

English in Your Pocket

24 Printable Phrase Cards • A1-B1 • 4 Categories • Cut & Carry

Welcome to your personal English survival kit! This download gives you **24 ready-to-print phrase cards** organised into four everyday categories: **Travel • Work • Everyday Shopping • Conversation Repair**. Each card fits six to an A4 page – just print pages 2-5, cut along the dotted lines, and slip them into your wallet, notebook, or bag.

Every card shows you **one useful English phrase**, a short *Spanish gloss* so you always know what it means, and a mini usage note that tells you exactly when and how to say it. No grammar rules. No tests. Just real phrases for real moments.

On the final page you will find two **model conversations** built from the cards, plus tips on polite intonation – because *how* you say something matters just as much as *what* you say. Pick any three cards, follow the model, and practise with a friend, a mirror, or even your phone.

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-  Print on plain A4 paper •
- Cut along dashed lines •
- Carry in your wallet •
- Practise anywhere!



Travel · 6 Phrase Cards

Print this page, cut along the dashed lines, and keep these six cards in your travel wallet. Each card gives you the phrase, its Spanish meaning, and a quick tip for using it confidently at stations, bus stops, and ticket counters.

T1 · TRAVEL

Where is platform two?

¿Dónde está el andén dos?

📌 **When to use:** At train or metro stations when you cannot find your platform. Point to your ticket as you ask – it helps the listener understand you instantly. You can swap "two" for any number.

T2 · TRAVEL

Does this bus go to...?

¿Este autobús va a...?

📌 **When to use:** Before you board a bus when you are not sure of the route. Say the place name clearly after "to" – e.g. "Does this bus go to **Oxford Street**?" Locals are usually very happy to help.

T3 · TRAVEL

I'd like a ticket to...

Quisiera un billete a...

📌 **When to use:** At the ticket window or machine when buying a train or bus ticket. "I'd like" is polite and natural. Add "one way" (solo ida) or "return" (ida y vuelta) to complete your request.

T4 · TRAVEL

Could you help me?

¿Podría ayudarme?

📌 **When to use:** Whenever you feel lost or confused – in a station, airport, or on the street. "Could you" is more polite than "Can you" and works perfectly in any situation. A smile helps too!

T5 · TRAVEL

How much is it?

¿Cuánto cuesta?

📌 **When to use:** To ask the price of a ticket, taxi ride, or any service. Short and clear. If you do not understand the answer, follow up with Card T6! You can also say "How much does it cost?" – same meaning.

T6 · TRAVEL

Could you write it down?

¿Podría escribirlo?

📌 **When to use:** When someone says a number, address, or name too fast. Asking them to write it down is a perfectly polite thing to do – native speakers do it too. Tap your notepad or phone screen as a visual cue.



Cut along the border of each box above · Print this page actual size · Cards fit neatly into a standard card wallet



Work · 6 Phrase Cards

These six cards are your toolkit for professional English – meetings, emails, and everyday office moments. Polite, clear, and natural phrasing that any colleague or manager will appreciate, from your very first day.

W1 · WORK

Could you clarify that?

¿Podría aclarar eso?

When to use: In a meeting or on a call when an instruction or idea is not clear. This phrase is professional and shows you are paying attention. Never be afraid to ask – it is far better than doing the wrong task!

W2 · WORK

When is the deadline?

¿Cuándo es la fecha límite?

When to use: When you receive a new task and need to know how long you have. Ask this early – it shows you are organised and motivated. You can also say: "What's the deadline for this?"

W3 · WORK

I'll send it today.

Lo enviaré hoy.

When to use: To confirm you will complete or deliver something by the end of the day. Short, confident, and reassuring for your colleague or manager. Swap "today" for "this afternoon" or "by 5 o'clock" to be more specific.

W4 · WORK

Can we move the meeting?

¿Podemos cambiar la reunión?

When to use: When you need to reschedule. Always offer an alternative time: "Can we move the meeting to Thursday?" This is polite and solution-focused – qualities every employer values highly.

W5 · WORK

I need more time.

Necesito más tiempo.

When to use: When a deadline is too tight. Be honest early – say this phrase and add a reason or a new date: "I need more time – could I send it on Friday?" Honesty builds trust at work.

W6 · WORK

Thanks for your help.

Gracias por tu ayuda.

When to use: After a colleague helps you with anything – a task, an explanation, or simply answering a question. Short and warm. In more formal workplaces, try: "Thank you for your assistance."

Cut along the border of each box above · Perfect for pinning to your desk or keeping in a notebook pocket



Everyday · 6 Phrase Cards

Shopping, cafés, pharmacies, and every other daily errand become much easier with these six phrases. Each one is short, clear, and works in dozens of different real-life situations – mix and match to build your own sentences.

E1 · EVERYDAY

I'd like...

Quisiera... / Me gustaría...

When to use: To order food, drink, or any item in a shop or café. Always polite. "I'd like a coffee, please." "I'd like the blue one." Add the item name after "I'd like" and you have a complete, natural sentence every time.

E2 · EVERYDAY

Could I have...?

¿Me podría dar...? / ¿Me pone...?

When to use: A slightly more polite alternative to "I'd like." Perfect in restaurants and shops: "Could I have the menu, please?" or "Could I have a bag?" Use "please" at the end – it always sounds friendlier.

E3 · EVERYDAY

I'm looking for...

Estoy buscando...

When to use: When you need help finding something in a shop or a building. "I'm looking for the dairy section." "I'm looking for a size medium." Shop assistants hear this phrase all day – they will know exactly how to help you.

E4 · EVERYDAY

Do you have...?

¿Tienen...? / ¿Tiene...?

When to use: To ask whether a shop, café, or pharmacy stocks a particular item. "Do you have decaf?" "Do you have this in black?" Simple, direct, and always understood. Add "by any chance" to sound extra polite.

E5 · EVERYDAY

That's all, thanks.

Con eso es todo, gracias.

When to use: At the till or counter when you have finished ordering or selecting items. A friendly, natural phrase that signals you are ready to pay. Cashiers and servers appreciate the clarity – no awkward silences!

E6 · EVERYDAY

Could I pay by card?

¿Puedo pagar con tarjeta?

When to use: Before you hand over your card – always good to check, especially in small shops or markets. If they say cash only, reply: "Is there a cash machine nearby?" to keep the conversation going smoothly.

Cut along the border of each box above · Carry cards E1 - E6 on your next shopping trip and try one phrase per visit!



Conversation Repair · 6 Phrase Cards

These six cards are your secret weapon. Every English learner – and every native speaker – sometimes needs to slow things down, check understanding, or try again. Using these phrases shows confidence, not weakness. Carry them everywhere.

R1 · REPAIR

Could you say that again?

¿Podría repetirlo?

 **When to use:** When you miss what someone said – because of noise, speed, or accent. Always more polite than "What?" Try adding "please" at the end for extra warmth: "Could you say that again, please?" Most people are delighted to repeat themselves.

R2 · REPAIR

A little more slowly, please.

Un poco más despacio, por favor.

 **When to use:** When someone speaks too fast for you to follow. You can also gesture gently with your hand to reinforce the message. People rarely mind – speaking slowly is actually good for them too! It is a perfectly normal request.

R3 · REPAIR

What does that mean?

¿Qué significa eso?

 **When to use:** When you hear an unfamiliar word or phrase. You can make it more specific: "What does 'commute' mean?" Asking for meaning is one of the fastest ways to grow your vocabulary – every question teaches you something new.

R4 · REPAIR

Do you mean...?

¿Quiere decir...? / ¿Quieres decir...?

 **When to use:** To check your understanding by restating what you think was said. "Do you mean I should email you?" This shows you are actively listening and trying to understand – a quality that impresses people in both social and professional settings.

R5 · REPAIR

How do you say... in English?

¿Cómo se dice... en inglés?

 **When to use:** When you know what you want to say in Spanish but cannot find the English word. Say the Spanish word or describe the object, and most people will help you fill the gap. A wonderful way to learn new vocabulary in context.

R6 · REPAIR

Let me try again.

Déjeme intentarlo de nuevo.

 **When to use:** After a misunderstanding – when you want to rephrase what you said more clearly. This phrase signals goodwill and determination. Native speakers find it charming and encouraging. Pair it with a smile and keep going – you are doing great!

✅ ✂️ Cut these six cards out and keep them in your pocket during any English conversation. You already know how to repair – now you have the words for it!



Now Practise! Build Your Own Conversation

You have 24 cards. Now put them to work! The activity below is simple: **pick any three cards** from any category, then use them to create a short conversation. It does not have to be perfect – it just has to happen. Below you will find two complete model conversations to inspire you, plus notes on sounding polite with your voice.

MODEL CONVERSATION A · TRAVEL + REPAIR

At the Train Station

Cards used: T1 · T3 · R2

You: Excuse me – could you help me?

Clerk: Of course! What do you need?

You: I'd like a ticket to Edinburgh, please.

Clerk: That'll be £42.50 – single or return?

You: Sorry – a little more slowly, please?

Clerk: Of course! Single – or return? One way, or there and back?

You: Return, please. And... where is platform two?

Clerk: Platform two is straight ahead, past the café. Have a great trip!

You: Thank you so much!

MODEL CONVERSATION B · EVERYDAY + REPAIR

At a Café

Cards used: E1 · E4 · R1 · E5 · E6

You: Hello! I'd like a coffee, please.

Server: Sure! Flat white, cappuccino, or filter?

You: Sorry – could you say that again?

Server: Flat white, cappuccino, or filter coffee?

You: Cappuccino, please! And – do you have oat milk?

Server: Yes, we do! Anything else?

You: No, that's all, thanks. Could I pay by card?

Server: Absolutely – tap here when you're ready.

You: Perfect. Thank you!

Notes on Polite Intonation

1 Rise at the end of questions

When you ask "Could you help me?" let your voice go **up** on the last word. A rising tone signals a genuine question and sounds warm and open – never demanding. Try it aloud: "Could you help *me*?"

3 Smile when you say "Could I...?" and "I'd like..."

Your voice changes when you smile – and listeners can hear it, even on the phone. These two phrases with a smile sound **warm and confident**. Without a smile they can sound flat or even impatient. Your face is part of your English!

2 Slow down on "please" and "thank you"

These two little words do a lot of work. Say them **a little slower and softer** than the rest of the sentence. Native speakers who sound polite almost always do this – it signals that the word is genuine, not automatic.

4 Pause before repair phrases

A tiny pause before "Could you say that again?" or "A little more slowly, please" gives the other person a signal that you are about to make a request – not interrupt them. It sounds natural and shows good listening skills.

24

Phrase Cards

4 categories · 6 each · All verified ✓

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Model Conversations

Real situations · Natural dialogue

4

Categories

Travel · Work · Everyday · Repair

A1-B1

Level

Accessible for all beginners