Every activity below can be run with nothing more than your voice, a whiteboard, or paper you already have on hand — no printing, no laminating, no prep period required. They're grouped into ten categories so you can grab exactly what a lesson needs: five extra minutes, a full review day, or a brain-break in the middle of a hard grammar point.

Some activities pair with a ready-to-play, fully editable Google Slides template from our **52 Editable Classroom Game Templates** pack (marked □). A few others link straight out to a free resource, printable, or tool (marked □).

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1. Speaking & Interaction

Get students talking in Spanish with zero setup — just your voice and their attention.

1. **Either/Or Corners** — Call out two options (e.g., playa o montaña) and students move to the side of the room that matches their preference, then defend their choice to a neighbor.
   Pairs with the This or That template
2. **Find Someone Who…** — Students circulate asking classmates yes/no or short-answer questions to fill in a simple grid — great for target-question practice.
3. **Speed Conversations** — Students rotate through quick 60–90 second partner conversations, answering a new prompt each round like a mini speed-dating format.
   Pairs with the Spin & Speak template
   Free resource: Wheel of Names
4. **Two Truths and a Lie** — Each student shares three statements about themselves in Spanish; classmates ask follow-up questions to guess the lie.
5. **Would You Rather?** — Pose playful either/or questions in Spanish and have students justify their answer to a partner or the whole class.
   Pairs with the Would You Rather? template
6. **Conversation Cubes** — Roll a die (real or imaginary) and let the number determine which question or verb tense students respond with.
   Pairs with the Wheel of Questions template
   Free resource: Wheel of Names
7. **Interview a Classmate** — Students use a short list of questions to interview a partner, then report back what they learned to the class.
8. **Silent Line-Up** — Students silently arrange themselves in order (birthday month, alphabetically by name) using only gestures and written Spanish notes — no English allowed.
9. **Mystery Person** — One student thinks of a classmate; others ask yes/no questions in Spanish to guess who it is.
   Pairs with the Who Am I? template
10. **Chat Mats** — Sketch a simple picture or word web on the board as a visual anchor students can point to and build sentences around.
    Free resource: 10 Free Spanish Chat Mats

2. Vocabulary Review

Fast, energetic ways to drill vocabulary without a single worksheet.

1. **Vocabulary Charades** — Students act out a word or phrase silently while

classmates race to guess it in Spanish.
   Pairs with the Charades template
2. **Draw It** — One student describes a vocabulary word in Spanish while a partner sketches it — no peeking at the word itself.
   Pairs with the Pictionary template
3. **Trashketball** — Teams answer a vocabulary question correctly to earn a shot at a wastebasket for bonus points.
   Pairs with the Trashketball template
4. **Vocabulary Relay** — Teams race to the board one at a time to write the correct word, translation, or conjugation before tagging the next teammate.
   Pairs with the Race to 20 template
5. **Flyswatter Game** — Write vocabulary words on the board; students race to swat the correct one when you say its definition or translation.
   Pairs with the SLAM IT! template
6. **Categories Challenge** — Give a letter and a category (e.g., animals starting with ‘P’); students list as many matching Spanish words as they can.
   Pairs with the Categories Challenge template
   Free resource: 27 Games & Editable Templates
7. **Odd One Out** — Show four related words and have students identify — and explain in Spanish — which one doesn’t belong.
   Pairs with the Scattergories template
8. **Rapid Fire Translation** — Call out words in rapid succession and have students shout the translation as fast as possible.
   Pairs with the Quiz Showdown template
9. **Around the World** — One student stands behind a seated classmate; both race to answer a vocabulary prompt, and the winner moves on to challenge the next student.
   Pairs with the Board Game template
10. **Whiteboard Race** — Students write their answer on a mini whiteboard and hold it up the instant you call time.
    Pairs with the Race to 20 template

3. Reading

Build reading stamina and comprehension using any text you already have on hand.

1. **Read and Draw** — Students read a short passage and illustrate what’s happening — a quick way to check comprehension without writing a summary.

2. **Find the Cognates** — Students skim a text and circle every cognate they recognize, building confidence before tackling unfamiliar vocabulary.
3. **True or False Reading** — Give statements about a text; students mark them true or false and rewrite the false ones to make them accurate.
   Pairs with the True or False template
4. **Running Dictation** — A text is posted across the room; students run to read a line, memorize it, then race back to dictate it to a partner who writes it down.
5. **Strip Stories** — Cut a short story or paragraph into strips; students work in groups to put the sentences back in logical order.
   Pairs with the Clue Ladder template
6. **Prediction Pause** — Stop mid-reading and have students predict what happens next before continuing — a quick way to check engagement.
7. **Read and Rank** — After reading, students rank items, foods, or ideas mentioned in the text from favorite to least favorite, justifying their order.
   Pairs with the Scattergories template
8. **Highlight Hunt** — Give students a target structure or vocabulary set and a time limit to hunt for and highlight every instance in a text.
9. **Speed Reading Challenge** — Time students as they read a short passage, then quiz them immediately on key details to check retention under pressure.
   Pairs with the Escape Code template
10. **Emoji Summaries** — Students summarize a reading using only a string of emojis, then explain their choices aloud in Spanish.

4. Writing

Low-stakes writing tasks that build fluency without a heavy grading load.

1. **5-Minute Quick Write** — Give a simple prompt and have students write nonstop in Spanish for five minutes without stopping to fix errors.
   Free resource: 71 Writing Tasks for Spanish Learners
2. **Sentence Expansion** — Start with a bare-bones sentence and have students add adjectives, time, place, and reason to build it out.
3. **Picture Prompt Writing** — Show an image and have students describe what they see, using target vocabulary or structures.
4. **Collaborative Story Writing** — Groups pass a paper around, each student adding one sentence to build a story together.
5. **Social Media Posts** — Students draft a fake social media post — caption, hashtags, and all — from the perspective of a character or themselves.

6. **Text Message Dialogue** — Students write a short back-and-forth text conversation between two people using target vocabulary or grammar.
7. **Story Cubes Writing** — Roll story-element dice (or number a few categories) and have students weave the results into a short narrative.
   Pairs with the Wheel of Questions template
   Free resource: Wheel of Names
8. **Describe and Guess** — Students write three clues describing a mystery object, place, or person for classmates to guess.
   Pairs with the Password template
9. **Weekend Recap** — Students write a short paragraph summarizing their weekend using past-tense verbs.
10. **Acrostic Poems** — Students use a vocabulary word as the spine of an acrostic poem, reviewing related words line by line.
    Free resource: All About Me Acrostic Poem (free lesson & rubric)

5. Listening

Sharpen listening skills with quick, active tasks — no special equipment required.

1. **Listen and Sketch** — Describe a scene aloud and have students draw what they hear, then compare drawings for accuracy.
2. **Dictation Race** — Read a sentence aloud; students race to write it down correctly, checking spelling and accent marks.
   Pairs with the Race to 20 template
3. **Song Lyric Gap Fill** — Play a Spanish-language song and have students fill in missing words from the lyrics as they listen.
   Free resource: Free Cloze Song Activities
4. **Simon Says** — Play a classic listening game in Spanish, giving commands students only follow when prefaced with “Simón dice.”
5. **Stand Up/Sit Down** — Read statements aloud; students stand if true and stay seated if false, reacting instantly with their whole body.
   Pairs with the Four Corners template
6. **Picture Dictation** — Describe an image aloud, piece by piece, while students draw or label it based only on what they hear.
7. **Number & Time Dictation** — Call out numbers, prices, or times rapid-fire and have students write down what they hear.
8. **TPR (Total Physical Response)** — Give spoken commands and have students physically act them out, reinforcing meaning through movement.

9. **Video Clip Freeze-Frame** — Pause a short video clip mid-scene and have students predict what's said or happens next.
10. **Listening Bingo** — Give students a bingo board of words or phrases; they mark them off as they hear them in a passage or song.
    Pairs with the Bingo template

6. Whole-Class Engagement

Get every student participating at once, no small-group setup needed.

1. **Four Corners Opinions** — Post four opinions or answers around the room; students move to the corner that matches their view and defend it in groups.
   Pairs with the Four Corners template
2. **Human Bingo** — Students walk around asking classmates questions to find someone who matches each square on their bingo grid.
   Pairs with the Bingo template
3. **Classroom Survey** — Students survey classmates on a simple question, then tally and present the results as a class graph.
   Pairs with the Family Feud template
   Resource: 10 Beginner Spanish Surveys
4. **Hot Seat** — One student sits facing away from the board while classmates give clues so they can guess the word behind them.
   Pairs with the Hot Seat template
5. **Mystery Bag** — Students take turns feeling or peeking at a hidden object and asking yes/no questions in Spanish to identify it.
   Pairs with the Mystery Box template
6. **Class Vote & Debate** — Pose a debatable question, have students vote, then split into groups to argue their side.
   Pairs with the This or That template
7. **Musical Chairs Review** — Play music while students walk; when it stops, whoever's nearest a chair answers a review question to stay in the game.
   Pairs with the Quiz Showdown template
8. **Bucket List Challenge** — Post a checklist of quick speaking or vocabulary tasks around the room; teams race to complete every item.
   Pairs with the Board Game template
9. **Silent Debate** — Students respond to a written prompt on paper, passing it around the room and adding written arguments — no talking allowed.
10. **Class Story Chain** — The whole class builds one story aloud together, each

student adding a single sentence in turn.
 Pairs with the Wheel of Questions template
 Free resource: Wheel of Names

7. Grammar Practice

Turn grammar drills into games students actually want to play.

1. **Verb Conjugation Relay** — Teams race to the board to correctly conjugate a verb in the given tense before tagging the next teammate.
   Pairs with the Race to 20 template
2. **Grammar Auction** — Read sentences aloud; students “bid” imaginary points on whether each one is grammatically correct, then check together.
   Pairs with the Deal or No Deal template
3. **Error Hunt** — Give students a short paragraph with planted grammar mistakes and have them find and correct every one.
   Pairs with the Escape Code template
4. **Sentence Surgery** — Write a sentence with a grammar error on the board and have students “operate” on it, fixing it step by step.
5. **Verb Tense Sort** — Give students a mixed set of sentences and have them sort them into present, past, and future piles.
   Pairs with the Categories Challenge template
6. **Grammar Bingo** — Fill a bingo board with verb forms or grammar structures instead of vocabulary for a review with a twist.
   Pairs with the Bingo template
7. **Fill-in-the-Blank Race** — Teams compete to correctly complete a set of blanks with the right grammar form fastest.
   Pairs with the Race to 20 template
8. **Grammar Gallery Walk** — Post short grammar tasks or sentences around the room; students rotate through, correcting or completing each one.
9. **Ser vs. Estar Showdown** — Read a sentence aloud and have students quickly decide — and justify — whether it needs ser or estar.
   Pairs with the Connect 4 template
10. **Question Word Scramble** — Students unscramble jumbled question words and match each one to the answer it belongs with.
    Pairs with the Escape Code template

8. Culture & Real-World Connections

Bring the Spanish-speaking world into the room with activities that need no extra materials.

1. **Map It** — Students locate Spanish-speaking countries on a map and share one quick fact about each.
2. **Menu Challenge** — Students practice ordering from an authentic Spanish-language restaurant menu, taking turns as customer and server.
3. **Currency Conversion** — Students practice numbers by converting prices between currencies used in Spanish-speaking countries.
   Pairs with the Deal or No Deal template
4. **Holiday Spotlight** — Give students two minutes to research and share a quick fact about a Hispanic holiday or tradition.
5. **Music Video Analysis** — Play a Spanish-language music video and have students discuss the themes, story, or vocabulary they notice.
6. **Famous Faces** — Students research a notable Spanish-speaking figure and introduce them to the class in character or in third person.
   Pairs with the Who Am I? template
7. **Recipe Read-Aloud** — Students read and sequence the steps of an authentic recipe, practicing sequencing words and cooking vocabulary.
   Pairs with the Clue Ladder template
8. **Travel Brochure** — Students sketch a quick mini-brochure for a Spanish-speaking destination, highlighting sights and phrases a visitor would need.
9. **Cultural Comparison Chart** — Students compare a tradition, food, or custom from their own culture to one from a Spanish-speaking country.
   Free resource: Compare & Contrast Group Project
10. **Proverb Match** — Students match Spanish sayings and proverbs to their meanings, then discuss any equivalent sayings they know.
    Pairs with the Memory Match template

9. Movement & Brain Breaks

Reset energy levels while still squeezing in meaningful Spanish practice.

1. **Vocabulary Scavenger Hunt** — Give students a list of target words and a time limit to find matching objects around the classroom.
   Pairs with the Mystery Box template

2. **Workout Routine** — Students design their own mini workout using command-form Spanish, then take turns leading the class through it.
   Pairs with the Workout Routine template
3. **Musical Vocabulary** — Pass an object around the circle while music plays; when it stops, the holder names a vocabulary word.
   Pairs with the Hot Seat template
4. **Snowballs** — Students write a review question on paper, crumple it into a "snowball," and toss it to the middle of the room. Everyone grabs a new snowball and answers the question inside.
5. **Corner Conjugations** — Read a sentence aloud and have students move to the corner of the room representing its verb tense.
   Pairs with the Four Corners template
6. **Board Race** — Split the class into teams lined up across the room; one student at a time races to the board to write or translate the answer, then tags the next teammate to go.
7. **Walk and Talk** — Pair students up to walk laps around the room while conversing on a given prompt.
   Pairs with the Spin & Speak template
   Free resource: Wheel of Names
8. **Balloon Pop Review** — Students pop balloons containing folded review questions and answer them for points.
   Pairs with the Mystery Box template
9. **Freeze Dance Vocabulary** — Play music and have students dance; when it stops, they freeze and act out a called-out vocabulary word.
   Pairs with the Charades template
10. **Silent Ball Review** — Toss a soft ball silently around the room; whoever catches it must answer a quick review question.
    Pairs with the Hot Seat template

10. Quick Assessments & Exit Tickets

Check understanding in the last two minutes of class — no grading pile required.

1. **3-2-1 Exit Ticket** — Students jot down three things they learned, two questions they still have, and one favorite new word.
2. **Thumbs Up Check** — A fast whole-class comprehension check — thumbs up, sideways, or down — to gauge where students stand before they leave.
3. **One-Word Summary** — Students summarize the day's lesson in a single

Spanish word and briefly explain their choice.

4. **Exit Ticket Sort** — Students line up or group themselves by confidence level on their way out the door.
5. **Quick Quiz Draw** — Randomly draw student names to each answer one quick review question before the bell.
   Pairs with the Wheel of Questions template
   Free resource: Wheel of Names
6. **Self-Assessment Scale** — Students rate their own understanding of the day's material on a 1–5 scale, writing their number in Spanish.
7. **Two-Minute Review Write** — Give students two minutes to write down everything they remember from the lesson, no notes allowed.
8. **Question of the Day** — Post one quick review question on the board for students to answer individually before leaving.
9. **Sticky Note Summary** — Students write a one-line answer to a prompt on a sticky note and post it on their way out.
10. **Traffic Light Check-Out** — Students hold up or color a red, yellow, or green card to show their comfort level with today's material.

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