary in the back of the book, I didn't have to flip back and forth. And even though I was a little weary about taking a test at the end of each story, it was a nice and practical way to make sure that I was actually understanding what I was reading. I have to admit I didn't write a summary for each chapter, but the couple of times I did it was great to be able to test that against the summary in the book; a good way to also practice my spelling and sentence structure. Perhaps the best feature of this book was having the audio portion. A lot of the other affordable materials I stumbled across were either text or audio, not both. Having the audio allowed me to actually practice pronunciations of the words, and work on sounding more like a native speaker.

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