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# One-to-one in Spain

One-to-one Spanish programmes are becoming popular, with a more diverse range of clients requesting personalised tuition.

Personalised language programmes delivered on a one-to-one basis offer the ultimate in flexibility, which is a big selling point for many Spanish language clients. They are generally attracted by flexibility in terms of time, learning content, location and even the additional activities. Jose Mendez at Centro de Idiomas Quorum in Malaga elaborates, "One-to-one lessons give students the option of setting their own lessons, by allowing them to

specify what areas of the language they want to concentrate on, and what topics and methodology they prefer."

At Academia Trabalenguas in Soller, Mallorca, Sebastian Bink says they are also flexible in terms of timings. "[The one-to-one course] may have a different number of hours [of tuition] each day or week and lessons may be cancelled or moved to another time," he says. "Part of the lesson may be held outside the school, like doing a personal tour of monuments in town or going shopping."

Some schools provide one-to-one tuition in places other than their classrooms, for example in the teacher's home, in the student's home or in the student's office. In addition, if activities are requested, the student can either undertake these with the teacher only or join the school's group activities schedule. Mendez says, "[One-to-one tuition] students are still part of the Quorum community, and can participate in all the regular activities, excursions and parties we offer."

Although intense learning is certainly the reason behind taking such a programme, one-to-one learning does not necessarily mean all work and no play, as José Lopez, Director of Inlingua Las Palmas in Gran Canaria, observes. "There has been an increase in one-to-one lessons combined with cultural activities such as cookery classes. We feel this is because the activities balance out the intensiveness of the lessons and allow the students to both learn and to experience life here."

While one-to-one programmes are highly popular among professionals, they are also gaining ground among other types of clients, from students wishing to revise for their exams or brush up on very specific aspects of their language skills, to teachers looking for a quick tailor-made refresher programme. Other spin-offs from one-to-one are two-to-one programmes – with some schools such as Estudio Sampere giving a substantial discount to the second client on the course – and two-to-one programmes that cater for parent and child learners. ●



## Selection of programmes available

School location	Name of one-to-one provider	Min. length of course	Min. hrs/ tuition per day	Min. age	Combi- courses?	Parent/ child courses
A Coruna	Paralaia	1 week	1.5	17	y	n
Almeria	Indalhispanica Spanish Sc.	1 week	3	18	y	y
Barcelona	c2 barcelona	none	none	none	y	r
Barcelona	Camino Barcelona	1 week	1	16	y	y
Barcelona	Centro Humboldt	1 week	4	18	y	n
Barcelona	Escuela Parla	1 week	1	16	y	y
Barcelona	Lewis School of Languages	1 week	1	10	r	n
Barcelona	Pylmon Languages	1 week	1	16	y	y
Barcelona	SILC Spain	1 week	10	14	n	y
Bilbao	Instituto Hemingway	1 week	1	14	y	y
Cantabria	Pygmalion	none	none	18	n	y
Cantabria	The Spanish Course	2 days	3	none	y	y
Coast of Granada	Centro de Idiomas El Mar	1 week	2	14	y	y
Cómpeta/Malaga	Santa Clara Academia de Idiomas	1 week	1	none	y	y
Granada	Escuela Montalban	1 week	1	16	y	y
Jerez de la Frontera	Xerez sin Frontera	1 week	1.5	no	y	y
La Herradura, Granada	Cent. de Enseñana de Esp.La Herradura	1 week	1	6	y	y
Las Palm. Gran Canaria	Inlingua Las Palmas	1 week	4	16	r	y
Madrid	Best Programs	2 weeks	3.5	18	y	n
Madrid	Carpe Diem	1 week	1	none	y	y
Madrid	Idiomas Eurovox	1 week	1	3	n	y
Madrid	Inhispania	1 week	1.5	16	y	n
Malaga	La Brisa	2 weeks	r	16	y	y
Malaga (Nerja)	Centro de Idiomas Quorum	1 week	1	6	y	y
Murcia	Big Ben Idiomas	1 week	1	14	y	g
Palma de Mallorca	Die Akademie	1 week	2	none	y	y
Ronda	PIEE University of Malaga	1 week	1	none	y	y
Salamanca	ITS	1 week	2	18	y	n
Santander	Unilang	1 week	2	16	y	y
Santander	Uni. Int. Menendez Pelayo	1 week	3	18	y	y
S. de Compostela	Academia Iria Flavia	1 week	2	18	y	r
Seville	IELE Ins. de Estudios de la Lengua Esp.	1 week	2	16	y	y
Seville	Linc	1 week	1	18	y	n
Sóller (Mallorca)	Academia Trabalenguas	1 week	1	18	y	n
Valencia	Centro Int. de Len. y Cult. Esp. (CILCE)	2 days	1	18	y	r
Valencia	Españolé International	1 week	1	16	y	y
various	Academia Mester	1 week	1	16	y	y
various	Babylon Idiomas	1 week	1	18	y	g
various	Clic International House	1 week	1	14	y	y
various	Don Quijote	1 week	1	14	y	y
various	Estudio Sampere	1 week	5	17	y	n
various	Proyecto Español	none	none	17	y	r

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