

Speak Spanish Pronto

Beginner Travel Lessons

Lesson 10: Taking Public Transportation

If you're tired of spending money on rideshare apps or were ripped off in a taxi, the bus or metro might be more to your liking.

First, locate the metro. I'd use Google Maps, but if that's not working, you can always ask:

Finding the Metro

¿Disculpa, sabes si el transporte público está cerca?

¿Dónde está la parada de metro más cercana?

¿Dónde puedo tomar el bus?

Excuse me, do you know if public transport is nearby?

Where is the nearest metro stop?

Where can I take the bus?

Once you've found your way, you'll have to purchase a ticket. Look for the *taquilla*—the ticket window.

Buying a Ticket

Viajero	¿Buenos días, puedo comprar un pasaje para el metro?	<i>Good morning, can I buy a ticket for the metro?</i>
Agente	Sí. ¿Cuántos desea?	<i>Yes. How many?</i>
Viajero	Solo un pasaje, por favor.	<i>Just one ticket, please.</i>
Viajero	¿Y cuánto es?	<i>And how much is it?</i>
Agente	Es seis mil.	<i>It is six thousand.</i>
	Sería seis mil.	<i>It will be six thousand.</i>

If you need help locating the correct platform or want to know how to arrive at a certain spot, you can ask:

Where to Go

*¿Disculpa, me puedes decir cómo llegar acá?

**Excuse me, can you tell me how to arrive here?*

*¿Puedes decirme cuántas paradas hay para llegar acá?

**Can you tell me how many stops there are to arrive here?*



*With limited vocabulary and understanding, you can use *acá* and then point at your destination on your map or cellphone.

Once you've made it into the car you need, here are a few keywords that can help you:

Keywords

¿Puedo sentarme acá?	<i>Can I sit here?</i>
¿Hay alguien acá?	<i>Is there anyone here?</i>
Próxima parada	<i>Next stop</i>

If it's crowded, you can use:

Con permiso	<i>Excuse me (to pass someone)</i>
Me voy en esta parada	<i>I'm leaving at this stop</i>
Me bajo acá	<i>I get off here</i>

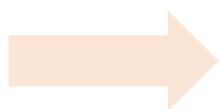
Other helpful keywords to look for:

Keywords 2

Subirse	<i>To get on, in</i>
Bajarse	<i>To get off, out</i>
Línea	<i>Line, route</i>
Entrada	<i>Entrance</i>
Salida	<i>Exit</i>
Dirección	<i>Direction</i>

More Helpful Phrases

Me subo acá	<i>I get on here</i>
Me bajo acá	<i>I get off here</i>
Ella se sube acá	<i>She gets on here</i>
Él se baja acá	<i>He gets off here</i>
¿Dónde está la entrada?	<i>Where is the entrance?</i>
¿Dónde está la salida?	<i>Where is the exit?</i>
*Estoy perdido/ perdida.	<i>*I'm lost</i>
** ¿Me ayuda?	<i>**Can you help me?</i>



**perdido* is for guys and *perdida* is for girls



***Me ayuda = you help me*, but when it's used as a question, the (*can you*) part is inferred by the listener. This is part of the intonation we went over in the Spanish Sounds lesson.



¿Me puedes ayudar? = Can you help me?

¿Me ayudas? is easier to use—just throw in a *por favor* at the end

After taking your taxi or using public transportation, head on over to the [next lesson](#) to learn about hotel check-ins and outs.

When there's multiple possibilities for responses in these dialogs, the **yellow highlighted** parts will indicate the responses that are recorded in the Spanish audio tracks that go along with each lesson.