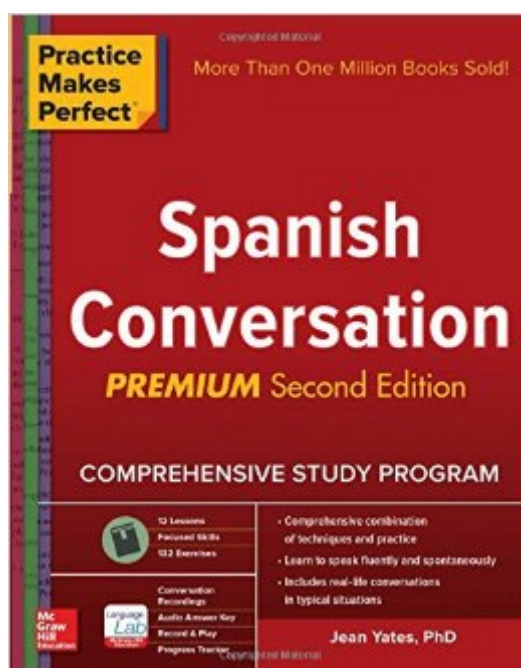


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Synopsis

Perfect the Art of Conversation in Spanish! Nervous that you're not ready to strike up a conversation with a native Spanish speaker? This book helps you overcome that obstacle and before you know it, you'll be speaking comfortably in your new native language. Practice Makes Perfect: Spanish Conversation is organized around twelve units that present realistic conversational situations, from making introductions to giving opinions and from making a date to telling a story. Using these engaging dialogues as a starting point, each unit is packed with helpful instruction on correct pronunciation, syntax, and word usage--in addition to lots of conversation-ready phrases that you will find indispensable as your fluency increases.

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Customer Reviews

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Spanish Conversation is a book that will really help you to speak conversational Spanish. This book is filled with practical, everyday dialogues. You will learn Spanish words and phrases for real-life situations, such as:- Meeting at a Party- Expressing Your Opinions, Likes and Dislikes- Striking Up a Conversation- Making appointments and Informal Dates- Discussing Roommates- Narrating a Story About a Traffic Accident- Retelling a conversation that took place between a

mother and a kindergarten teacher. Another benefit about this book is that it has a ton of exercises to help reinforce the new Spanish words and phrases that I learned from the dialogs. Each of the book's 12 chapters include between 10 and 12 exercises. What did I like most about this book? Well, the Spanish that I learned was very practical. Many books teach Spanish that you'll never use in a real-life situation. But this book taught me conversational Spanish - really useful Spanish - that I can use in typical, everyday situations when speaking to Spanish-speaking friends or acquaintances. After using this book, I can assure you that you'll find yourself speaking Spanish with greater confidence and speaking the language more spontaneously. There is even an online section that will allow you to listen and improve your comprehension of spoken Spanish while also improving your pronunciation. It is one thing to read a conversation in Spanish but being able to actually listen to it in order to improve your listening comprehension is a completely different animal. In closing, I want to leave you with a list of my favorite three learn-Spanish products available here at:

1. **Easy Spanish Phrase Book NEW EDITION: Over 700 Phrases for Everyday Use (Dover Language Guides Spanish)** - Easy Spanish Phrase book. This is an economically priced, handy resource that easily fits into my back pocket. You can conveniently take it anywhere with you when vacationing in a Spanish speaking country in order to have more than 700 phrases in your Spanish-vocabulary arsenal. And unlike so many learning-Spanish books, there is also a section called "Computers and Technology" where you'll find Spanish vocabulary related to modern technology.
2. **Learning Spanish Like Crazy Level 1 CDR - w/ Super Bonus Package - Learn Spanish & Speak Spanish - New & Improved for PC/Mac - Free Updates for 1 Yr** - LSLC is my favorite audio Spanish program because the program focuses on everyday, Latin American Spanish. This is a new and improved version with new content and new native Spanish speakers, and I find it to be much better than the previous version. The program is geared toward the foreign-language learner who wants to eventually achieve fluency in Spanish instead of someone who just wants to learn a few travel phrases. Compared to the other programs that I have used, this one does the best job at teaching you how to develop an authentic sounding Latin American Spanish accent. The program also comes with a very impressive bonus package.
3. **501 Spanish Verbs with CD-ROM and Audio CD (501 Verb Series)** - 501 Spanish Verbs. If you think you can accomplish fluency in Spanish as an adult without mastering conjugating Spanish verbs, you are only fooling yourself. This book is an absolute essential resource for learning how to conjugate Spanish verbs. If you have any questions about Practice Makes Perfect Spanish Conversation, please post your questions below and I will do my best to answer your questions.

This book would be frustrating for a beginning learner. It shines in teaching turns of phrases "Claro", "Mira", "Cuanto Antes", "Todo Lo Contrario." But its teaching section at the beginning of the chapter is often lacking - Chapter 5 doesn't have any info on comparisons like "más de" and "más que", but there are exercises on it. There are also grammar reviews of tenses that are assumed knowledge, not taught. Overall, I appreciate the exercises in here, and I have learned from using this book. However, it isn't tightly organized like Spanish Verb Tenses is (that book by this same publisher is amazing), and its more like a mediocre self-study than an organized teaching tool. Some of the exercises say "Express...Ask a Spanish-speaking friend if you have done it correctly." Other exercises were similarly meaningless, like being asked to do simple grammar reviews in the middle of an intermediate book with what should be a focus on conversational colloquialisms. If soy/estoy weren't reviewed in the chapter's beginning notes, why am I doing simple exercises on them in a space that could be used to get me to practice usage of new Spanish vocabulary phrases? I'll still do those exercises, but it felt like the book got off track when it had exercises not remotely related to or reviewed in the beginning section of that chapter. Also, there was a lot of simple matching/fill-in-the-blank, but I felt like there could have been more translation activities from English-to-Spanish to solidify the concepts learned. Give us a prompt of a conversation, and have us turn it into "¿Que tal? Claro. Me encantaría - a te visitar el jueves. De verdad? ¡Adiós!" That was lacking in this book, and the exercises were lighter than they could have ideally been in getting us to actively practice these ideas. This guided translation practicing would also be more useful than "Have a Spanish friend teach you the material, because we don't feel like having an answer key" exercises that lacked direction.

Enjoy the refresher course

Great book. I like it.

This book is a helpful addition to my library of helpful editions.

Easy to carry around as a daily workbook.

Very handy, already have Spanish knowledge, this looks like a good help to communicate in Spanish.

Excellent

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