

Frequently Used General Industry Terms

English to Spanish:

OSHA Dictionary
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Pronunciation Guide Overview

Unlike English, Spanish spelling is very phonetic — that is, the letters consistently correspond to the same sounds. Some of those sounds are difficult for an English-speaking tongue to handle, but fortunately, the resulting English accent won't usually get in the way of understanding.

Spanish vowels are very short and pure compared to English ones. Even in unaccented syllables, they are pronounced clearly— completely unlike in English, where unaccented vowels all sound like the vowel in *but*. *You need to remember that there is no such sound in Spanish.* It may feel strange to pronounce every vowel, but Spanish won't work without doing it. Spanish vowels correspond to the vowels in the following English words:

a = "father"
e = "bet"
i = "be"
o = "go"
u = "to"

Two vowels together can be more challenging. In this guide, the letters "w" and "y" are used to indicate when they glide together as in some English words. For example:

ay = "side"
auw = "sound"
ie = "yen"
ey = "say"

No attempt is made in this pronunciation guide to approximate the real Spanish sounds of "b," "v," and "d," because trying to remember to pronounce them correctly can be very distracting and make you self-conscious if you are a beginner. It may take time, but you'll pick them up on your own by listening to others talk. Meanwhile, getting them wrong won't prevent others' understanding of your meaning.

Another consonant sound that can be challenging for a native English speaker is the trilled "r," represented by rr. In this pronunciation guide, the trill is approximated by repeating the "r" sound twice, as in [in-ter-rup-TOR] for interruptor.

You may be accustomed to seeing pocket pronunciation guides that use common words of English to approximate the sounds of Spanish, like [deer-ek-SEE-yon] for *dirección*. We have avoided that approach for two reasons:

1. It perpetuates bad pronunciation of Spanish by not teaching you to keep your vowels short.
2. By relying on the un-phonetic and irregular spellings of English, it masks the regularity and predictability of the pronunciation of Spanish, making it harder for you to learn.

A	
Abatement	Corrección [ko-rek-SYON]
Abatement period	Periodo de corrección [per-YO-do de ko-rek-SYON]
Accident	Accidente [ak-si-DEN-te]
Address	Dirección [di-rek-SYON], domicilio [do-mi-SIL-yo]
Air	Aire [AY-ir]
Appeal	Apelar [a-pel-AR]
Approve	Aprobar [a-pro-BAR]
Authorize	Autorizar [auw-to-ri-SAR]
B	
Break the law, rule	Quebrantar la ley [ke-bran-TAR la le], la norma [la NOR-ma]

C	
CSHO	Oficial de cumplimiento de seguridad y salud [o-fi-SYAL de kum-pli-MYEN-to de se-gur-i-DAD i sal-UD], Inspector de OSHA [in-spek-TOR de o-SHA]
Catastrophe	Catástrofe [ka-TAS-tro-fe]
Citation	Citación [si-ta-SYON]
Company	Compañía [kam-pan-YI-a], empresa [em-PRE-sa]
Complaint	Queja [KE-ha], querrela [ke-RE-ya], demanda [de-MAN-da], denuncia [de-NUN-sya], reclamo [re-KLA-mo]
Complainant	Querellante [ke-re-YAN-te], quejista [ke-HIS-ta], demandante [de-man-DAN-te], denunciante [de-nun-SYAN-te], reclamante [re-kla-MAN-te]
Compliance assistance	Asistencia en cumplimiento [a-sis-TEN-sya en cum-pli-MYEN-to], asistencia para conformidad [a-sis-TEN-sya PA-ra kon-for-mi-DAD]
Comply	Cumplir [kum-PLIR]
Contest	Impugnación [im-pug-na-SYON], apelación [a-pe-la-SYON]
D	
danger	peligro
dangerous	peligroso
demonstrate	demostrar
department	departamento
Department of Labor	Departamento del Trabajo, Ministerio de Trabajo
deposition	deposición
develop	desarrollar
director	director
discipline	disciplina
disciplinary	disciplinario
discrimination	discrimen, discriminación
disease	enfermedad
display	exhibir, mostrar
division	división
E	
Egregious violation	Infracción flagrante [in-frak-SYON fla-GRAN-te]
Employee (s)	Trabajador(es) [tra-ba-DOR / tra-ba-DOR-es], empleado(s) [em-ple-A-do(s), obrero(s) [o-BRE-ro(s)]
Employee representative	Representante de los trabajadores / empleados [re-pre-sen-TAN-te de los tr-ba-DOR-es / em-ple-A-dos]
Employer	Representante del empleador [re-pre-sen-TAN-te del em-ple-A-dor], patrono [pat-RO-no], patrón [pat-RON], jefe [HE-fe], empresario [em-pre-SAR-yo]
Enforce	Imponer [im-po-NER], fiscalizar [fis-kal-i-SAR], hacer cumplir [A-ser KUM-plier]
Establishment	Establecimiento [es-tab-le-si-MYEN-to]
F	
Fatality	Fatalidad [fa-ta-li-DAD], muerte [MWER-te]
First aid	Primeros auxilios [pri-MER-os auk-SIL-yos], primera ayuda [pri-MER-a ay-U-da]
Follow-up inspections	Inspección de verificación [in-spek-SYON de ve-ri-fi-CA-syon], inspección de seguimiento [in-spek-SYON de se-gi-MYEN-to]
G	
Guideline	Guía [GI-ya]
H	
Hazard (s)	Riesgo(s) [ri-ES-go(s)], peligro(s) [pe-LI-gro(s)]

Hazard communication	Comunicación de riesgos [ko-mu-ni-ka-SYON de ri-ES-gos]
Health hazard	Riesgo contra la salud [ri-ES-go KON-tra la sal-UD], peligro a la salud [pe-LI-gro a la sal-UD]
Hearing loss	Perdida de audición [per-DI-da de auw-di-SYON]
Hygiene	Higiene [I-jyen]
I	
Illness (es)	Enfermedad (es) [en-fer-me-DAD / en-fer-me-DAD-es]
Imminent danger	Peligro inminente [pe-LI-gro in-mi-NEN-te]
Industrial hygiene (ist)	Higiene (higienista) industrial male: [I-jyen in-dus-TRYAL], female: [i-jyen-IS-ta in-dus-TRYAL]
Injury (ies)	Lesión (es) [le-SYON / le-SYON-es]
Inspect	Inspeccionar [in-spek-syon-AR]
Interview	Entrevistar [en-tre-vis-TAR], entrevista [en-tre-VIS-ta]
Investigation	Investigación [in-ves-ti-ga-SYON]
J	
Jurisdiction	Jurisdicción [hu-ris-dik-SYON]
K	
Knowledge	Conocimiento [ko-no-si-MYEN-to]
L	
Last name	Apellido [a-pe-YI-do]
What is your last name?	¿Cómo se apellida? [KO-mo se a-pe-YI-da?] ¿Cuál es su apellido? [kwal es su a-pe-YI-da?]
Law	Ley [ley]
M	
Machine (n)	Máquina [MA-ki-na]
Management	Administración [ad-min-is-tra-SYON], gerencia [he-REN-sya]
Mandatory	Obligatorio [ob-li-ga-TOR-yo]
Medical treatment	Tratamiento médico [tra-ta-MYEN-to ME-di-ko]
N	
Name	Nombre [NOM-bre]
What is your name?	¿Como se llama? [KO-mo se YA-ma?], ¿Cuál es su nombre? [kwal es su NOM-bre?]
O	
Occupational	Ocupacional [o-ku-pa-SYON-al], laboral [la-bor-AL], en el trabajo [en el tra-BA-ho]
OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration)	Administración de Seguridad y Salud Ocupacional [ad-min-is-tra-SYON de se-gur-i-DAD i sal-UD o-ku-pa-syon-AL] Administración de Seguridad y Salud en el Trabajo [ad-min-is-tra-SYON de se-gur-i-DAD i sal-UD en el tra-BA-ho], Administración de Seguridad y Salud Laboral [ad-min-is-tra-SYON de se-gur-i-DAD i sal-UD la-bor-AL]
OSH Act	Acta OSH [AK-ta o e-se a-she], Ley de OSHA [ley de la OSHA]
Other than serious violation	Infracción no seria [in-frak-SYON no SER-ya]
Owner	Dueño [DWEN-yo]
P	
Penalize	Multar [mul-TAR], penalizar [pe-na-li-SAR]
Penalty	Multa [MUL-ta], penalidad [pe-na-li-DAD], sanción [sank-SYON]
Person	Persona [per-SO-na]
Place of employment / workplace	Planta de trabajo [PLAN-ta de tra-BA-ho], lugar de trabajo [lu-GAR de tra-BA-ho]
Poster	Póster [POS-ter], cartelón [kar-te-LON]
Q	

Question (n)	Pregunta [pre-GUN-ta]
Question (v)	Preguntar [pre-gun-TAR], cuestionar [kwes-tyon-AR]
R	
Record	Registro de exposición del empleado [re-HIS-tro de eks-po-si-SYON del em-ple-A-do]
Regulation	Reglamento [reg-la-MEN-to], regla [REG-la]
Repeat violation	Infracción repetida [in-frak-SYON re-pe-TI-da], violencia repetida [vi-o-LEN-sya re-pe-TI-da]
Report	Informe [in-FOR-me], reporte [re-POR-te]
Rights	Derechos [de-RE-chos]
Rule	Regla [REG-la], norma [NOR-ma]
S	
Safety	Seguridad [se-gu-ri-DAD]
Safety hazards	Riesgos a la seguridad [ri-ES-gos a la se-gu-ri-DAD], peligros a la seguridad [pe-LI-gros a la se-gu-ri-DAD]
Safety Compliance Officer	Oficial de Cumplimiento en Seguridad [o-fi-SYAL de kum-pli-MYEN-to en se-gur-i-DAD] , Oficial de Vigilancia en Seguridad [o-fi-SYAL de vi-hil-AN-sya en se-gur-i-DAD]
Sampling	Muestreo [mwes-TRE-yo]
Serious	Serio [SER-yo], grave [GRA-ve]
Serious violation	Infracción seria [in-frak-SYON SER-ya]
Severity	Severidad [se-ve-ri-DAD]
Standards	Normas [NOR-mas], reglas [REG-las], estándares [es-TAN-dar-es]
T	
Training	Entrenamiento [en-tren-a-MYEN-to], adiestramiento [ad-yes-tra-MYEN-to], capacitación [ka-pa-si-ta-SYON], formación [for-ma-SYON], educación [e-du-ka-SYON], instrucción [in-struk-SYON]
U	
Union	Sindicato [sin-di-KA-to], unión [un-YON], unión laboral [un-YON la-bor-AL]
Union representative	Representante laboral [re-pre-sen-TAN-te la-bor-AL]
V	
Violation	Infracción [in-frak-SYON], violación [vi-o-la-SYON]
W	
Walkaround	Recorrido [re-kor-RI-do]
Willful violation	Infracción intencionada [in-frak-SYON in-ten-syon-A-da], infracción intencional [in-frak-SYON in-ten-syon-AL]
Worker	Trabajador (a) male: [tra-ba-ha-DOR]; female: [tra-ba-ha-DOR-a]
Working conditions	Condiciones laborales [kon-di-si-ON-es la-bor-AL-es]
Workplace	Lugares de trabajo [lu-GAR-es de tra-BA-ho], planta de trabajo [PLAN-ta de tra-BA-ho]