



Lesson 03:

Numbers in Spanish from 1 to 10

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Transcript

Hi, today we will learn the numbers

in Spanish from 1 to 10.

Learning the numbers in Spanish is a topic that will give you the fundamentals to count all the way to 1 million quickly.

Let's look at the cardinal numbers in Spanish from 1 to 10:

1 – uno

2 – dos

3 – tres

4 – cuatro

5 – cinco

6 – seis

7 – siete

8 – ocho

9 – nueve

10 – diez



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Now let's take a moment to go over a few tricks that will make learning these numbers easier for you.

Let's begin with number 1, which in Spanish is called "uno".

This one is easy, just flip the word "one" backwards and you will get "eno", which sound a little similar to "uno".

That is enough to help you remember how to say "one" in Spanish, "uno".

Now let's learn the number 2, which in Spanish is called "dos".

Imagine you are in the hospital and two doctors say this at the same time: "take a DOSE of this, TWO times per day".

The English word "dose" sounds similar to the number 2 in Spanish, "dos".

This mental image will help you remember how to say 2 in Spanish, "dos".



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Next is number three. This one is easy, “three” and “tres” are very similar,

just add a letter “s” at the end of “three” and you will have “threes”.

If you change the “double e” for “eh”, you will get very close.

You will go from “three” to “threhs” and that is very close to the Spanish word for three, “tres”.

Now let's take a look at number four, which in Spanish is “cuatro”.

A simple way to learn this number in Spanish is to think of the word “quarter” (let's not forget that four quarters equals one).

If you take the word “quarter” and change the “er” for a letter “o”, you get “quarto” that is very similar to “cuatro” the equivalent of “four” in Spanish.



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The next one is number five, “cinco” in Spanish.

A fun way to remember the Spanish equivalent of 5 is to think of the holiday known as “Cinco de Mayo” which translates as “5 of May”.

May is the fifth month of the year, so “Cinco de Mayo” is “5 of the 5th”.

Thinking about this festivity will help you remember how to say “five” in Spanish, “cinco”.

Now let’s look at number 6, known as “seis” in Spanish.

An imaginative way to learn this number in Spanish is to think of the aggressive phrase: 6 is a sexist number!

Just remove the “x” and the “t” from the word “seXisT” and you will get the phrase: “6 is seis”.

That is a simple way to remember that 6 is “seis” in Spanish.



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The next number on the list is 7, “siete” in Spanish.

An easy way to learn it, is to remember how number 7 is often associated with the divine, think of the phrase: “see eternity”.

If you separate the phrase so it looks like this: “see ete - rinity”

and keep only the first half you get: “see ete”

and that sounds a lot like the word for “seven” in Spanish, “siete”.

Number 8 is easy to learn, just imagine having “8 chocolate bars” in front of you.

If you take a closer look at number 8, it looks a lot like a two “o’s”, one on top of the other.

If you place both “o’s” next to each other you get something like “o o”,



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now all you have to do is get the “ch” from the word “chocolate” and place it between the two “o’s”,

and you get “ocho”, the word for “eight” in Spanish.

We are almost done, the next one is number 9.

To learn it just imagine you are at a “new year’s eve party” having a great time with 9 of your friends.

A shorter way to say “new year’s eve party” is: “nu year’s eve party”

and if you remove “year’s” and “party” you get: “nu eve” which looks very similar to the number 9 in Spanish, “nueve”.



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Let's look at the last one on the list, number 10.

To remember it, just think of the phrase "Learning 10 numbers in Spanish is not Difficult Stuff".

A shorter way to say that is: "Learning 10 numbers in Spanish is not D.S."

D.S. sounds a lot like "diez", the word in Spanish for number 10. "Diez".

Now that you have these unusual mental associations and phrases, remembering the numbers from 1 to 10 in Spanish will be much easier.

There is one additional note about numbers in Spanish I would like to mention,

whenever the number "one" is used before a noun (as in "one coin" – "una moneda" or "one pencil" – "un lápiz").



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The word “one” in Spanish should match the gender of the noun. This is not needed with the rest of the Spanish numbers, only with “one”.

The singular masculine form is: un

The singular feminine form is: una

Let’s look at a few examples of the use of the number “one” with feminine nouns:

One screen – una pantalla

One window – una ventana

One spoon – una cuchara

Now let’s look at a few examples of the use of the number “one” with masculine nouns:

One pencil – un lápiz

One shoe – un zapato

One music player – un reproductor de música



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So, if you are counting use “uno” (as in 1,2,3 – uno, dos, tres)

and if you are specifying the amount of something use the word “un” or “una” depending on the gender of the noun.

As in “one red car” – “un carro rojo” or “one yellow house – una casa amarilla”.

With a little practice you will do it instinctively, it is that simple.

Mastering the numbers in Spanish from 1 to 10 is very important for beginners learning Spanish because it is something you will use in everyday life.

Next time you go grocery shopping or count money, use the numbers in Spanish to count inside your head.

Learning the numbers in Spanish is easier than most people think, so start practicing today, COME ON!

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See you next time, hasta la próxima.