



Framework & Learning Goals

Risas y Sonrisas introduces Spanish through a **multi-sensory, multi-media, and multi-grade approach** that teachers can adapt to the age, level, and interests of their students. Certain foundational lessons are best introduced early, such as **Pronunciation, Colors & Shapes** (including articles), **Numbers, Questions, Greetings, Calendar, Family, Verbs, and Cognates**, while other themes may be taught in a flexible sequence. **Please note:** The Learning Goals are designed as a **flexible roadmap** and may be rearranged to best meet the needs, level, and interests of your students. This allows teachers to introduce Spanish naturally through repeated exposure in a **variety of engaging formats**.

Designed for **Grades K–6**, this comprehensive elementary Spanish program builds skills in **listening, reading, speaking, and writing**. Students progress from learning to read in Spanish, to building vocabulary, to using high-frequency questions and answers for real communication, and ultimately to speaking with confidence, with exposure to **present, past, and future verb forms**.

A Simple 3-Stage Learning Process

Each theme follows three stages: **Introduction, Reinforcement, and Mastery**

1. **Learn with Music** – Vocabulary is introduced through catchy songs using Animated Videos, Sign & Sing (ASL), Posters with pictures or Audio & Lyrics.
2. **Play to Retain** – Students reinforce learning with **printed** (picture & word flashcards, dominoes, bingo) and **digital games**. (matching flashcards, memory, domino, bubbles & spell bee).
3. **Speak with Confidence** – High-Frequency Q&A and vocabulary are reused across themes for real conversation.
4. **See it in Action** – Themes vocabulary and Q&A come together in stories presented as skits with native speakers & Spanish subtitles, or comics with text and audio.

Core Learning Areas

Pronunciation

Students develop accurate pronunciation through visual sound associations for Spanish vowels and unique consonants, English/Spanish cognates, and ongoing listening, reading, speaking, and writing practice.

Culture

Students are introduced to the **21 Spanish-speaking countries** through songs, maps, flags, and cultural cards with fun facts, including Spain, Equatorial Guinea, the Caribbean, and the three regions of the Americas.

Vocabulary Themes

Students learn practical vocabulary through songs and engaging print + digital games. Topics include:

Colors & Shapes • Questions & Greetings • Emotions & Directions • Body • Numbers (1–1000) • Family • Opposites • Wild Animals • School & Classroom Rules • Calendar & Time • Regular Verbs • Daily Routine (Reflexives) • Food & Table Setting • House • Places • Occupations • Clothes • Farm Animals • 250 Cognates in 20 categories

Communication Skills

- **Questions & Answers** - Students practice asking and answering simple questions, responding in complete sentences, and using practical everyday expressions.
- **Stories** - Vocabulary and questions & answers come together in skits and comics, helping students strengthen listening comprehension, build confidence, and develop real-life conversational skills. They often act out the stories without visual aid.

Easy Grammar for Children

- **Articles & Adjectives** - Masculine and feminine concepts are introduced through color-coding for easy understanding.
- **Pronouns & Verb Tenses** - Students build simple sentences in the present, past, and future using hands-on conjugation cards in class, then reinforce the same skills through online practice.
- **Ser, Estar, & Tener** - Introduced with posters, songs, and engaging activities.
- **Irregular Verbs in Context** - High-frequency questions and cognates help students naturally build confidence with practical conversation.

Strong Academic Foundation

The content of **Risas y Sonrisas Spanish for Kids** is comparable in scope and sequence to a typical **High School Spanish 1** course. Depending on students' age, class size, and ability level, the program provides 100+ hours of instruction, plus additional self-paced practice. **Risas y Sonrisas** builds a strong Spanish foundation and a lifelong love for the Spanish language.

Bring Spanish to Life Today!



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SPANISH SPEAKING COUNTRIES

Spanish speaking countries map, 21 cultural cards

Song: Países de Habla Hispana

Related Q&A (print download & online w/game):

PRONUNCIATION

3 Posters and word cards download

Spanish Vowel and Consonant picture associations

Alphabet using *ASL-American Sign Language

Vowel Stress and Accent Marks

Silabario (consonants combined with vowel sounds)

Rhymes & Song: Las Vocales, El Alfabeto, Yo te daré

Online Activity: Cognate words with Consonant sounds that are different in Spanish and English.

Related Q&A (print download & online w/game):

COGNATES

250 pictures/word in print & online (20 categories)

Online Activity: Cognate words with picture and audio divided into 20 different categories.

Mi Libro de Cognados: (throughout the program)

QUESTIONS

1 poster, 9 question word cards download

Rhyme: Preguntas ¿?

GREETINGS

Songs: Saludos, Nombre y Dirección, Buen Día

Related Q&A (print download & online w/game):

COLORS & SHAPES

24 picture/word cards, 3 posters, 14 bingo & domino sets

Songs: Los Colores, Las Formas

Online Games: Flashcards, Memory, Domino, Bubbles, Spell Bee

Related Q&A (print download & online w/game):

ARTICLES (Olimpo y Ana)

Articles poster & online (masculine-feminine concept)

DIRECTIONS & EMOTIONS

24 picture/word cards, 2 posters, 14 bingo & domino sets

Songs: Direcciones, Chiqui-Gua, Las Emociones

Online Games: Flashcards, Memory, Domino, Bubbles, Spell Bee

Related Q&A (print download & online w/game):

NUMBERS

20 picture/word cards, 3 posters, 14 bingo & domino sets

1 to 10

Songs: Los Números del 1-10

Related Q&A (print download & online w/game):

0 to 19

Songs: Los Números del 1-10

Los Números del 11-100 (sing from 11-19)

Related Q&A (print download & online w/game):

20 to 100 > 1,000,000

*Counting from 0-1 Billion ASL (<https://g.co/kgs/dBKVoFx>)

Songs: Los Números del 1-10 & del 11-100

Online Games: Flashcards, Memory, Domino, Bubbles, Spell Bee

Related Q&A (print download & online w/game):

CALENDAR

DAYS OF THE WEEK

Days poster, word cards download

Song: Los Días de la Semana

Related Q&A (print download & online w/game):

SEASONS & WEATHER

Seasons & Months posters word cards download

Song: Las Estaciones del Año (Seasons & Weather)

Online Games: Flashcards, Memory, Domino, Bubbles, Spell Bee

Related Q&A (print download & online w/game):

HOLIDAYS & MONTHS

Months & Holidays posters, word cards download

Song: Los Meses del Año

Online Games: Flashcards, Memory, Domino, Bubbles, Spell Bee

Related Q&A (print download & online w/game):

TIME

1 poster, Clock faces student download

Song: Amigo (Time related Vocabulary)

Related Q&A (print download & online w/game):

BODY

24 picture/word cards, 2 posters, 14 bingo & domino sets

Songs: El Cuerpo I, El Cuerpo II

Online Games: Flashcards, Memory, Domino, Bubbles, Spell Bee

Related Q&A (print download & online w/game):



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FAMILY
 1 poster, picture/word cards download
Song: *La Familia*
Online Games: Flashcards, Memory, Domino, Bubbles, Spell Bee
Related Q&A (print download & online w/game):

OPPOSITES
 24 picture/word cards, 2 posters, 14 bingo & domino sets
Song: *Opuestos*
Online Games: Flashcards, Memory, Domino, Bubbles, Spell Bee
Related Q&A (print download & online w/game):

VERBS
 24 picture/word cards, 2 posters, 14 bingo & domino sets
Songs: *Los Verbos, Mi Rutina Diaria* (Reflexive Verbs)
Online Games: Flashcards, Memory, Domino, Bubbles, Spell Bee
Related Q&A (print download & online w/game):

Personal Pronouns
 9 personal pronouns poster, word cards download
Songs: *Ir-Dar* (pronouns and *Ir a* - present future tense)

Conjugations
Online Games: Sentences in present, past and future. Once introduced, practice a few on the board in every lesson.
 1. for the present tense.
 2. Learn Reflexive verbs w/*Mi Rutina Diaria* song video.

WILD ANIMALS
 24 picture/word cards, 2 posters, 14 bingo & domino sets
Song: *Los Animales Salvajes*
Online Games: Flashcards, Memory, Domino, Bubbles, Spell Bee
Related Q&A (print download & online w/game):

SCHOOL
 24 picture/word cards, 2 posters, 14 bingo & domino sets
Songs: *La Escuela*
En la Clase de Español (Class commands)
Reglas Básicas (Class rules)
Online Games: Flashcards, Memory, Domino, Bubbles, Spell Bee
Related Q&A (print download & online w/game):

FOOD
 24 picture/word cards, 2 posters, 14 bingo & domino sets
Song: *La Comida*
Online Games: Flashcards, Memory, Domino, Bubbles, Spell Bee
Related Q&A (print download & online w/game):

TABLE SETTING
 1 poster, word cards download
Song: *Los Cubiertos* (Silverware vocabulary)
Online Games: Flashcards, Memory, Domino, Bubbles, Spell Bee

HOUSE
 24 picture/word cards, 2 posters, 14 bingo & domino sets
Poem: *Mi casa*
Online Games: Flashcards, Memory, Domino, Bubbles, Spell Bee
Related Q&A (print download & online w/game):
Optional Additional Songs:
Porra Mexicana (Cheer for the winning team)
Las Palabras Mágicas (Polite words).
Juramento a la Bandera (Pledge of Allegiations)

PLACES
 24 picture/word cards, 2 posters, 14 bingo & domino sets
Songs: *Los Lugares*
Online Games: Flashcards, Memory, Domino, Bubbles, Spell Bee

OCCUPATIONS
 24 picture/word cards, 2 posters, 14 bingo & domino sets
Song: *Las Ocupaciones*
Online Games: Flashcards, Memory, Domino, Bubbles, Spell Bee
Related Q&A (print download & online w/game):
Optional Additional Songs:
Feliz Cumpleaños (Happy Birthday)
Cuaderno de Colorear (Nature vocabulary)
De Colores (Spring folk song)

CLOTHES
 24 picture/word cards, 2 posters, 14 bingo & domino sets
Song: *La Ropa*
Online Games: Flashcards, Memory, Domino, Bubbles, Spell Bee
Related Q&A:

FARM ANIMALS
 24 picture/word cards, 2 posters, 14 bingo & domino sets
Song: *Los Animales en la Granja*
Online Games: Flashcards, Bubbles, Domino, Memory
Related Q&A (print download & online w/game):

Optional Additional Grammar Charts
 Gustar, Comparatives,
 Possessive Pronouns and Adjectives



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IRREGULAR VERBS

SER/ ESTAR

2 posters, word cards & student handout download

Print words download. Choose if they belong to Ser, Estar or Tener. Introduce present tense - "Hot Potato" game.

Song: *Verbos Irregulares*

Related Q&A (print download & online w/game):

TENER

1 poster, word cards & student handout download

Song: *Tener*

Related Q&A (print download & online w/game):

STORIES

Lessons Covered by Grade:

Follow steps on the Instructor's Manual or the Method Overview - Conversation reference card included in the complete program and the online Lessons tab.

We recommend introducing the stories according to the student's level of understanding and engagement, mainly in grades 3rd – 6th. However, younger students can also learn stories by ear. Check our YouTube video of a 5-year-old acting the skit with his brother and sister https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KGXdVHb0-U&ab_channel=SpanishforKids

Skits:

"La Entrevista" (*#'s 1-10, Colors, Greetings*)

"La Visita al Doctor" (*Colors, Greetings, Body, Directions*)

"Mi Familia" (*Family, Opposites, Numbers 1-100*)

"El Recreo" (*Verbs, Directions*)

"El Fin de mis Vacaciones" (*Calendar, School*)

"En el Restaurante" (*Food, Set the Table, Time*)

"El Pintor Picasso" (*Places, Occupations*)

"La Granja de mi Tío Pancho" (*Farm Animals, Clothes*)

Comics:

"Dime Papá" (*Greetings, Colors, Shapes*)

"El Monstruo del Museo" (*Body, Directions*)

"El Campamento Mil Aventuras" (*Greetings, Emotions*)

"La Fiesta Sorpresa" (*Calendar, Family, Numbers 1-100, Math*)

"El Restaurante Salvaje" (*Wild Animals, Opposites, #'s, Colors*)

"Los Extraterrestres" (*Verbs, Time, Irregular Verbs*)

"Nuestro Fin de Semana" (*Food, Set the Table, House*)

"Un Viaje a la Ciudad" (*School, Places, Occupations*)

"La Boda de La Vaca y El Burro" (*Opposites, Farm Animals, Clothes*)