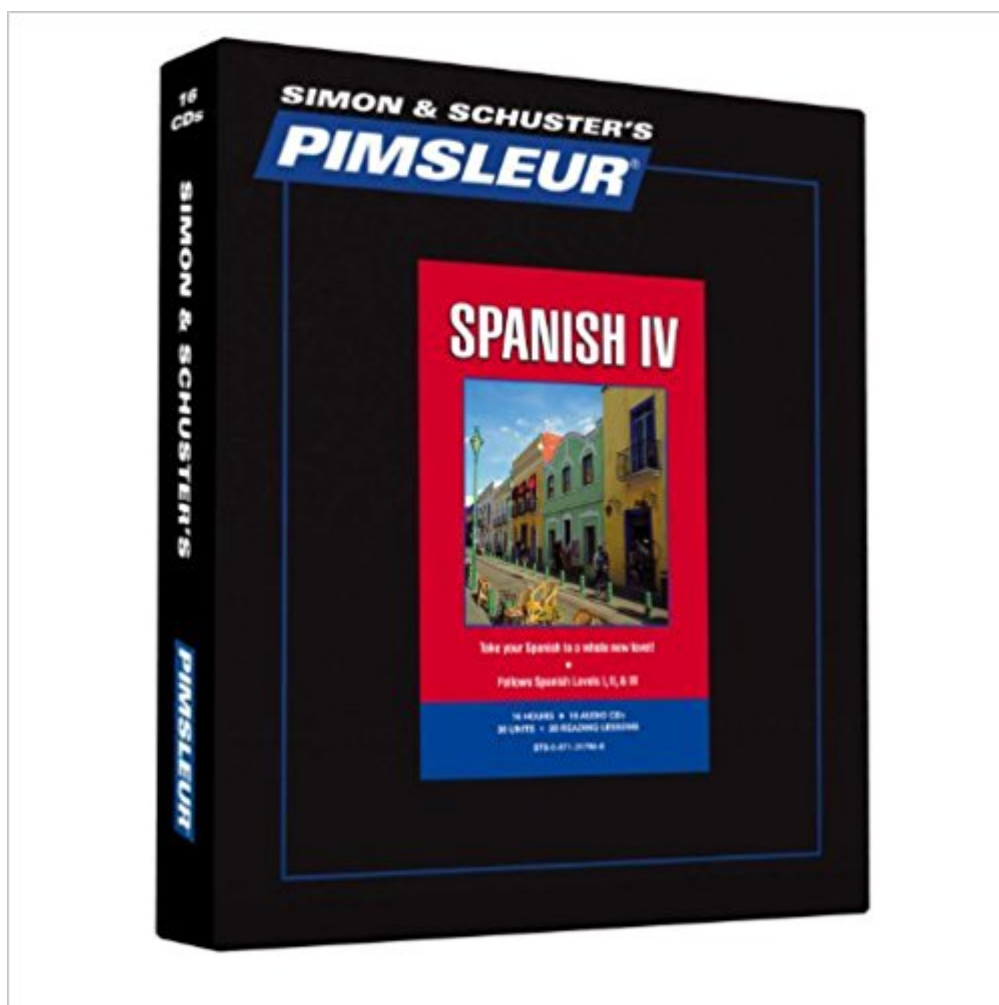


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# Pimsleur Spanish Level 4 CD: Learn To Speak And Understand Latin American Spanish With Pimsleur Language Programs (Comprehensive)





## Synopsis

The Easiest and Fastest Way to Learn Spanish Did you know that Spanish is the world's second most commonly spoken language? For Americans, it's one of the easiest to learn, and you won't find anything faster or easier than the Pimsleur® Method. Even knowing a little bit of Spanish will make travel to Latin America or Spanish-speaking countries a breeze. Whether you want to travel, communicate with friends or colleagues, reconnect with family, or just understand more of what's going on in the world around you, learning Spanish will expand your horizons and immeasurably enrich your life. The best part is that it doesn't have to be difficult or take years to master. Thirty minutes a day is all it takes, and we get you speaking right from the first day. Pimsleur courses use a scientifically-proven method that puts you in control of your learning. If you've tried other language learning methods but found they simply didn't stick, then you owe it to yourself to give Pimsleur a try.

**Why Pimsleur?**

- Quick + Easy
- Only 30 minutes a day.
- Portable + Flexible
- Core lessons can be done anytime, anywhere, and easily fit into your busy life.
- Proven Method
- Works when other methods fail.
- Self-Paced
- Go fast or go slow
- It's up to you.
- Based in Science
- Developed using proven research on memory and learning.
- Cost-effective
- Less expensive than classes or immersion, and features all native speakers.
- Genius
- Triggers your brain's natural aptitude to learn.
- Works for everyone
- Recommended for ages 13 and above.

**What's Included?**

- 30, 30-minute audio lessons
- a Spanish short story (65 minutes) to provide you practice reading Spanish
- in total, 16 hours of audio, all featuring native speakers
- a Reading Booklet and User's Guide

**What You'll Learn** Builds upon skills taught in Pimsleur's Spanish Levels 1-3. You'll be speaking and understanding Spanish with near-fluency and with considerable skill. In Level 4, the pace and conversation moves more rapidly, making way for even more substantial mastery of vocabulary and structures. Some topics included in Level 4:

- Work related travel: meetings, projects, conferences, appointments; using a business center in a hotel; making conversations in an educational setting.
- Accommodations: reserving a room, requesting an Internet connection, getting help with luggage, asking about breakfast and dinner hours.
- Shopping: getting around in a department store, trying on and buying various items of clothing, asking for colors and sizes, buying gifts and souvenirs, going to the market.
- Vacationing: going to the beach and swimming pool, sunbathing, choosing inside or outside seating at a restaurant, taking a walk, talking about sports.
- Family and friends: conversing informally with and about friends and extended family, talking informally about everyday situations.
- Smalltalk: expressing opinions,

wishes, and stating views; asking how someone is feeling; talking about books. - Weather: describing types of weather: rainy, windy, sunny, humid. After Lesson 30, a short story broken down into 20 manageable segments (65 minutes) is provided for practice reading Spanish. The Pimsleur Method We make no secret of what makes this powerful method work so well. Paul Pimsleur spent his career researching and perfecting the precise elements anyone can use to learn a language quickly and easily. Here are a few of his "secrets": The Principle of Anticipation In the nanosecond between a cue and your response, your brain has to work to come up with the right word. Having to do this boosts retention, and cements the word in your mind. Core Vocabulary Words, phrases, and sentences are selected for their usefulness in everyday conversation. We don't overwhelm you with too much, but steadily increase your ability with every lesson. Graduated Interval Recall Reminders of new words and structures come up at the exact interval for maximum retention and storage into your long-term memory. Organic Learning You work on multiple aspects of the language simultaneously. We integrate grammar, vocabulary, rhythm, melody, and intonation into every lesson, which allows you to experience the language as a living, expressive form of human culture. Learning in Context Research has shown that learning new words in context dramatically accelerates your ability to remember. Every scene in every Pimsleur lesson is set inside a conversation between two people. There are no drills, and no memorization necessary for success. Active Participation The Pimsleur Method + active learner participation = success. This method works with every language and every learner who follows it. You gain the power to recall and use what you know, and to add new words easily, exactly as you do in English. The Spanish Language Spanish is the official language of 19 Latin American nations, as well as Spain, the Dominican Republic, and Cuba. Further, it's one of the six official languages recognized by the United Nations. Pimsleur's Spanish programs teach an educated Latin American Spanish, featuring speakers from Colombia and Mexico. Students can expect to understand the lessons clearly and to be understood by Spanish speakers everywhere. Tech Talk - CDs are formatted for playing in all CD players, including car players, and users can copy files for use in iTunes or Windows Media Player.

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## Customer Reviews

Dr. Paul Pimsleur devoted his life to language teaching and testing and was one of the world's leading experts in applied linguistics. After years of experience and research, Dr. Pimsleur developed The Pimsleur Method based on two key principles: the Principle of Anticipation and a scientific principle of memory training that he called "Graduated Interval Recall." This Method has been applied to the many levels and languages of the Pimsleur Programs.

My rating for Level 4 is no different than for the other 3 levels. Well done! I read one review complaining about the length of the lessons being shorter and that he wasn't getting his money's worth. Let me explain why. The first 3 levels had more pause time to respond, and for sure in levels 1 & 2, the new words & phrases were repeated twice. What's happening here in level four are two new tests of skill. [1] the speakers are speaking faster and [2] the new words & phrases are only repeated once. Take a step back and be proud of yourself as in this level you are now fluent, responding mas rapido in real world interactions! I'm obviously a Pimsleur fan and can not wait to tackle level five, the one level all students mentioned they have to study 2 -3 times! Check out some of the other viewers where they causally mention they speak 3 or more languages! Get Pimsleur and really be fluent!

Great content, but like everyone else who has listened to the previous sets of lessons (Spanish I to Spanish III), I've found that there are so many other everyday terms that have yet to be covered. How far will Pimsleur go? Spanish 50? (Sorry - Spanish L) As usual, the lessons are given with the complete conversation taking place in real time prior to it being taught bit by bit. I love the pace and the ease of use, but is there a way to subscribe to these lessons in order that one can save

materials and proceed at a more liberal pace? I hear those who speak fluent Spanish and their rapid-fire conversations and want to jump in and say, "Perdon, por favor! Habla mas despacio. Aprendo de Espanol todo los dias, pero muy despacio!" (I kept one star out because the generic case that the set was sent in decreases the resale value of the product. And why would I resell it? To purchase Spanish IV, or course - when it comes out!)

So far, I really like the idea that there are English guide to give me the understanding of what they are saying in Spanish. Of course these cds are advanced. They could be very difficult if you are just starting to learn. I have started back in 2007. I enrolled in Spanish class in college, but I did not finish it. I have decided to order the beginning set of the Pimsleur, and it helped me a lot. I have also watched a lot of different teaching through YouTube which helped me tremendously. Now, coming back to Pimsleur advance lessons, I am really understanding a whole lot more. I would recommend Pimsleur to people who are interested in learning Spanish. I would give it a five if it came with reading materials and test of my understanding.

I am an on and off student of Spanish - Pimsleur is always my go program and, since I didn't have Level 4, thought I'd take a chance on this vendor. It was a very good decision on my part! The packing was great, the delivery on time and the quality wonderful. I liked it so much I ordered Level 1 as I had loaned my copy many years ago and never got it back! So now my Pimsleur set is once again complete - well except for Level 5, and as soon as that's available from this vendor I will order!

This set was a very nice surprise! It was packaged beautifully, and arrived sooner than expected. Given the price - Yes, a very nice surprise! I started re-learning my high school Spanish at age 60, making use of a long commute. The Pimsleur method has been wonderful - very effective. Level 4 has not disappointed. I'm only on lesson 8, but so far all is good. I wouldn't expect anything less from Pimsleur, and I would encourage anyone wanting to learn a foreign language to try this series.

I'm 60 years old and have been progressing with the Pimsleur method of learning Spanish at One level every Ten months. To me each Level has been very important each having new info, and ways of teaching, of course some is repetitious, but to me that is what I need. If I had someone that spoke Spanish in my life, maybe I might feel different. Once again I believe each level has been important. like always has been fast in delivery and stand behind their products quick to settle any

problems.

The lessons are useful, even if not quite as good as Spanish I, II, III or V. I found it on sale, so it was definitely worth getting at a sale price.[Regarding Pimsleur programs in general: ] Why Pimsleur focuses on professional, business travelers instead of tourists is beyond me. This is true of all of their language programs. One thing I noticed about Spanish IV and V that was not on my older editions of I, II and III is a trailer at the end of each lesson that is REALLY annoying. It is the English speaking moderator who rambles on for 36 seconds about how important it is to do the lessons every day, etc., etc., plus a long-winded description of the copyright information for Simon and Schuster. I found it really irritating, so I removed these trailers from all of them. This is not hard to do. There are many free audio editors out there for both Windows and Linux. If you happened to have ripped the programs to MP3 from the CDs, then the easy way to do this for Windows is to download MP3DirectCut. It is a free program that is simple to use. Make copies of the entire directory of your MP3 files, just in case you don't like the results. Then run MP3DirectCut and select 'File', 'Batch Processing'. Then click the three dots in the upper right hand corner [...] and go to the directory of MP3 files. Below, select 'Cut' and put 0 / 36 in the boxes that become activated for seconds to cut from the start / end. Then click 'Overwrite Originals' below, since you made a copy. Then 'Start' and it will ask again if you are sure you want to overwrite originals. Say yes, and it will tear through the entire directory very, very quickly, cutting the junk off the end of the Spanish IV or V mp3s. If you don't have the files in MP3, use another audio editor that handles WAV files, or whatever format you have, and do something similar.

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