

INTRODUCTION

¡BIENVENIDOS A ESPAÑOLANDIA!

Have you always dreamed of visiting a Spanish-speaking country to see if you really can get around with the “poco de español” you have learned in school? You’ll have that chance when you visit Españolandia. Don’t blow it by not being prepared. Study the phrases and vocabulary in this guidebook. Practice them with your teacher and classmates. Think up possible situations and practice questions and responses you would use in those situations.

When you are given a “visa,” that is, official permission to visit Españolandia, you agree to meet the conditions stated on the visa. Those requirements are as follows:

1. **You must communicate in Spanish.** If you need help, you can go to the information table, or consult with a friend.
2. **You must use the official money of the country to buy things.** This is the “peso españolandés” which you can get at any bank in the country by exchanging American money at a rate of 10 American cents to one peso. You can exchange any pesos you have left over back to American money as you leave the country.
3. **You will be required to complete at least seven of more than 12 different activities.** As you complete each one, your visa will be stamped, showing that you have done so. These activities include: going through customs, exchanging money, buying or asking the price of some item, getting your picture taken, writing a letter or postcard, and interviewing a native. Buying a metro ticket is your only required expense in the country.

Phrases and vocabulary used to complete each of these activities are presented in detail in this guidebook. Things you might hear in Españolandia are in PLAIN TEXT. Things that **you** might ask or ways you might respond to a question are in ***BOLD ITALIC TEXT.***