

Spanish-speaking countries around the world

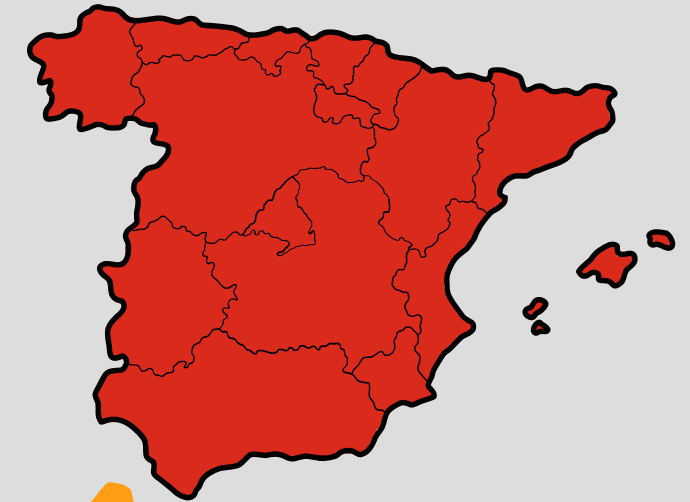
A dialect is a particular form of a language which is unique to a specific region or social group.



Caribbean Spanish

This dialect is spoken in Cuba, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, and along the East Coast of Mexico and Central America. Words are often abbreviated, and the final consonant of a word is often dropped.

SPANISH GRAMMAR, ESPECIALLY IN WRITING, IS PRACTICALLY IDENTICAL ACROSS SPANISH-SPEAKING COUNTRIES, SO THE DIFFERENCES EXIST MAINLY IN THE SPOKEN LANGUAGE.



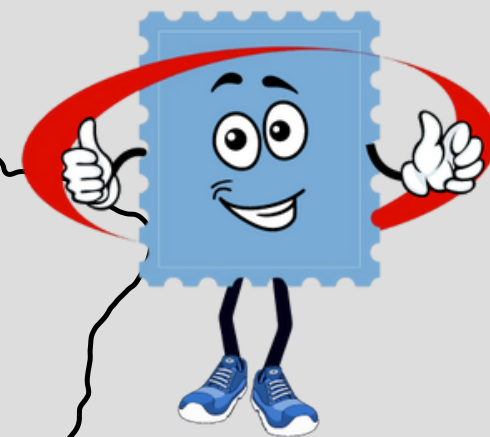
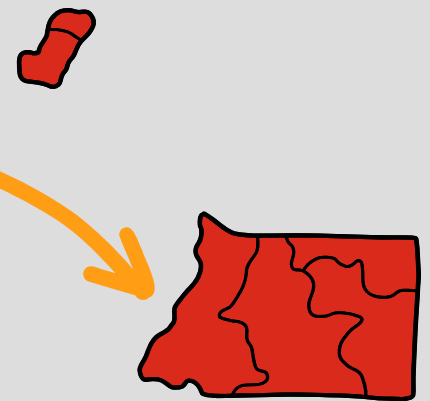
The languages of Spain

Spanish is spoken by the majority of the population in Spain, but other prominent languages and dialects include Catalan, Galician, Valencian, Basque, Asturian, Aragonese, and Aranese.

SPANISH IS THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE IN 20 COUNTRIES, MAINLY IN THE AMERICAS.

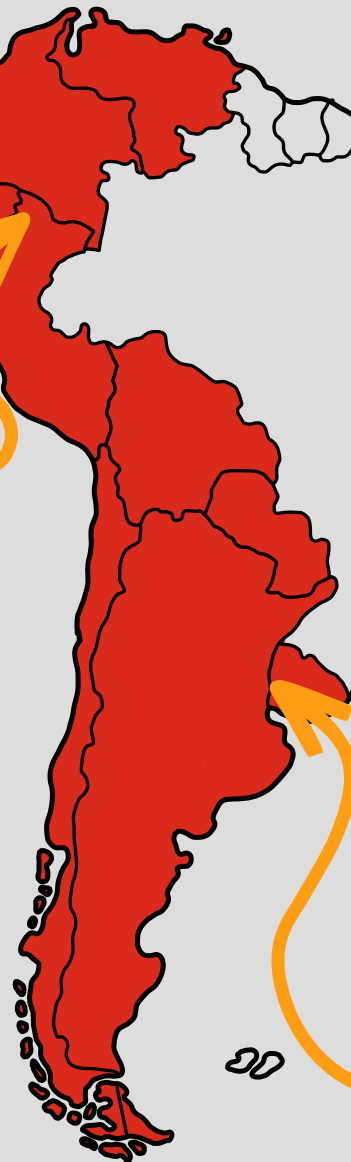
Equatoguinean Spanish

Equatoguinean Spanish is the dialect of Equatorial Guinea, the only official Spanish-speaking country in Africa. It incorporates some vocabulary and pronunciation patterns from native Guineans.



Rioplatense Spanish

This dialect is spoken in the River Basin region, called 'La Plata River Basin', between Argentina and Uruguay, as well as in both countries. Its pronunciation is influenced by Italian, due to the influx of Italian immigrants to this region during the 19th century, particularly to Buenos Aires.



BELIZE AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ARE ALSO COUNTRIES WHERE SPANISH IS A SIGNIFICANT LANGUAGE, BUT IT IS NOT AN OFFICIAL LANGUAGE. SPANISH IS A CO-OFFICIAL LANGUAGE IN THE US STATE OF NEW MEXICO!

Latin American Spanish

This is the dialect of mainland urban Mexico, Colombia, Peru, Bolivia, and the majority of Central and South American countries. The differences between Spanish and Latin American Spanish are similar to the differences between British English and American English. There are also differences in how Spanish is pronounced among people in Latin American countries.



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