

Top 10 Reasons to Speak Spanish

1. Speaking Spanish improves your job prospects. If you can speak Spanish, and you're competing for a job with someone who can't speak Spanish, who do you think is more likely to impress the employer?
2. Having the ability to speak Spanish can also improve your mobility, as it will make it easier for you to live in one of the 20 countries that count Spanish as an official language.
3. If you like travelling, speaking Spanish makes your trip a lot more immersive. From simple things like understanding the menu and being able to eavesdrop on the conversations happening around you, to being able to make friends and read or listen to the local news, speaking the language will make your visit a whole lot more enjoyable.
4. Spanish is one of the easier languages for English speakers to learn. The grammar is easier than English grammar, and many Spanish words are similar (or even identical) to words in English.
5. Pronunciation in Spanish is quite straightforward, particularly in comparison to other languages (especially English!).

6. Speaking Spanish gives you access to many different cultures, from Spain, South America and beyond. This can open up worlds of music (Cuban jazz), dance (Spanish flamenco or Argentinian tango) and literature (works by Gabriel García Márquez and Federico García Lorca).
7. There are actually health benefits to learning a second language! Learning a new language improves cognitive function, and bilingual children are better at problem solving than children who only speak one language.
8. Studying Spanish can help improve your English. Learning a new language gives you a greater and deeper understanding of your first language.
9. Speaking Spanish can also help you to make new and lasting friendships. If you can speak Spanish, you can communicate with a lot more people, and it will enable you to get to know them on a deeper level.
10. The future for Spanish looks bright. The total number of Spanish speakers has increased steadily over the last decade, and a recent report by the British Council stated that Spanish is the most important second language for British citizens to learn.