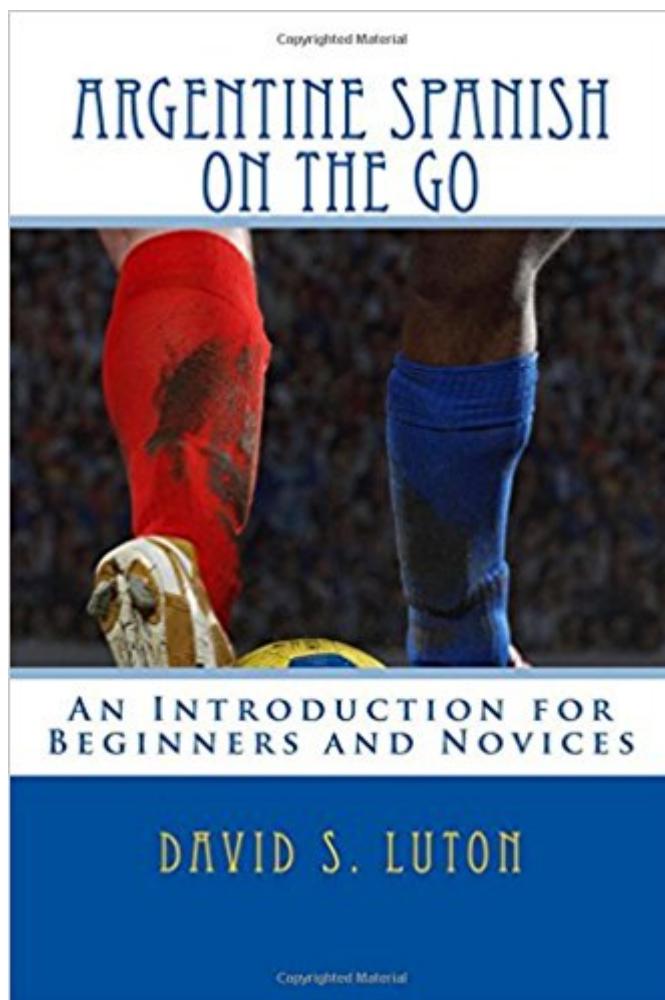


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Argentine Spanish On The Go: An Introduction For Beginners And Novices



Synopsis

Dear Readers: I have recently improved and updated this book! I hope you enjoy it! This book is intended to be a basic introduction to Spanish as it's spoken in Argentina (and likely also in Uruguay). The grammar of Argentine Spanish is essentially the same as in standard Latin American Spanish; the main difference being the use of the pronoun "vos". For that reason I have provided the verb forms as they correspond to that pronoun (rather than the pronoun "tú" of Standard Spanish), since Argentines rarely use the pronoun tú, even though they certainly understand it. I've also included a chapter that explains the "voseo" more in detail, as well as a chapter that talks about pronunciation and vocabulary differences in Argentine Spanish when compared to Standard Spanish. PLEASE NOTE: This book is NOT a book on Argentine slang (although it may contain a few slang words). For those, interested in slang words (Argentine slang is commonly referred to as "lunfardo"), I recommend looking for a book or article specifically on that topic. This book contains a pronunciation guide, phrases useful in daily life, important vocabulary and basic grammar. It does not contain audio cds, photos or tourist information.

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Fantastic book! It is very thorough. My wife and her family are from Montevideo, Uruguay (Same dialect as Buenos Aires, Argentina... well technically not a dialect) and they use 99% of the words and expressions in this book regularly. I was able to hit the ground running with this book as I'm already an intermediate-advanced level Spanish speaker. I can't honestly speak to how well this book would work for a true novice. This is not the Spanish that you learned in high school, but it isn't so different that you won't understand. The biggest difference is the use of "vos" and it's

corresponding conjugation. Make an effort to figure that out and become comfortable with it right away. The Argentines and Uruguayans are famous for their liberal use of their very own brand slang and vulgarity. This book does not cover a lot of it, which is fine. You can find that elsewhere. Frankly you should probably have a handle on the material in this book before you move on to their challenging and often bizarre slang vocabulary.

Quick and simple read giving you an overview of the language. I especially liked the page listing the verb forms/constructions all in one place. I have several Spanish texts, and I've not come across this yet. It was also helpful to understand "vos" and how the conjugations differ from what is taught in regular Spanish classes.

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