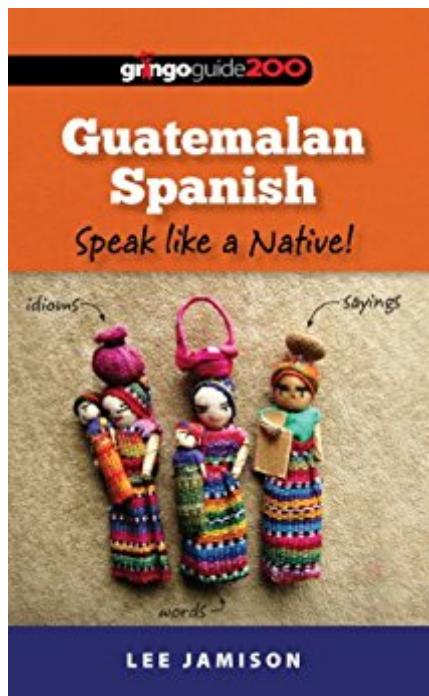


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# Guatemalan Spanish: Speak Like A Native!



## Synopsis

Don't settle for generic Spanish! Put away the stale phrasebooks and learn to speak just like the natives! Join us as we explore the most common expressions used in the "Land of Eternal Spring." What is a mish? Is it different from a chuco? What if you ask someone how he's doing and the response is "Dos que tres." Why the numbers? Find out the real meaning behind the words. You'll save money at the market and even make new friends. Start learning Spanish one country at a time.

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## Customer Reviews

This is a cute book. 200 (plus 1) Guatemalan idioms are explained. What is nice is that each entry is more than just a definition, but also there are elaborations that help understand how to use each phrase. But there is a lot more to Guatemalan Spanish than what is here. If you want to know more about Guatemalan Spanish, look for the Dictionary of Popular Guatemalan expression by Daniel Armas. There are several editions of this book, here is one: *Diccionario de la Expresión Popular Guatemalteca. I - Vocabulario, II - Modismos, III - Apéndice, Adagios y Refranes* It is a few

decades old so may not have the most modern usage, but it has a few thousand more "Chapinismos" (phrases used in Guatemala). In Guatemala, look for this book in the Piedra Santos store in Gemenis Mall (Zona 10). If you want even more, look for the book "Chapinismos del Quijote" (Spanish Edition). I have not read it, but I was told that it explains that many of the idiosyncrasies of Spanish as spoken in Guatemala come from the fact that early Spanish settlers in Guatemala are from the same region of Spain as Cervantes, thus the Spanish spoken in Guatemala continues to use the language of Don Quixote. In Guatemala, look for this book in Sophos bookstore in Fontabella Mall (Zona 10). [Try the .mx and .es site if you don't find these additional books on the .com site.]

For about 50 years I have been very interested in the slang of Latin American countries. When a foreigner can use correctly the pet expressions of the host country, smiles appear and doors open. Having visited about 18 Latin American countries and lived in Brazil, Costa Rica, and Panama I know this to be true. If you have contact with Guatemalans, Jamison's book will give you a headstart at learning to express yourself as a Chapín. The vocabulary is useful, practical, and explained with many examples of how to use it in everyday conversations. I would like very much to see the book expanded to include more expressions, and it would also be helpful to have an English-to-Guatemalan-slang index. Jamison, you did a great job!

This is a must if you are traveling to Guatemala. I knew certain words in other languages could have hidden meaning, but this really helps you make sure you are saying the words correctly and in the correct context.

My husband is Guatemalan and, when I met him, I quickly realized how much of an entirely different language "Guatemalan Spanish" is. Purchased this book to help me understand what the heck it is that he is talking about sometimes (lol) and, according to him, everything in the book is right on target!

Loved it! I'm Guatemalan and this book made me feel like I was back in Guatemala listening my family talk during dinner. Awesome book!!!

Thoroughly enjoyed this. As a former Peace Corps Volunteer who served in Guatemala, I found the book entertaining, nostalgic, and educational.

Excellent book. Even my wife being Guatemalan had forgotten some of the phrases. I need to learn Guatemalan Spanish and this helps the improvement.

Love this book! I know many of the words and phrases, but I have more to learn. Great book.

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