

## **22 Frases en Español para Maestras**

### **22 Phrases in Spanish for Teachers**

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In this session we will review a few phrases in Spanish that can be used by Teachers who need to interact with students at work.

These examples will focus on the pronunciation of the Spanish spoken in Mexico, because I am a native Spanish speaker.

There's one Important Suggestion Before we get Started:

When you get the chance to use these phrases, make sure that you speak loud, clear and slowly. Not too loud, just be clear and avoid mumbling.

Sometimes we all feel a little nervous or shy about using a second language, even more so when we are beginners and we tend to speak quickly while using a low tone of voice that makes it difficult for other to understand what we are saying.

This actually happens involuntarily most of the time and it is a natural tendency for many people.

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Because you are in the process of learning a new language, it sometimes may feel like native Spanish speakers talk amazingly fast among themselves, but it seems like that because your brain struggles to understand the new language you are learning. It's an illusion. There's nothing wrong with that, it's a natural process and it happens to everyone.

Eventually, as your brain gets used to the new language, you will realize Spanish speakers talk just as fast as average English speakers do.

The real problem comes when you try to speak super fast, because you feel you have to keep up with native Spanish speakers who seem to be talking really fast as well.

It's a little joke our brain plays on us. Since we get the impression that others are talking very fast, we try to speak fast as well, which makes things way more difficult than they need to be, and the whole thing ends up being a frustrating process that ends in disappointment.

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Pay special attention to this and avoid this natural instinct by becoming aware of its existence. Whenever you catch yourself talking fast and low, or mumbling a little; make an effort to slow down, enunciate each syllable and speak loud and clear.

Over time, as you practice; you will instinctively develop a clear tone of voice in Spanish as well.

Also, make sure to smile along the way. That will make things much easier and fun.

Now, let's review the list of 22 phrases Teachers can use to interact with students at work.

### Phrase 1

- Hola, mi nombre es Jessica, Yo voy a ser su maestra.
- Hi, my name is Jessica, I'll be your teacher.
- Hola, mi nombre es Jessica, Yo voy a ser su maestra.

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In this example, we used the word “maestra” to refer to a female teacher. To use this phrase with a male teacher you would have to change the letter “a” at the end of the word “maestra” for the letter “o” so the word becomes the masculine noun which is “maestro.”

So, for a male teacher, the phrase would sound like this:

- Hola, soy Robert, Yo voy a ser su maestro.
- Hi, my name is Robert, I’ll be your teacher.
- Hola, soy Robert, Yo voy a ser su maestro.

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## Phrase 2

- Hola, soy la Señorita Smith
- Hi, I'm Miss Smith
- Hola, soy la Señorita Smith

## Phrase 3

- ¿Cómo estás?
- How are you?
- ¿Cómo estás?

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There are a few common answers to a question like this one, and to make things easier for yourself and the person with whom you're talking you could follow your question with a few possible answers such as these:

- Bien - good
- Mal - bad
- Mejor - Better
- Peor - Worse

So, using some of these words, the question could sound like this:

- ¿Cómo estás? ¿Bien?
- How are you? ¿Doing okay?
- ¿Cómo estás? ¿Bien?

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## Phrase 4

To ask one of your students about homework you could say:

- ¿Has tenido algún problema con la tarea?
- Did you have any problems with your homework?
- ¿Has tenido algún problema con la tarea?

If you want to ask a few of your students about their homework, you could change the auxiliary “has” for “han” to change the question into the plural form, like this:

- ¿Han tenido algún problema con la tarea?
- Did you (guys) have any problems with your homework?
- ¿Han tenido algún problema con la tarea?

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### Phrase 5

- Abran sus libros en la página doscientos treinta y cuatro
- Open your books on page 234
- Abran sus libros en la página doscientos treinta y cuatro

### Phrase 6

If you want your students to write something down, you can use this phrase:

- Abran su cuaderno y escriban esto
- Open your notebook and write this down
- Abran su cuaderno y escriban esto

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### Phrase 7

- ¿Necesitas ayuda?
- Do you need help?
- ¿Necesitas ayuda?

### Phrase 8

- ¿Te puedo ayudar?
- Can I help you?
- ¿Te puedo ayudar?

### Phrase 9

- ¿Qué pasa?
- What's going on?
- ¿Qué pasa?

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### Phrase 10

- ¿Cómo te puedo ayudar?
- How can I help you?
- ¿Cómo te puedo ayudar?

### Phrase 11

- ¿Cuál es el problema?
- What's the problem?
- ¿Cuál es el problema?

### Phrase 12

- ¿Cuál es tu pregunta?
- What's your question?
- ¿Cuál es tu pregunta?

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### Phrase 13

If you want to ask one of your students to show you what they need help with, you could say:

- Por favor muéstrame
- Please show me
- Por favor muéstrame

### Phrase 14

- Pide ayuda a tu compañero de clase
- Ask your classmate for help
- Pide ayuda a tu compañero de clase

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### Phrase 15

- Por favor ayuda a tu compañero de clase
- Please help your classmate
- Por favor ayuda a tu compañero de clase

### Phrase 16

- Por favor trabajen en equipos
- Please work in teams
- Por favor trabajen en equipos

### Phrase 17

- Vamos a hacer equipos de cuatro personas
- Let's make teams of 4 people
- Vamos a hacer equipos de cuatro personas

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## Phrase 18

If you want to ask a few Spanish speaking kids to draw a rectangle on a piece of paper using a crayon,

You can say “hagan esto por favor” and draw a circle on the blackboard, after that you can add “here” - “aquí” as you point to a piece of paper.

If you want to ask them to use a crayon, you can add “with this,” “con esto” as you show them a crayon in your hand.

It is simple, versatile, and it conveys the message.

So, once again, this is the phrase:

- Hagan esto por favor, aquí, con esto
- Do this please, here, with this
- Hagan esto por favor, aquí, con esto

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## Phrase 19

To show one of your students how to do something you can use this phrase and then show how he or she should do something in particular.

- Hazlo así
- Do it like this
- Hazlo así

Alternatively, you could just show him or her and say “así” which means “like this.”

## Phrase 20

If you simply want to ask them to do something, you can use this phrase and then show them what it is you want them to do

- Por favor hagan esto
- Please do this
- Por favor hagan esto

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## Phrase 21

Kids are so full of energy that sometimes things can get out of control. If you want to ask them to stop doing what they are doing, you can use this phrase.

- Por favor no hagan eso
- Please don't do that
- Por favor no hagan eso

## Phrase 22

- ¿Quién sabe la respuesta?
- Who knows the answer?
- ¿Quién sabe la respuesta?

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