'If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his own language, that goes to his heart.' - Nelson Mandela.

Over 400 million native Spanish speakers worldwide would probably agree with us that Spanish is the best! We think so too, and here are a few reasons why you should learn Spanish as your second language.

1. It's a global language. If you want to uisit beautiful destinations and understand the culture on a deeper level, Spanish will give you that ability in at least 21 countries where it is the official language. Imagine traveling to Ecuador or Mexico or even Spain, and being able to get around and meet local residence on your own, without a guide!
2. Spanish opens a whole world of interesting activities. It is the root of many beautiful dances like tango, salsa and flamenco, all of which have their own specific music and associated unique instruments. Learning the language will help you understand their meaning, cultural roots and historic background. Equally fascinating are the classic Spanish writers like Cervantes, Gabriel Garcia Marquez, Federico Garcia Lorca and Pablo Neruda. All of a sudden, you have new literature to read, Spanish blogs to discover, news with different perspectives to read and great songs to sing.

3. Spanish is ranked \#1 on Britain's Languages For the Future report. This report was specifically created to rank the most important languages for UK citizens to learn after English, but the information is universal - Spanish is the language of the future! Spanish is indispensable for any global business and opens many doors for workers across all industries.
4. It's one of the most spoken languages in the world, as well as the most used on the Internet. There are more than 400 million native Spanish speakers worldwide and many more who speak Spanish as a second language. Although there is some argument, Spanish is largely regarded as the third most used language on the Internet.

5. Spanish is closely linked with other Romance languages like French, Italian and Portuguese. That means that once you have some knowledge of Spanish, you will most likely find that learning another Romance language is much easier. For example, Spanish and Portuguese have $\mathbf{8 9 \%}$ lexical similarity and according to a study, it is possible to a certain extent to understand each other.
6. Spanish is $100 \%$ phonetic. Compared to many other languages, Spanish is quite easy to learn! It follows rules for the most part, it sounds like it is written and written how it's pronounced. That's a relief!
7. Spanish will open doors for you academically and professionally. Spanish is an official language of the United Nations, International Criminal Court, World Trade Organization, International Labor Organization, International Telecommunications Union, Latin Union, African Union, Central American Common Market, European Union, Mercosur, North American Free Trade Agreement, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, Organization of American States and the Union of South American Nations.
