

Basic Conversation Apuntes

- In Spanish there are two ways of speaking, Formal and Informal/Familiar.

Formal Speaking:

- Is used when speaking with people you do NOT know.
- Is used when speaking with ANYONE older than you (except family).
- Is used when speaking Professionally or Respectfully.

Informal/Familiar Speaking:

- Is used when speaking with family or friends.
- Is used when speaking to someone younger than you.
- Is used when speaking with your peers in an informal setting.

Los Saludos (Greetings):

Formal

- Hola = Hello
- Buenos días = Good morning
- Buenas tardes = Good afternoon
- Buenas noches = Good evening

Informal/Familiar:

Hola = Hi
¿Qué tal? = What's up

Las Despedidas (Farewells):

Formal

- Adiós = Good-bye

Informal/Familiar

Hasta luego = See you later
Nos Vemos = See you later
Hasta mañana = See you tomorrow
Adiós = Bye

What is your name?

¿Cómo se llama Usted(Ud.)?

¿Cómo te llamas?

ANSWER: Me llamo

What is his/her name?

¿Cómo se llama él / ella

Answer: él se llama / ella se llama

Responses

- Mucho gusto = Nice to meet you
- Es un placer = It's a pleasure
- El gusto es mío = The pleasure is mine
- Encantado/Encantada = Delighted/Pleased to meet you
- Igualmente = Same here

How are you?

¿Cómo está Ud?

¿Cómo estás?

Responses

- Muy bien, gracias = Very well, Thank you
- Bien, gracias = Well, Thank you
- Regular = O.k. or So- so
- No muy bien =Not very well
- Terrible = Awful or Terrible

¿Y Usted(Ud)?

¿Y Tú?

= and you?

¿De dónde es Ud?

¿De dónde eres? = Where are you from?

Answer: Soy de _____

Name of country