

This short lesson helps you practise everyday Spanish for booking a hotel room. The goal is to build confidence when you cannot see the room and must rely on the receptionist's description. If you want to learn to speak real Spanish, focus on natural phrases, listening for key details, and practising short role plays.

## Short Spanish story – informal, natural speech

Ya, eh, es que da... eso da... vamos a ver, es... Para mí es lo mismo, porque si lo hago por teléfono no estoy viendo la habitación, y si estoy abajo, en recepción, tampoco estoy viendo la habitación, entonces es un poquito... vamos a ver... igual para mí, porque no estoy viendo. No es como cuando voy a comprar un producto y estoy eligiendo entre dos relojes, por ejemplo, que son iguales; parecidos y veo la diferencia, pero si lo estoy haciendo por teléfono no estoy viendo la habitación, y si estoy en recepción tampoco estoy viendo la habitación, es lo que me dice el recepcionista, entonces me dejo guiar un poco de lo... de su criterio, y de lo que yo pido.

## Clean practice dialogue in Spanish

Recepcionista: Buenas tardes, ¿en qué puedo ayudarle?

Cliente: Hola, quisiera reservar una habitación para dos noches.

Recepcionista: ¿Prefiere cama doble o dos camas individuales?

Cliente: Me da igual, pero ¿la habitación tiene baño privado y vista exterior?

Recepcionista: Sí, tiene baño privado. La habitación con vista exterior está disponible mañana.

Cliente: Perfecto. Me dejo guiar por su criterio. La reservo, por favor.

## What this shows (in English)

The situation highlights a common reality: when you cannot see the room, either over the phone or at reception, you often rely on the receptionist's judgement. The

key communicative skills are: asking clear questions, listening for essential details, and expressing trust or specific requirements. Practising these short exchanges will help you learn to speak real Spanish naturally in travel situations.

## Consejos prácticos

Explanation (in English): These practical tips explain what to say and why. Below are useful Spanish words and phrases to complete common booking sentences. Memorise the phrases, then use them in role plays.

1. Complete this English prompt with a Spanish phrase: “I can’t see the room; can you describe it?”
2. Complete: “Does the room have a private bathroom?”
3. Complete: “I will trust your recommendation.”
4. Complete: “I would like to reserve a room for two nights.”

Spanish words and phrases to use:

- No estoy viendo la habitación; ¿me la puede describir?
- ¿La habitación tiene baño privado?
- Me deajo guiar por su criterio.
- Quisiera reservar una habitación para dos noches.
- Cama doble / dos camas individuales
- ¿Tiene vista exterior? / ¿Tiene ventana?

## Learner tasks (in English)

- Role play: Pair up and practise the clean dialogue above. Switch roles after three repetitions.
- Recording: Record yourself asking about the room and then answering as the receptionist using the Spanish phrases list.
- Fill-in: Use the Spanish phrases to complete the four English prompts in the “Consejos prácticos” section and check your answers against the list.
- Variation: Create two versions of the reservation — one by phone and one in person — and note small differences in phrasing.
- Reflection: After each practice, write one sentence in English about what was easy and one thing to improve.

## Final note

Regular short practices like these will help you build real conversational confidence. Keep practising the phrases, try the role plays often, and you will steadily learn to speak real Spanish with natural rhythm and ease.

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