



How to count from 1 to 10 in Spanish

Welcome to a new session of the Learning Spanish for Beginners Podcast.

In this session, we will learn how to count from 1 to 10 in Spanish, and we will review a few tips to memorize them quickly.

Let's get started!



Numbers from 1 to 10 in Spanish:

Let's start by reviewing the 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



Tips to Memorize the Numbers from 1 to 10 in Spanish:

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

Number 1:

Let's begin with number 1, which in Spanish is known as “uno”.

This one is easy to remember, just flip the word “one” backwards and you will get “eno”, which sounds a little similar to “uno”.

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

Number 2:

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

Imagine you are in a 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”.



Number 3:

Next is number three. This one is easy as well. “Three” and “tres” are very similar; just add a letter “s” at the end of the word “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 “threes,” and then “threhs,” and that is very close to the word for three in Spanish, “tres.”

Number 4:

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

A simple way to memorize this number in Spanish is to think of the word “quarter.” Let's keep in mind that four quarters equal one.

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

Number 5:

Next, we have the number five, known as “cinco” in Spanish.

A fun way to remember the Spanish equivalent of the number 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”.



Number 6:

Now let's look at number 6, which is known as "seis" in Spanish.

An imaginative way to learn this number in Spanish is to think of this aggressive phrase:

"6 is a sexist number!"

Just remove the letters "x" and "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.

Number 7:

The next number on the list is 7, known as "siete" in Spanish.

An easy way to memorize it, is to remember how number 7 is often associated with the divine.

Having that in mind, try to visualize this phrase:

"See eternity".

If you separate the phrase so it sounds like this: "see ete -rnity" and you only keep the first half, you get: "see ete" and that sounds similar to the word for "seven" in Spanish, "siete."



Number 8:

Number 8 is easy to memorize, 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”, and 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.

Number 9:

We are almost done; the next number on the list is number 9.

To memorize 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 the words “year’s” and “party” you get: “nu eve” which sounds similar to the word for the number 9 in Spanish: “nueve.”

Number 10:

Now, let’s look at the last number on this list, number 10.

To memorize 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 want to mention:

Whenever the number “one” is used before a noun, for example:

“one coin” – “una moneda” or “one pencil” – “un lápiz.”

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

- The singular masculine form is: **un**
- The singular feminine form is: **una**

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

- One screen – Una pantalla
- One window – Una ventana
- One spoon – Una cuchara

Now let’s review a few examples of how to use the number “one” with masculine nouns:

- One pencil – Un lápiz
- One shoe – Un zapato
- One music player – Un reproductor de música



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 grammatical gender of the noun you are talking about.

For example:

- Un carro rojo
- One red car
- Un carro rojo

- Una casa amarilla
- One yellow house
- Una casa amarilla

Although it may feel a little difficult at first, you will do it automatically with a little practice.

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

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



That's all for today's session of **Learning Spanish for Beginners Podcast**.

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