

# Seminar 7: Handling phone calls

Want & Would like





# Thank you for

holding





#### Seminar Overview:

- 1. Want vs. Would like (use & form)
- 2. Avoiding common errors
- 3. Excercises!
- 4. Music interlude
- 5. Basic phone skills The Caller
- 6. Basic phone skills The Receiver
- 7. Basic phone skills Everyone
- 8. Avoiding common errors
- 9. Listening Exercise!











USE

What do you want?

What would you like?









#### What would you like?







'want' and 'would like' are very similar however...

USE

Want =
more direct
less formal

I want some water.

Would like =
more hypothetical
more polite / formal

I would like some water.





'want' and 'would like' are very similar however...

USE

Want =
a more definite and
thought out plan

I want to buy my kids a dog.

Would like =
 a less definite plan you
haven't planned as much, or is
pending other circumstances

I would like to buy my kids a dog.





#### **USE**



We use 'want' and 'would like' in 5 ways: For...





#### **USE**



1. Expressing a desire:

I want a new car.

Quiero un coche nuevo.

I would like to have a new car.

Me gustaría tener un coche nuevo.







#### **USE**

We use 'want' and 'would like' in 5 ways: For...

2. Making a request:

I want some help to organize the conference.

Quiero ayuda para organizar la conferencia.



I would like some help to organize the conference.

Me gustaría que me ayudaran a organizar la conferencia





#### USE

We use 'want' and 'would like' in 5 ways: For...

#### 3. Expressing a preference:

I want to have a window seat, not an aisle.

Me gustaría tener un asiento de ventana, no de pasillo.

I would like to have a window seat, not an aisle.

Me gustaría tener un asiento de ventana, no de pasillo.







#### **USE**



4. Expressing a need:

I really want to use the restroom.

Tengo muchas ganas de usar el baño.

I really would like to use the restroom.

Realmente me gustaría usar el baño.







#### **USE**

We use 'want' and 'would like' in 5 ways: For...

5. Expressing a future plan or goal:

I want to learn to speak English fluently. Quiero aprender a hablar inglés con fluidez.

I would like to learn to speak English fluently. Me gustaría aprender a hablar inglés con fluidez.







#### **USE**



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Me gustaría aprender a hablar inglés con fluidez.











#### **FORM**



**AFFIRMATIVE**: I want to go for a hike this weekend.

I would like to go for a hike this weekend.

NEGATIVE: I don't want to go for a hike this weekend.
I would not like to go for a hike this weekend.

QUESTION: Do you want to go for a hike this weekend?
Would you like to go for a hike this weekend?







#### **FORM**



This rule is the same when we express 'want' and 'would like' and *another person* to do the action:

**AFFIRMATIVE**: I want him to change the design.

I would like her to change the design.

NEGATIVE: I don't want you to change the design.

I would not like them to change the design.

QUESTION: Do you want us to change the design?
Would you like me to change the design?





#### **FORM**

This rule is the same when we express 'want' and 'would like' and *another person* to do the action:

**NOTE:** This is a DIFFERENT STRUCTURE than in Spanish!





#### **FORM**



#### Look again:

I want them to change the design.

Quiero que cambien el deseño.

I would like them to change the design.

Me gustaría que cambiaran el diseño.





#### **FORM**



I want that they change the design.\*\*

Quiero que cambien el deseño.

I would like that they change the design.\*\*

Me gustaría que cambiaran el diseño.

\*\*Gramatically correct, but it sounds very formal and we usually don't speak this way.



#### **FORM**



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#### **FORM**



#### You need to practice your pronouns!

We want **them** to have it ready by the end of the month.

She wants **him** to speak up a bit.

I would like **them** to not sit there.

They would like **her** to show them all of the options.

He wants you to pass by their office next week.

Do you want **us** to send it by certified mail?

I want it to access the complete list.

It wants **me** to enter a different password.





#### **FORM**



#### **CAREFUL!**

Do you like pizza? = **General like** 

Would you like pizza? = **Specific to the moment** 

Do you like to dance? = **General like of the activity** 

Would you like to dance? = *Inviting you to dance*.







# EXERCISETIME! Want vs. Would like







**EXERCISE 1:** Choose the correct verb form. Note: there may be more than one correct answer. (Elige la forma correcta del verbo. Nota: puede haber más de una respuesta correcta.)

#### Want vs. Would like

1. I want \_\_\_\_\_ work on the project.

a. him to

b. that he

c. to him





**EXERCISE 1:** Choose the correct verb form. Note: there may be more than one correct answer.

(Elige la forma correcta del verbo. Nota: puede haber más de una respuesta correcta.)

#### Want vs. Would like

2. I would like \_\_\_\_\_ to send \_\_\_\_\_ a copy by the end of the day.

- a. that him, to me
- b. he, to me
- c. him, me





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#### Want vs. Would like

3. \_\_\_\_ you like to join me for lunch tomorrow?

- a. Do
- b. Would
- c. Does





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#### Want vs. Would like

- 4. Who do you \_\_\_\_ the representative to be?
- a. like
- b. want
- c. would like





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#### Want vs. Would like

5. The residents \_\_\_\_\_ the museum to be free.

- a. want
- b. would like
- c. wants





**EXERCISE 2:** Choose the correct form. Note: there may be more than one correct answer. Elige la forma correcta (puede ser más que una respuesta correcta)

1. You are having a difficult time with a newly installed software and you email the company.

I would please like your assistance. OR I want your help, please.

2. You enter a coffee shop and you tell your friend your desire for coffee:

I want a large coffee. OR I would like a large coffee.





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3. You enter a coffee shop and you ask for a large coffee:

I want a large coffee. OR I'd like a large coffee.

4. You offer to meet with a colleague that you know very well.

Would you like to get together on Tuesday? OR Want to get together on Tuesday?





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5. You need special help, so you ask a representative from another country.

I would like to ask you for a favour. OR I want to ask you a favour.

6. You need to discuss an important matter with a manager.

I want to talk with you about something.

OR

I would like to talk with you about something.





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**EXERCISE 3:** Find the mistakes and correct them. (Localiza los errores y corríja los.)

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2. I would no like him to be my boss.

>>>





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- 1. They want that we be there at 6:30 in the evening.
- >>> They want us to be there at 6:30 in the evening.
- 2. I would no like him to be my boss.
- >>> I would not like him to be my boss.
- >>> I wouldn't like him to be my boss.





**EXERCISE 3:** Find the mistakes and correct them. (Localiza los errores y corríja los.)

3. Who would you to like have on the team?

>>>

4. If we go to that restaurant, she wants that we try the tapas.

>>>

5. She wants he to give the presentation.

>>>





**EXERCISE 3:** Find the mistakes and correct them. (Localiza los errores y corríja los.)

- 3. Who would you to like have on the team?
- >>> Who would you like to have on the team.
- 4. If we go to that restaurant, she wants that we try the tapas.
- >>> If we go to that restaurant, she wants us to try the tapas.
- 5. She wants he to give the presentation.
- >>> She wants him to give the presentation.





**EXERCISE 4:** Translate the following sentences. (Traduce las siguentes frases)

- 1. ¿A ti te gustaría que tu hija fuera medico?
- 2. Me gustaría que él nos diera una demonstración.
- 3. ¿Dónde quieres que mandemos el paquete?
- 4. ¿Por qué te gustaría que la reunión fuera el lunes?
- 5. ¿Quién quieren que sea el responsable?





#### **EXERCISE 4:** Translate the following sentences. (Traduce las siguentes frases)

- ¿A ti te gustaría que tu hija fuera medico?
   Would you like your daughter to be a doctor?
- 2. Me gustaría que él nos diera una demonstración.

  I would like him to give us a demo (demonstration).
- 3. ¿Dónde quieres que mandemos el paquete? Where do you want us to send the package?
- 4. ¿Por qué te gustaría que la reunión fuera el lunes? Why would you like the meeting to be on Monday?
- 5. ¿Quién quieren que sea el responsable?
  Who do they want to be in charge?







### caller / receiver / everyone





# caller / receiver / everyone 8 + 8 + 8

24 contexts!!





The CALLER

### **RULES:**

- 1. Always say the name of the company, organization or department, and your name.
- 2. Be polite.
- 3. Practice difficult words or phrases.





CALLER: 1. Introducing yourself

#### **FORMAL**

Hello my name is Ian Mitchell and I'm calling from A.V.I.

Hello, **this is** Aaron Jenkins **from** Ship Shape International.

Hello, **I'm** Aaron Jenkins from the regional council of Castilla y Leon.

#### **INFORMAL**

This is the test department calling about the...

Hi, this is Grant Beale speaking.

Hello Aaron speaking.

Hey Katlin. It's Leena calling.

It's Diana here.



CALLER: 2. Giving reasons for calling

#### **FORMAL**

I'm calling on behalf of ECLAP in relation to...

The reason I'm calling is...

I'm calling to speak to Mr. Perez regarding...

#### **INFORMAL**

It's in connection with...

It's **regarding**...

I'm calling about...

I'm calling because...

It's about...





CALLER: 3. Asking to speak to someone

#### **FORMAL**

May I please speak to someone in the accounts department?

I'd like to speak with Mathias Verbeken please.

#### **INFORMAL**

Could you put me through to...

Could I have extension 211 please?

I'm trying to reach...

Is Mathias available?

Is Iciar there?





CALLER: 4. Asking if someone is busy

#### **FORMAL**

Have I called at a convenient moment?

Did I call you at a good time?

#### **INFORMAL**

I have a quick question. Do you have a second?

Do you have a couple of minutes?

Is this a good time?

Have you got a moment?





CALLER: 5. Asking to leave a message

#### **FORMAL**

May I leave a message?

Could you please tell her that...?

Could you ask him to...?

#### **INFORMAL**

Could you take a message?

Can you let her know I called?

Just tell him I called.



### CALLER: 6. Asking someone for information

#### **FORMAL**

I was wondering if you could tell me...

I'd like to ask you a few questions about...

I would please like to find out about...

#### **INFORMAL**

I wanna get some info on the...

want to know about...

Can you **tell me**...?



### CALLER: 7. Asking to confirm something

#### **FORMAL**

I was wondering if you could confirm for me...

I would like to **confirm with you** that we have everything arranged

#### **INFORMAL**

I want to **make sure** the exhibition hall I **booked** is ready.

I need to **check the reservation** for...

Can you confirm for me...





CALLER: 8. Saying 'thank you'

#### **FORMAL**

Thank you very much. You have been very helpful.

I'm very grateful for your understanding.

Your time is **very much appreciated**.

#### **INFORMAL**

I really appreciate the help.

Thanks a million!

Thanks a lot.

Many **thanks**!

Cheers









## Basic phone skills The RECEIVER



### RULES:

- 1. Always say the name of the company, organization or department, and your name.
- 2. Repeat back important information such as phone numbers, spelling of names, and email addresses.
- 3. Be confident.





RECEIVER: 1. Answering the phone

#### **FORMAL**

Good morning/afternoon /evening, York Enterprises, Elizabeth Darby speaking.

Hello, book.com, **this is** Jill Barnes. **How may I** help you?

#### **INFORMAL**

Admissions office, Jill here.

Hello, this is Heidi. How can I help?

Hello, Liz Darby speaking.

Who's calling, please?





RECEIVER: 2. Asking who's calling

#### **FORMAL**

**INFORMAL** 

May I ask who's calling please?

Can I ask who's calling?

Who's calling please?

And your name is?





### RECEIVER: 3. Asking what a call is about

#### **FORMAL**

May I know what it's in connection with?

What's the nature of your call?

May I ask what it's regarding?

May I ask what it's in reference to?

#### INFORMAL

Can I **let her know** the reason you're calling?

The purpose of your call?

The **reason for** you call?

Can I **tell him** what it's **about**?



RECEIVER: 4. Transferring the call

#### **FORMAL**

#### **INFORMAL**

Please wait while I transfer your call.

Hang on and I'll transfer you.

Please hold the line while I put you through.

Let me put you through.

Hold on, I'm gonna put you through.





RECEIVER: 5. Saying someone isn't available

#### **FORMAL**

I'm afraid he is **not available** at the moment.

I'm afraid she is busy at the moment.

His line is engaged at the moment.

#### **INFORMAL**

The line is **busy right now**.

She's on another call right now.

She's **actually out of the office** right now.





RECEIVER: 6. Asking someone to wait

#### **FORMAL**

### Would you mind waiting?

Please wait a moment, while I put you on hold while I look up the information.

Could you please wait a moment?

Could you please hold a moment?

#### **INFORMAL**

Can you **hold the line** for a second?

Could you give me a quick moment here to look up the info?

Please **hang on** for a second.

Just wait a second.





### RECEIVER: 7. Offering to take a message

#### **FORMAL**

#### **INFORMAL**

Would you care to leave a message?

Can I take a message?

Would you like me to take a message?

Can I get your name and number?

Give me your **info** and I'll **leave her** a **message**.



## Basic phone skills RECEIVER: 8. Promising action

#### **FORMAL**

I'll give Mr. Alvarez your message as soon as he comes back.

I'll pass on your message to Ms. Jimenez when she gets back to the office.

We will send you and email later to confirm.

#### **INFORMAL**

I'll be sure to pass on your message.

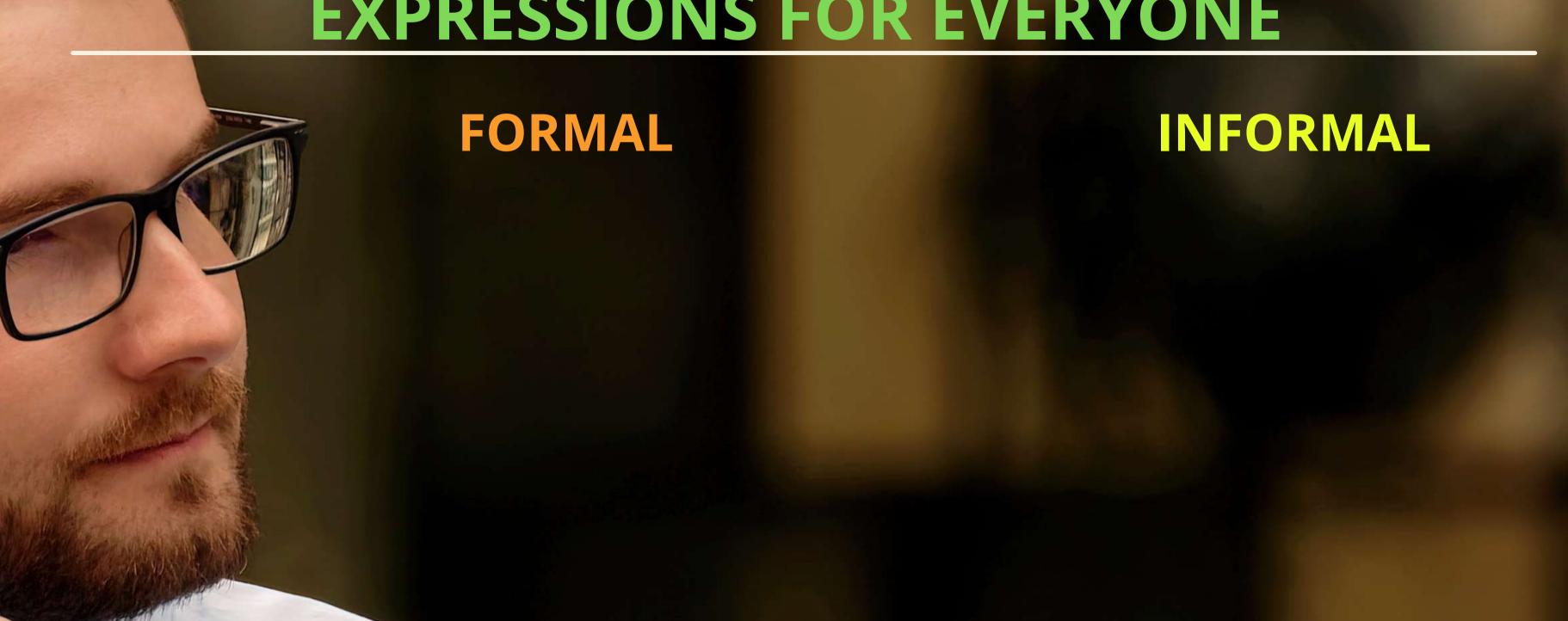
I'll ask her to get back to you.

I will let him know you called.





### Basic phone skills EXPRESSIONS FOR EVERYONE







### EVERYONE: 1. Asking for clarification



I'm sorry, would you mind repeating that?

Sorry, would you mind **saying** that again, please?

Sorry, **could you** speak up **a bit** please?

### INFORMAL

I'm sorry I didn't catch that.

Could you repeat that please?

Can you say that again, please?

I'm sorry, what was that again?





### **EVERYONE: 2. Checking information**



### **FORMAL**

If I understood you correctly, you...?

If I understand, you want...

Just to clarify, you ...

Would you mind spelling that?

### INFORMAL

Did you say that...?

So, you need ...?

You said.... Is that right?

Can you spell that?





### WERYONE: 3. Problems with the connection

### **FORMAL**

I'm sorry, **there seems to be** a problem with the connection.

The coverage appears to be a bit weak.

I'm having difficulty hearing you.

The signal keeps coming and going.

### INFORMAL

You're not coming through clearly.

You're breaking up.

The line is **dropping**.

The line keeps cutting in and out.



### VERYONE: 4. Actively acknowledging

### **FORMAL**

Allow me to make a record of that.

I will note that in your file.

Understood.

Very well.

That's correct.

I see.

### INFORMAL

Let me make a note of that. Let me just write that down...

Got it.

O.K.

That's right.
Alright





### VERYONE: 5. Demonstrating flexibility

### **FORMAL**

We are flexible and can adapt to your needs.

Whichever you prefer is alright with us.

I'm flexible with whatever you need.

### INFORMAL

We're fine with anything you choose.

We don't care-- whatever you guys prefer.

Either way is fine. It's up to you.

I'm easy-going.



## EVERYONE: 6. Responding negatively

## **FORMAL**

Unfortunately, we are not able to do that.

Actually, that is not quite what I expected.

Would it be possible for you to change that?

## INFORMAL

Unfortunately, that doesn't work for me.

To tell you the truth, that's not what I thought it was.

Could you change that?





## EVERYONE: 7. Responding positively

### **FORMAL**

Allow me to see what I might be able to do.

That's not a problem at all.

Yes, I am able to do that.

### INFORMAL

Let me see what I can do.

Sure, no problem. / That's fine.

I can do that.





# Basic phone skills EVERYONE: 8. Ending a call

### **FORMAL**

Thank you very much for your call.

I hope you have a really nice day.

Have a nice day as well.

Likewise.

## INFORMAL

Thanks, and have a great day.

Talk to you later.

See you later.

Catchya later.

See you.

Gotta run, bye!

You too.







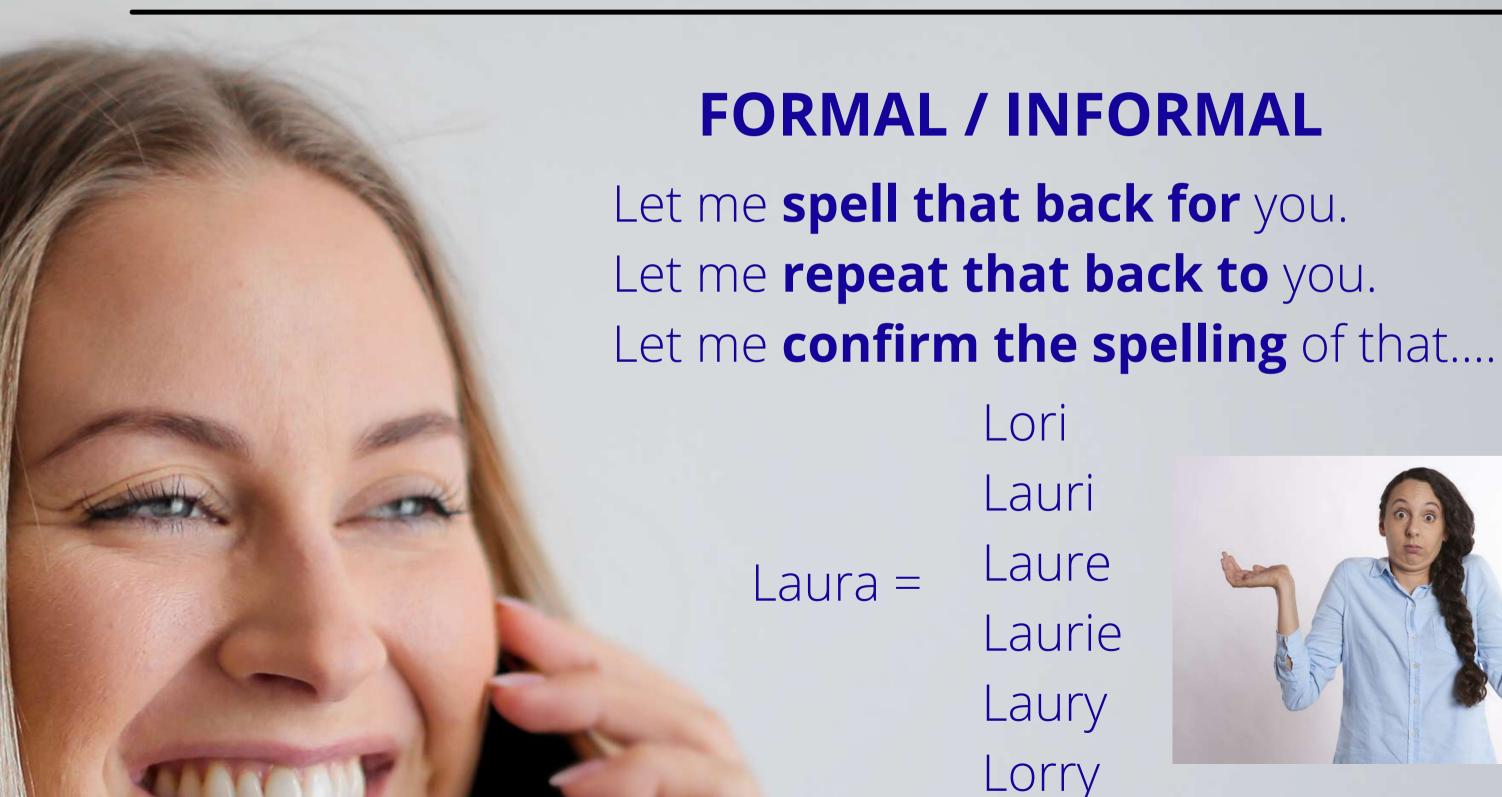








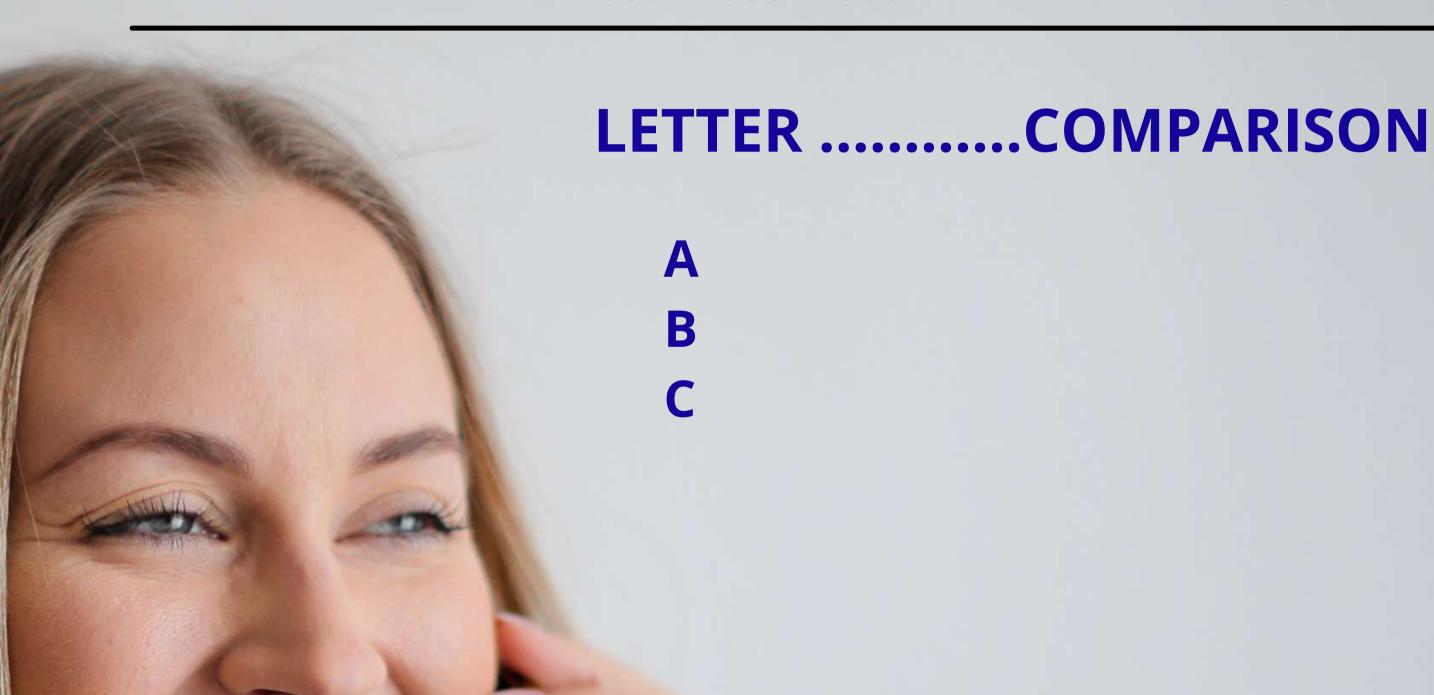






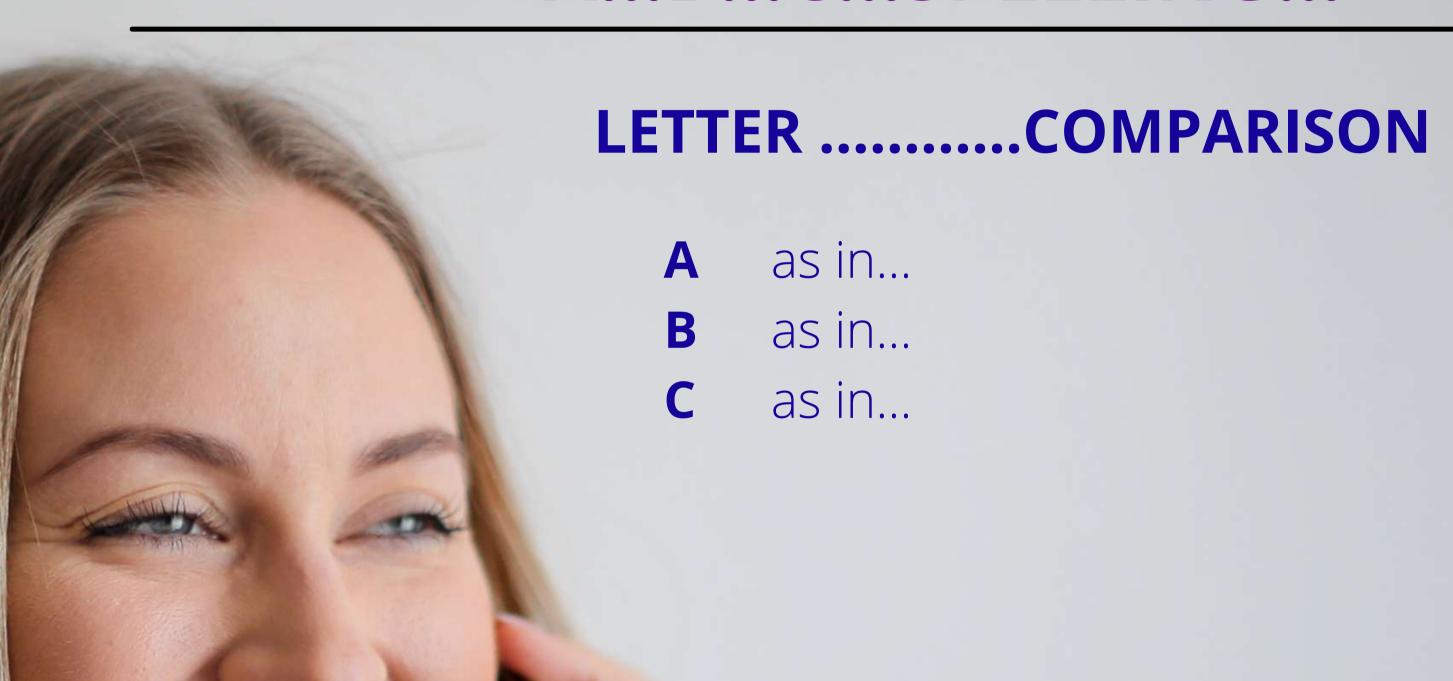






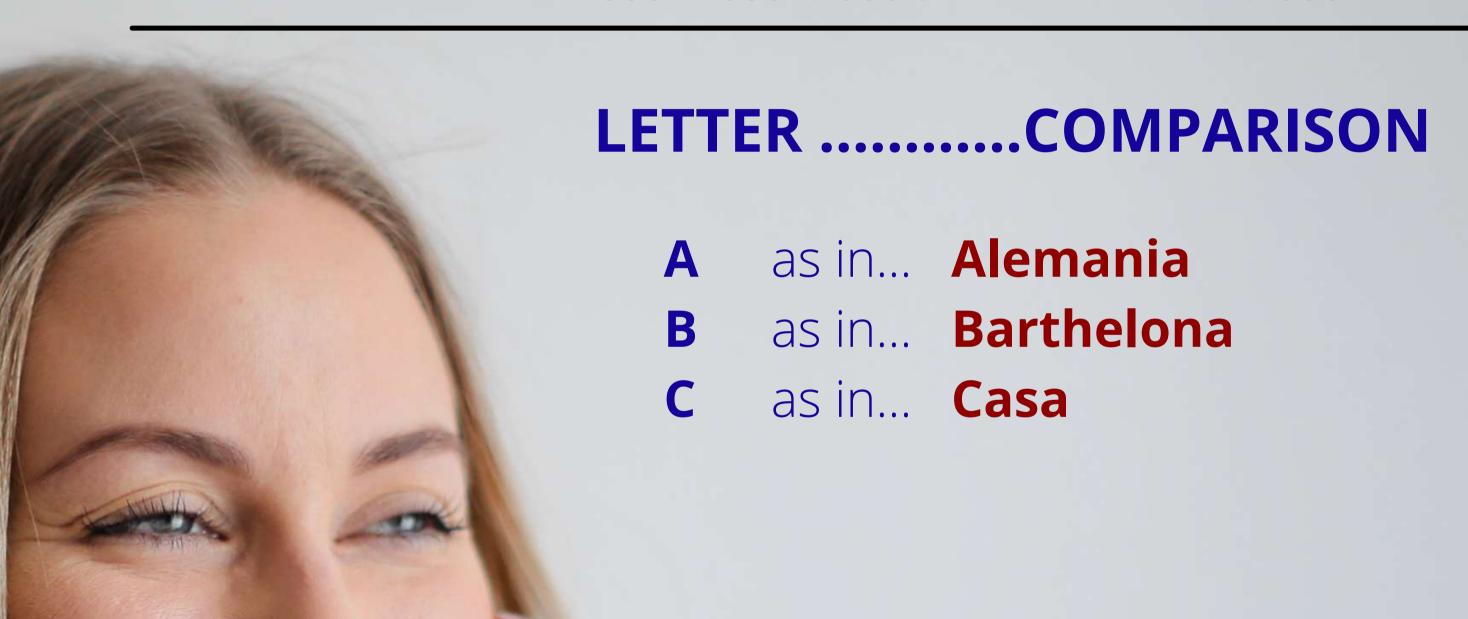






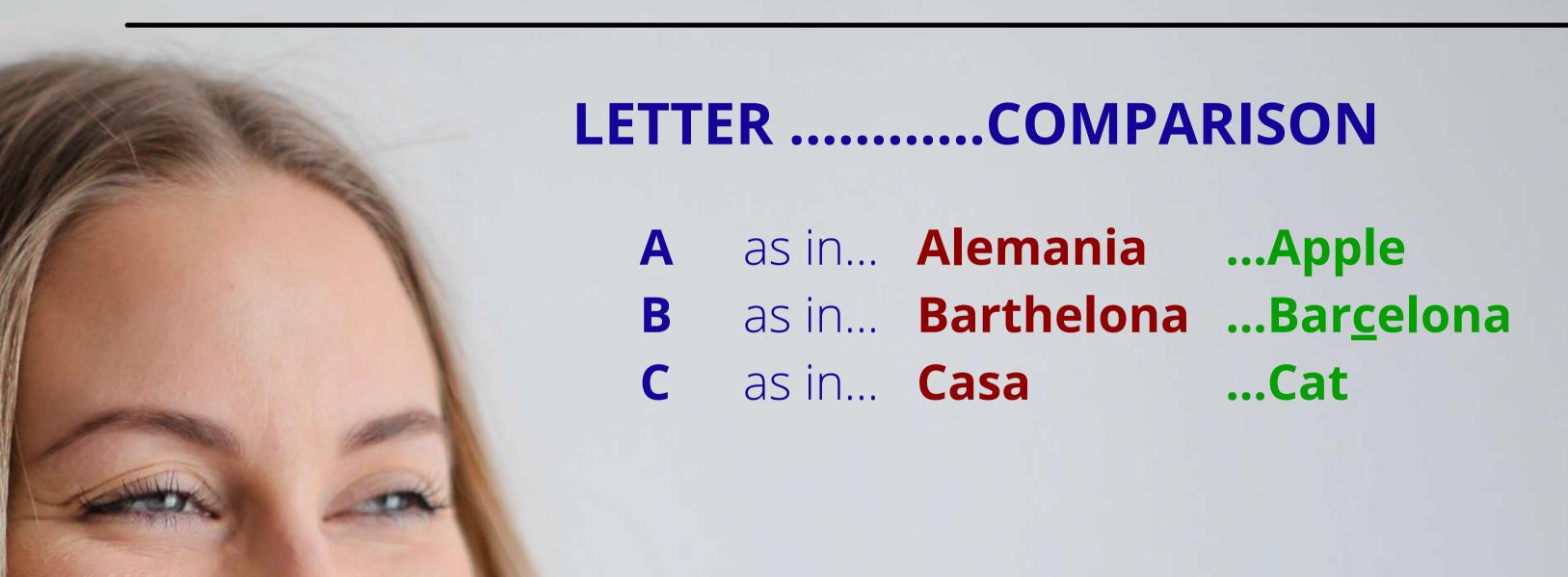






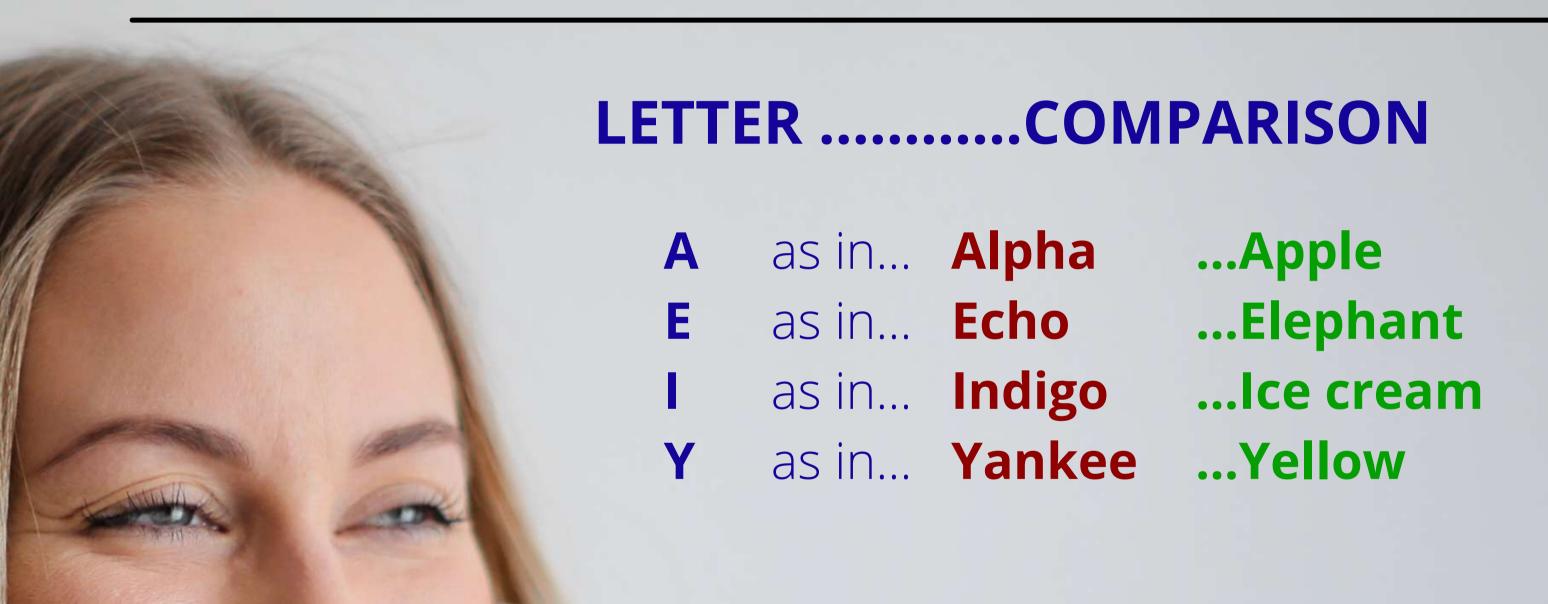








































# COMMON ERRORS





# CONFUSION!!











## Tricky things with phone talk



#### Don't think in Spanglish!

(Answering the phone) Hello, tell me.

(bad connection)I don't listen you well.





## Tricky things with phone talk



#### Don't think in Spanglish!

(Answering the phone)
Hello, **tell me**.

>> Hello, Marta speaking.



(bad connection)
I don't **listen** you well.

>> I can't hear you very well.





## Tricky things with phone talk



#### Don't think in Spanglish!

Hello, **I'm** Paula.

(Paula knows the person she talking to)

>>

I call you regarding the meeting next week.

>>





## Tricky things with phone talk

#### Don't think in Spanglish!

Hello, <mark>I'm</mark> Paula.

(Paula knows the person she talking to)

>> Hello, this is Paula.



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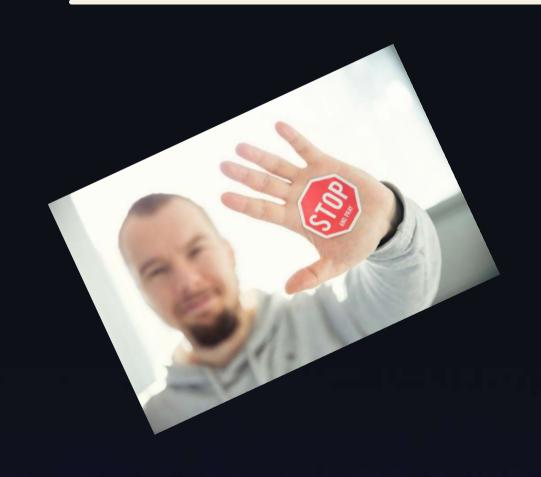
>> I'm calling you regarding the meeting next week.







## Tricky things with phone talk



#### Don't think in Spanglish!

(You don't understand something)
Can you please repeat me?

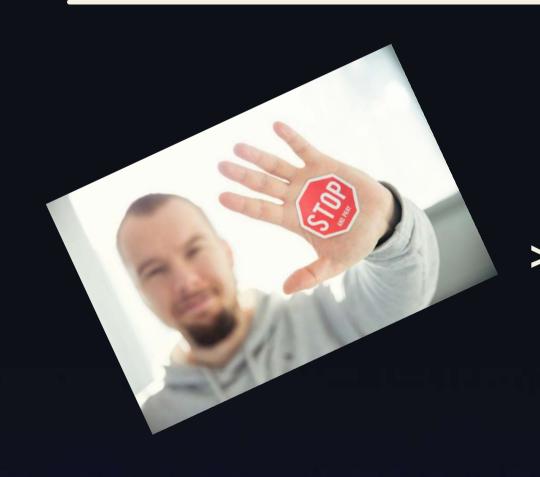
>>

(Leaving a message)
Please say him that I call.

>>



## Tricky things with phone talk



#### Don't think in Spanglish!

(You don't understand something) Can you please repeat me?

>> Can you please repeat that for me?



(Leaving a message) Please say him that I call.

>> Please tell him that I called.





## Tricky things with phone talk



#### Don't think in Spanglish!

(the caller needs to speak to a different person)
I pass you with the public records department.







## Tricky things with phone talk

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(the caller needs to speak to a different person) I pass you with the public records department.

Let me transfer you to the public records department.











# Listening Exercise Phone Conversation

**EXERCISE 5:** Listen and fill in the blanks. (Escucha y llenar los huecos)





# Listening Exercise Phone Conversation

#### **EXERCISE 5:** Listen and fill in the blanks. (Escucha y llenar los huecos)

RECEPTION:	Good morning, Chic Boutique- How I
help you?	
CALLER:	to speak to Mr Morgan please.
RECEPTION:	Who's calling please?
CALLER:	John Wright from International
Fashion Supp	olies.
RECEPTION:	Sorry, I didn't your name.
CALLER: Joh	n Wright W.RI.G.H.T.
<b>RECEPTION</b> :	Okay Mr Wright. I'll try and put
I'm afraid the	e would you like to hold?
CALLER: Uh,	, can I a message?
<b>RECEPTION</b> :	Certainly.
<b>CALLER</b> : Cou	ıld you Mr. Morgan our latest
shipment has	s been delayed and that the 300 dresses he
ordered shou	uld arrive Friday.

<b>RECEPTION</b> : Dress	order delayed arriving next Friday.
<b>CALLER</b> : Yes, and	ask him to give me a
call	the shipment arrives?
RECEPTION: Of co	urse. Could you let me have your
number please?	
<b>CALLER</b> : Yes, it's _	one six three two nine six zero
nine four.	
<b>RECEPTION</b> : That's	one six three two nine six oh
nine four.	
CALLER: Yes,	Thanks for your help.
<b>RECEPTION</b> : Good	bye.
<b>CALLER</b> : Goodbye	





# Listening Exercise Phone Conversation

#### **EXERCISE 5:** Listen and fill in the blanks. (Escucha y llenar los huecos)

**RECEPTION**: Good morning, Chic Boutique- How <u>may</u> I

help you?

CALLER: <u>I'd like</u> to speak to Mr Morgan please.

**RECEPTION**: Who's calling please?

**CALLER**: This is John Wright from International Fashion

Supplies.

**RECEPTION**: Sorry, I didn't <u>catch</u> your name.

**CALLER**: John Wright. That's W.RI.G.H.T.

**RECEPTION**: Okay Mr Wright. I'll try and put <u>you</u>

through. I'm afraid the line's engaged would you like to

hold?

**CALLER**: Uh, can I <u>leave</u> a message?

**RECEPTION**: Certainly.

**CALLER**: Could you <u>please tel</u>l Mr. Morgan our latest shipment has been delayed and that the 300 dresses he ordered should arrive <u>next</u> Friday.

**RECEPTION**: Dress order delayed ... arriving next Friday.

CALLER: Yes, and would you please ask him to give me

a call **as soon as** the shipment arrives?

**RECEPTION**: Of course. Could you let me have your

number please?

**CALLER**: Yes, it's **zero** one six three two nine six zero

double nine four.

**RECEPTION**: That's **oh** one six three two nine six oh

**double** nine four.

**CALLER**: Yes, **that's right**. Thanks for your help.

**RECEPTION**: Goodbye.

**CALLER**: Goodbye.

















