

Spanish Days of the Week

Look at the table below which explains what the days of the week are called in Spanish, how to say them and what the origin of the word is. Practice saying the Spanish words out loud and see if you can find a rhythm to say them in.

| English | Spanish | Phonetic | Meaning |
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| Sunday | domingo | doh-meen-goh | Comes from a Latin word meaning Lord's day |
| Monday | lunes | loo-nayss | Moon day (-es is short for the Latin word for day - 'dies') |
| Tuesday | martes | mahr-tayss | Mars day |
| Wednesday | miércoles | mee-air-coh-layss | Mercury day |
| Thursday | jueves | hooeh-vayss | Jupiter day (from the same root as 'Jovian') |
| Friday | viernes | vee-air-nayss | Venus day |
| Saturday | sábado | sah-bah-doh | From the Hebrew word 'Sabbath' |

Now cut out the days of the week below and practice shuffling them up and reordering them correctly.

domingo

lunes

martes

miércoles

jueves

viernes

sábado

Did you notice that days of the week do not have capital letters in Spanish?



When you have practised sorting the words, stick them down on this template and draw something that you might usually do on that day. You can keep and display your chart so you can use the Spanish instead of English every day.

| Spanish | English | What I might do on this day... |
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Hoy es... (Today is...) _____