

**Directions:** Use this short lesson to practice common phrases for booking travel and handling small problems. **Purpose:** build confidence and vocabulary so you can learn to speak real Spanish in everyday travel situations.

## Short Spanish stories (read aloud and copy the style)

Bueno, depende. Si lo haces por Internet es como tú bien dices, ¿no? A veces es un poquito impersonal. Por ejemplo, puedes reservar un viaje en autobús a Burgos para ver a mi familia, eliges un número de asiento en la web, pero cuando llegas no es ese número. Hay un riesgo pequeño, pero también la comodidad de haberlo hecho por Internet.

También puede pasar que todo salga bien: reservas desde casa, eliges horario, pagas con tarjeta y tienes tu billete en el correo. La comodidad de no hacer cola es fantástica, aunque siempre conviene llevar los datos impresos o guardados en el móvil por si hay un error.

## Language chunks in Spanish

- reservar por Internet
- número de asiento
- llegar allá
- un poquito impersonal
- comodidad
- el riesgo que corres
- hacer cola
- billete electrónico

## Explanations in English

**reservar por Internet** — to book online. Useful verb: **reservar**.

**número de asiento** — seat number. Often chosen when booking buses or planes.

**llegar allá** — to arrive there. Common informal phrase; you can also say **llegar allí**.

**un poquito impersonal** — slightly impersonal. Use to describe services lacking human contact.

**el riesgo que corres** — the risk you take. A formula to talk about potential problems when making choices.

**hacer cola** — to queue or stand in line. Opposite advantage of booking online.

**billete electrónico** — e-ticket. Keep a digital or printed copy to avoid issues on arrival.

## Tasks to practice (in English)

1. Roleplay: One student is the customer, another is the agent. Customer wants to **reservar por Internet** a bus to a city. Practice asking about seat numbers, refunds, and what to do if the seat is different.
2. Write in Spanish (50–100 words): Describe a time you had a reservation problem. Use at least three language chunks from the list above.
3. Translate and correct: Translate these into Spanish and then say them aloud.
  1. “I booked online but my seat was different.”
  2. “It’s convenient, but a bit impersonal.”
  3. “I always keep the e-ticket on my phone.”
4. Create a short script (4 lines) for an agent explaining solutions: offer another seat, issue a refund, or check the system. Perform it with a partner.

## Model answers in Spanish

“Reservé por Internet, elegí un número de asiento, pero cuando llegué me dieron otro. Fue incómodo, pero me ofrecieron un cambio de asiento.”

“Prefiero reservar por Internet por la comodidad, pero siempre guardo el billete electrónico por si hay problemas.”

## Final notes

Use these short stories, language chunks, and tasks to build practical vocabulary and confidence. Repeat the phrases aloud until they feel natural. With consistent practice you will learn to speak real Spanish in travel situations and handle small surprises with ease.

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