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Meet and Greet

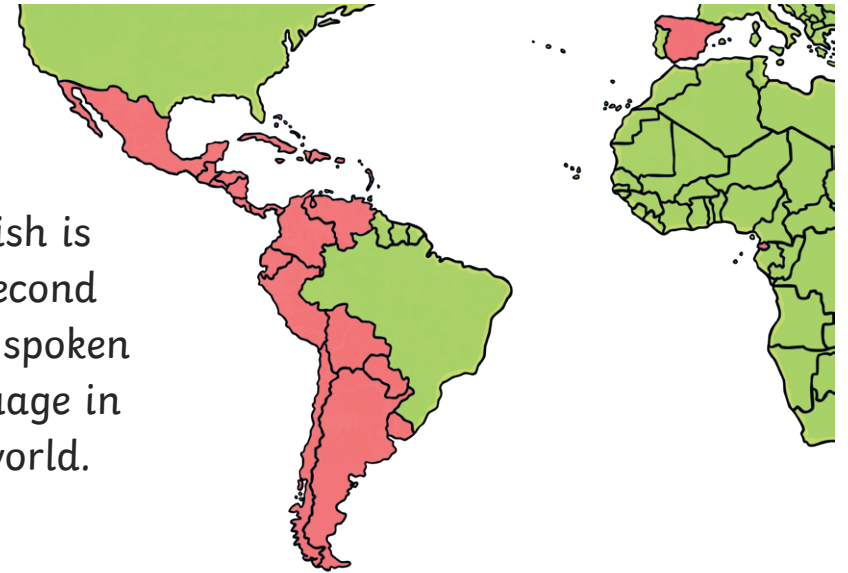
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Spanish is the second most spoken language in the world.



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Spanish is spoken as an official language in 21 countries.



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Spanish has formal and informal ways to say the same thing, depending on the person you are talking to.



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Some letters in Spanish have little marks above them. These are called **accents**. They show which syllable is stressed in the word, and change the way you pronounce the letter.

e.g. *qué, días, Señor*

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When you learn a new word or phrase in Spanish, remember it's not always an exact translation of English – but the **meaning** is the same.

e.g. *¿Cuántos años tienes?* literally says 'How many years do you have?' but it **means** 'How old are you?'

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Spanish people have two surnames. Their first surname comes from their father's first surname and their second surname comes from their mother's first surname. People in Spain don't change their surnames when they get married.



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Spanish people usually greet their friends with a handshake or by kissing them on both cheeks.



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