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# ENGLISH ON THE GO!



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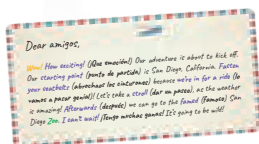


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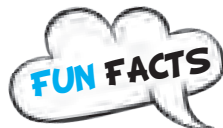
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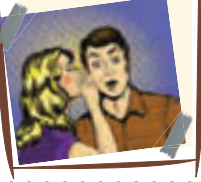
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## INTRODUCTION

Firstly, thanks for joining me on this life-changing trip! I'm sure that by the end of it you'll have not only improved your English but you will have discovered so many fascinating things along our 59,092 km journey. It might sound very cliché, but life's a journey not a destination. I believe that and I have applied that to everything, especially the learning process.

I wrote this book because I didn't learn Spanish grammar or have much theory on it. I learned it by spending my summers in Almería, Spain, my father's birthplace. I learned Spanish by absorbing the fascinating culture, food, history, anecdotes, jokes, music, movies etc. of my paternal family's homeland. The language was more of a by-product of learning about the aforementioned diverse subjects. My goal was never to pass an exam, get a certificate or land a dream job. It was to be able to communicate with different people and make new friends. It opened many doors for me and thus my horizons. But that's easy to say looking back now. When I was a kid I just loved the adventure of speaking "other" languages, and having "other" friends, eating "other" candies. It felt good having this whole second world; a different world that was mine and nobody else's back home. I guess I knew deep down that it was going to give me an advantage, but I insist that, as a naive kid, I was just having fun discovering things and meeting & chatting with new people, "other" people, different from everyone I knew back in the US. Nevertheless, I did realize that if you're curious and ask questions, you can learn anywhere and at any time, and I did. I learned from ingredients on cereal boxes, taglines on TV, the pages of Super Pop, and you could go as far as saying that Raphael was one of my Spanish "teachers". Everywhere, I looked there was something to be learned behind every sight and sound, and I loved it. To this day I still look for lessons, everywhere and at any time or place. There's no wrong and right time to learn something new.

These fun mini lessons will take you around the world, chapter by chapter, city by city and prove to you that you don't only learn English in a classroom; the world is our classroom, amigos! Buckle up and get ready for the ride of your life!

Your amigo,



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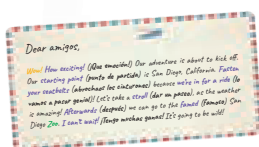


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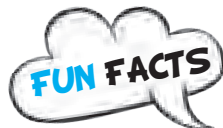
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