

Be prepared to introduce yourself. In Salvadoran culture, introductions are quite formal and often we are asked to introduce ourselves in front of a group of people. If you're brave enough, try it in Spanish! Many times, people stand when introducing themselves. You can say something like...

**Mi nombre es \_\_\_\_\_. Soy \_\_\_\_\_ (miembro/a, pastor/a, etc.) de la iglesia \_\_\_\_\_. Ésta es mi \_\_\_\_\_ (primera, segunda, etc.) visita aquí.**

**Huh?...**

I don't speak much Spanish.  
**No hablo mucho español.**

More slowly, please.

**Más despacio, por favor.**

Please repeat that.

**Repita por favor eso.**

Spell that, please.

**Letra por letra, por favor.**

What does that mean?

**¿Qué significa eso?**

Please write that down.

**Escriba por favor eso.**

Excuse me? (Pardon?)

**¿Perdón?**

Do you understand me?

**¿Usted me entiende?**

Why are you laughing?

**¿Por qué usted está riendo?**

Is my Spanish that bad?

**¿Es tan malo mi español?**

I'm sorry, I don't understand.

**Perdóneme. No entiendo.**

I did not understand that.

**No entendí eso.**

## Talking with kids...

What's your name?

**¿Cómo se llama? or**

**¿Cuál es su nombre?**

How old are you?

**¿Cuántos años tiene usted?**

When's your birthday?

**¿Cuándo es su cumpleaños?**

Do you have brothers or sisters?

**¿Tiene usted hermanos o hermanas?**

What grade are you in?

**¿Cuál grado estudia usted?**

What do you like to do?

**¿Qué le gusta hacer?**

Do you like soccer?

**¿Le gusta fútbol?**

Could you sing something for me?

**¿Podría usted cantar algo para mí?**

What's your favorite color?

**¿Cuál es su color preferido?**

We are friends.

**Somos amigos.**

Cool!

**¡Chivo!**

## Saying Good-bye...

See you later **Hasta luego,**

**Hasta pronto**

Good-bye **Adiós**

God bless you **Dios le bendiga.**

May everything go well for you.

**Que le vaya bien.**

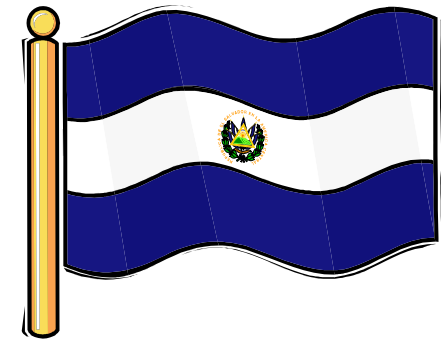
And the same to you...

**Igualmente**

Take care **Cuidase**

We'll see each other again.

**Nos veremos.**



# Salvadoran Survival Spanish



**¡ Socorro !  
(Help!)**

## Politely entering a house...

Prior to entering, say “**Con permiso**,” which means “With your permission.” The host will then say, “**Páse**,” which means “Come on in.”

...or when you're about to leave someone's presence, you can ask permission in the same manner.

## Short Phrases worth noting...

Pleased to meet you.

**Mucho gusto.**

How are you?

**¿Cómo está?**

Fine, thank you. And you?

**Bien, gracias. ¿Y usted?**

It was a pleasure to meet you.

**Fue un placer conocerle.**

Good morning **Buenos días**

Good night... **Buenas noches** or

**Pasen buenas noches.**

How's it going? **¿Qué tal?**

Brothers and sisters in Christ...

**Hermanos y hermanas en Cristo**

In other words...

**O sea...**

I understand.

**Entiendo.**

Really?

**¿Verdad?**

I don't mind.

**Me da igual.**

Never mind...

**No importa.**

The same

**Lo mismo**

Hopefully...

**¡Ojalá!**

Perhaps...

**Tal vez**

Of course!

**¡Por supuesto!**

It's hot.

**Hace calor.**

Where is... ?

**¿Dónde está... ?**

To describe something, you can say, “**Qué \_\_**,” meaning, “How \_\_.”

Ex. “**Qué ojos**”, “What pretty eyes”

I'd like...

**Yo quisiera...**

(This is a practical phrase... with it you can say, “I'd like a Coke,”

“**Yo quisiera una Coca-Cola.**”

...or, you can say “I'd like to go,”

“**Yo quisiera ir.**”

The same phrase can mean “Would

you like...?” “**¿Quisiera usted... ?**

## Talking with your hosts...

It's fine. Thank you.

**Está bien. Gracias.**

Do you have children?

**¿Tiene usted hijos?**

How old are they?

**¿Cuántos años tienen ellos?**

It's delicious! **¡Es delicioso(-a)!**

It was delicious! **¡Era delicioso(-a)!**

Nothing more, thank you.

**Nada más, gracias.**

If something is rich to the senses, you can say, “**Qué rico!**”

We are going to walk a little.

**Vamos a caminar un poco.**

May we walk a little?

**¿Podríamos caminar un poco?**

Can I take photos?

**¿Puedo tomar fotos?**

You are very kind.

**Usted es muy amable.**

Where can I wash up?

**¿Dónde puedo bañarme?**

Did you sleep well?

**¿Dormiste bien?**

Yes, I slept well. **Sí, dormí bien.**

I'm very content/pleased/happy.

**Estoy muy contento(-a).**

I love the \_\_ here.

**Me encanta el/la \_\_ de aquí.**

I'd love to...

**Me encantaría...**

Could you help me?

**¿Podría usted ayudarme?**

Can I help you?

**¿Puedo ayudarlo?**

Do you have...?”

**¿Tiene usted...?”**

I'm looking for...”

**Estoy buscando...**

Can I leave this here?

**¿Puedo dejar esto aquí?**

Could you teach me that?

**¿Podría enseñarme eso?**

If you're not feeling well and need some rest, you can tell your host...

**Estoy un poco enfermo(-a), yo quisiera descansar.**

I'm exhausted.

**Estoy muy cansado(-a).**

Could you wake me at...?

**¿Podría usted despertarme a las...?**

Thank you for your help.

**Gracias por su ayuda.**

It's been a very enjoyable stay.

**Ha sido una estancia muy agradable.**

It's a gift.

**Es un regalo.**

Can I have your address?

**¿Puedo anotar su dirección?**