

SE u3a Forum Summer School

Monday 7th – Thursday 10th September 2026

University of Chichester



Spanish – Beginners

Maximum 12

Spanish is one of the three most popular languages studied by u3a learners. This course will be a friendly introduction to Spanish for absolute beginners. Building confidence with clear pronunciation, simple greetings, and everyday phrases. Build simple vocabulary with everyday objects and easy grammar. Use key words for places in a Spanish town and build simple “there is / isn’t” sentences. Practise asking for directions with practical, everyday phrases. Build everyday food vocabulary through simple, fun sorting activities. Learn gentle first-person verbs. Use real or mock menus to practise ordering food and drinks politely in a relaxed role play. Work in small groups to create a simple plan for a day in Spain. Choose what to have for breakfast, where to walk, and where to stop for a café break. The activity ends with planning a meal, using the vocabulary and phrases learned so far.



The course’s three main themes will be - Everyday Basics; Around Town; Food, Menus and Simple Verbs and on the last morning the themes will be brought together. Whether you’re curious about Spanish for the first time or looking to refresh long-forgotten basics, I’m here to help you feel comfortable, supported, and part of a lively learning community. Please be aware that this is a **complete beginner’s** course.

About the tutor

I became a language learner myself and group leader in retirement. I specialise in helping members build confidence through conversation, culture, and fun, low-pressure activities. Together we’ll explore topics that work brilliantly for newcomers to Spanish language learning, and I’ll provide reassurance that you don’t need prior knowledge to join in. My approach is simple and it focuses on everyday language.

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Monday Day 1 pm: Welcome - Introductions in English/ overview clear, simple pronunciation in Spanish/Greeting & polite phrase

Tuesday Day 2 am: (1) Introducing yourself/Simple question forms/ Numbers 1–30 & Simple personal Information/Number game **(2)** Classroom language/Articles & simple nouns/Everyday objects/Café culture & ordering drinks/Role play with menus

Tuesday Day 2 pm: (1) Review Cafe role Play/Quick recap of greetings, numbers, café phrases/Places in town/Vocabulary/ Simple sentences/Map-based activity **(2)** Asking for Directions/Pair practice with maps

Wednesday Day 3 am: (1) Cultural Mini-Session/Short, accessible intro to a Spanish city/Photos, simple facts, gentle listening practice/Practical Task - plan a short imaginary walk using a map in very simple Spanish/Food Vocabulary - Fruit, vegetables, tapas, simple dishes/Sorting activity/sweet/savoury etc/ Restaurant Role-Play/Using menus/Ordering a starter, main, drink/Asking politely

Wednesday Day 3 pm: (1) Present Tense Basics/Very gentle introduction/Only first-person singular

(2) Stations around the room/Greetings, Numbers, Café, Directions, Food

Thursday Day 4 am: (1)

Presentations/Groups share their “day in Spain”/Additional time used for Q&A session

Thursday Day 4 am: (2)

What they enjoyed/What they’d like next time/signposting to local U3A Spanish groups/ further support



*For further information **about the course**, please contact the tutor*

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