

Sonia Linguist



ONLINE SPANISH COURSES

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GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Why choose Sonia Linguist?

- I recommend having classes with me not only because of **my knowledge, qualifications and teaching experience**, but also because of **my experience as a student**. I started learning my first foreign language at the age of 4. Currently, I speak 5 languages (English, Spanish, Portuguese, French and Polish, my mother tongue), so I have already walked the same path that my students are walking. It allows me to understand the challenges they face and share the learning strategies and hacks that have proven successful in my learning process.
- **My knowledge of foreign languages** enables me to compare some grammar structures or pronunciation of certain sounds if the student already knows another foreign language. This way they can take advantage of the knowledge acquired before. What is more, it speeds up their learning process.
- In my work as a teacher I use the insight gained while **living in Spain and the UK and travelling around Latin America**- thanks to this experience I am able to give a taste of their culture and colloquial language in class.

2. What are your qualifications and experience?

- I completed my **B.A. in Spanish Language and Literature and my teacher training course** at the Adam Mickiewicz University of Poznan. During those studies I did an obligatory internship at a sixth form college. I got **my M.A. in Spanish linguistics** from the Complutense University of Madrid and currently I am doing a PhD in the same subject at the Charles III University of Madrid. I have also had the opportunity to do a part of my research at the University of Cambridge.
- I have been awarded **QTS (Qualified Teacher Status)** by National College for Teaching and Leadership in England, where I can teach in state and private schools. I have also done the **CELTA course (Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages)** organised by the ESOL Examinations department of the University of Cambridge, which qualifies me to teach English in the private sector around the world.
- I have been teaching foreign languages for 10 years and have worked in **Poland, Spain and the UK** with students from different countries. I have got experience with individual and group classes, teenagers and adults, state schools, language academies, companies and private classes.

3. Who are the courses for?

- The courses I offer are for adults who are planning to move to Spain or are already living there and want to improve their quality of life by becoming effective Spanish speakers. The courses are also for people who are simply passionate about languages and want to develop their language skills, improve their pronunciation and advance their knowledge of Hispanic culture.
- I welcome students who **take learning Spanish seriously, are highly motivated, take responsibility for their own learning process by regularly doing homework and working outside of class independently.**
- I specialize in teaching Spanish to English and Polish native speakers, but native speakers of other languages are welcome too as long as their level of English is minimum B2.

4. What language are the classes in?

- It depends on the student's level of Spanish, their mother tongue and knowledge of other languages. With the levels **A1 & A2** I use either **English** or **Polish**. With the levels **B1 & B2** I mostly use **Spanish**.
- I also speak **Portuguese** and **French** and sometimes use these languages in class to show certain grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation similarities, depending on the student's familiarity with these languages.

5. What types of courses are available?

- **General language, levels A1-B2:** you practice speaking, listening, reading, writing, vocabulary and grammar.
- **Conversation, levels B1-B2:** you practice mainly speaking and vocabulary.

The classes follow a syllabus which I present during/after the trial class.

6. What programme do you use and what equipment do I need?

The classes are given via **Zoom**. You need a good Internet connection, webcam, headphones, a microphone and a quiet room.

7. What materials do you use?

I use books and various files (text, audio, and video) in an electronic version which I share with you during the class. If you prefer, you can buy a paper version of a particular book. During the trial class I present you the material.

8. What are the payment methods?

- Bank transfer/TransferWise:
To my **Spanish bank account** (in €)
To my **British bank account** (in £)
- Via **Pay Pal**.

9. Do you issue invoices?

Yes.

10. What is your availability?

My usual availability (Madrid time) is:

- **Monday–Thursday 9:00-18:00**
- **Friday 9:00-15:00.**

Contact me for information on currently available slots.

11. How can I contact you?

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PRIVATE COURSES

12. What are the prices of private classes for 1 person?

Trial class: €20/£20 for 1h.

Single class: €30/£30 for 1h.

Packages:

- **July-September**

Monthly package: €25/£25 for 1h (min. 1 class per week).

- **October-June**

3-month package: €25/£25 for 1h (min. 1 class per week).

Monthly package: €27/£27 for 1h (min. 1 class per week).

13. What are the prices of private classes for 2 people?

Trial class: €30/£30 for 1h.

Single class: €40/£40 for 1h.

Packages:

- **July-September**

Monthly package: €35/£35 for 1h (min. 1 class per week).

- **October-June**

3-month package: €35/£35 for 1h (min. 1 class per week).

Monthly package: €37/£37 for 1h (min. 1 class per week).

14. What is the payment deadline?

Trial class: after the class on the same day.

Single class: before the class at the time of booking.

Packages: by 5th day of each period.

15. What is your cancellation policy?

- If you cancel **less than 24h before the scheduled class**, the payment for this class is not returned. If you do not show up during the first 15 min of the class, I consider it as your late cancellation.
- If you cancel **more than 24h before the scheduled class**, you must recuperate it within the following 4 weeks. **Recuperating means arranging a different time/day for this class, not replacing an already scheduled class.** If it is impossible to arrange a suitable day and time for that within the following 4 weeks, the payment for this class is not returned.
- If I cancel the class myself, we can recuperate it within the following 4 weeks. If it is impossible to arrange a suitable day/time for that, the payment for this class is returned.

16. How often should I have the classes?

I suggest having at least **one hour twice a week**. If you have fewer classes per week, not only is the progress much slower, but the purpose often changes from improving the initial level to maintaining it. I understand that not everyone is able to have classes more often for various reasons, so you need to remember that **the fewer classes per week you have, the more you should study at home.**

17. Is it possible to have a one-off class?

Yes, it is possible to book one or just a few single classes without the monthly commitment, e.g. if you have an exam coming up and you need to revise something, if you want to practice something before a job interview, or if you participate in group classes and want to catch up on something individually.

18. How long is a course?

- It depends on your needs. If you are available only temporarily, you can book just a few single classes. If you prefer to work on your language long term, you can book regular weekly classes and pay monthly. If you stop classes for a week, they need to be recovered either before or after the break. If you stop classes for longer, your slot might be offered to another student.
- Bear in mind that **achieving a high level of language competence takes years**. On the next page can find the estimated numbers of hours of classes which you need to take in order to cover the material from a certain level. It is important to remember it is only the time spent in class, not on self-study.
- **If you do not do anything at home** (do homework, watch films, listen to music or read articles in this language, practice speaking or writing with other people) **or do it very rarely, your progress will be much slower and you will need many more hours of classes in order to cover and assimilate the material**. After each month I conduct an evaluation of your attendance and progress.

The estimated number of classes (in hours) needed to cover Spanish material according to levels:

https://moscu.cervantes.es/es/cursos_espanol/cursos_generales_espanol/cursos_generales_espanol.htm

Niveles del MCER																	
A1 ACCESO 60h		A2 PLATAFORMA 120h				B1 UMBRAL 180h						B2 AVANZADO 180h			C1 DOMINIO 180h		
A1.1 60h		A2.1 60h		A2.2 60h		B1.1 60h		B1.2 60h		B1.3 60h		B2.1 60h	B2.2 60h	B2.3 60h	C1.1 60h	C1.2 60h	C1.3 60h
A1.1 30h	A1.2 30h	A2.1 30h	A2.2 30h	A2.3 30h	A2.4 30h	B1.1 30h	B1.2 30h	B1.3 30h	B1.4 30h	B1.5 30h	B1.6 30h						

19. What does the trial class look like?

The first part of the trial class is mainly to get to know each other, check your level, learn about your needs and motivation, and see if we are on the same page. I show the material and talk briefly about the method. You can ask any questions regarding my qualifications, experience or the course. The second part is a miniclass.

20. I have had my trial class. What is next?

If you have had your trial class, made the payment and decided to continue, contact me to book your preferred slot. In the case of a monthly payment, we schedule all the classes and I reserve the dates in my calendar. In order to book the classes, you need to pay for the whole month up front.

GROUP COURSES

21. What are the prices of group classes?

Trial class: €8/£8 for 1h.

Packages:

- **July-September**

Monthly package: €10/£10 per person for 1h.

- **October-June**

3-month package: €10/£10 per person for 1h.

Monthly package: €12/£12 per person for 1h.

22. What is the payment deadline?

Trial class: before the class, at the time of booking a spot.

Packages: by 5th day of each period.

23. What is your cancellation policy?

If you cannot participate in a class, the money is not returned.

If I cancel the class myself, we can recuperate it within the following 4 weeks. If it is impossible to arrange a suitable day/time for that, the payment for this class is returned.

24. How long are group courses?

July-September: 1, 2 and 3 months.

October-June: 3, 6 and 9 months.

A group course is typically **2h per week**, but some can be 1h per week.

25. What is the size of a group?

Minimum 3 and maximum 6 students.

26. I want to join a group, but I do not know my level is.

If you are interested in joining an existing group or forming a new one, we can arrange a **free 30-minute consultation on Zoom** during which I will assess your level. You will also have a chance to ask any questions regarding the courses.