

# 8 essential Online Spanish-learning resources recommended by Inti Online Languages

The internet has countless tools for the language learner and it can be hard to filter out the most useful.

These are Inti's top **8 resources** to help with your Spanish.

**The tools meet the following requirements:**

- They are **free of charge** and you do not have to register to access them.
- They are **tried and tested resources** rather than trial, beta versions.
- The databases are **compiled** by linguists, terminologists, philologists and translators; they are not "open" databases in which any user can upload their suggestions without any filters or quality control.
- They are tools that are **updated** very frequently.
- Almost all the resources are **multilingual**, which means that they are not only useful for learning Spanish but for other languages too.

So, here are the  
8 resources we recommend:



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## Logos Online Verb Conjugator

<http://www.logosconjugator.org/>

The screenshot shows the website interface for the Logos Online Verb Conjugator. The search bar contains the verb 'amar'. The results are organized into several sections:

- INFINITIVO**:
 

Formas simples	Formas compuestas
amar	haber amado
- GERUNDIO**:
 

Formas simples	Formas compuestas
amando	habiendo amado
- PARTICIPIO**:
 

Formas simples
amado
- INDICATIVO**:
 

Presente	Pretérito imperfecto
amo	amaba
amas / amás	amabas
ama	amaba
amamos	amábamos
amáis / aman	amabais / amaban
aman	amaban
Pretérito indefinido	Futuro imperfecto
amé	amaré
amaste	amarás
amó	amará
amamos	amaremos
amasteis / amaron	amaréis / amarán
amaron	amarán

**Function:** To help you conjugate verbs in all their forms.

**Who are they?:** Logos is a translation agency from Modena (Italy).

**The tool is:** multilingual.

**Advantages:** It is a linguistic database with almost 7000 verbs in Spanish and is distinguished by its enormous speed. There are other interesting tools on this portal too.

**Disadvantages:** The design could be greatly improved. Also, strangely, the first verb forms presented after a search are the participle and gerund forms instead of the present indicative, which would seem a more logical starting point.

**Tip:** Watch out when looking up a verb in Spanish which has the same spelling in Catalan, Galician or Portuguese (eg *amar*). Check the search results are Spanish.

**Score:** 9

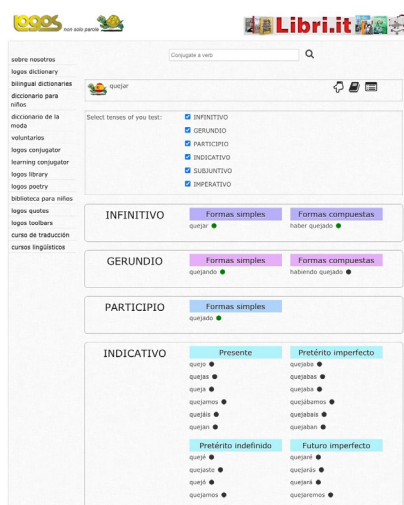
**Alternatives:**

<https://conjugador.reverso.net/conjugacion-espanol.html>  
<https://www.conjugacion.es/>

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## Logos Learning Conjugator

<http://www.logosconjugator.org/learning/>



**Function:** This is a great resource for learning verbs. You have to fill in the boxes with the correct forms and the Learning Conjugator corrects them automatically.

**Who are they?:** Logos is a translation agency from Modena (Italy).

**The tool is:** multilingual.

**Advantages:** It comprises almost 7000 Spanish verbs. You can select the verb tenses that you learnt already and wish to test yourself on and uncheck the ones that you have not seen yet. It corrects you automatically and at the end of the test gives you a summary of your right and wrong answers.

**Disadvantages:** Its design is improvable. In the second person the common “tu” form and more formal “usted” share on the same line which is pretty confusing... and the similarly “vosotros” and “ustedes” share a line.

**Tip:** As previously warned, watch out when looking up a verb in Spanish, which has the same spelling in Catalan, Galician or Portuguese (eg *amar*).

**Score:** 8

**Alternative:** <https://www.spaleon.com/>

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## Real Academia Española consultation service

<https://dle.rae.es/consulta>



**Function:** This tool helps you find the definitions of words or idiomatic expressions in Spanish.

**Who are they?:** The Royal Spanish Academy (RAE) is a cultural institution based in Madrid (Spain). This and twenty-three other language academies corresponding to each of the countries where Spanish is spoken make up the Association of Spanish Language Academies (ASALE). The RAE is the highest linguistic authority when it comes to allowing changes or admitting or rejecting new terms. It is comparable with the “Duden” in Germany, with “L’Alliance Française” in France and the “British Council” in the United Kingdom.

**The tool is:** monolingual.

**Advantages:** It not only contains the definitions of Spanish words and expressions used in Spain but also those of all Spanish-speaking countries. If this online dictionary says something is correct, you can be sure it is. It always indicates in which countries the term is used as not every usage in Argentina or Mexico works in Spain or vice versa.

**Disadvantages:** As it is a highly prestigious academic institution, sometimes there are terms that do not make the database either because they are very recent or because they are foreign words that the RAE does not allow. And there may be slang expressions that are not included.

**Tip:** Get used to looking up the definition of words in Spanish (unless you are an absolute beginner or a false beginner). In this way you’ll learn much more – and if after looking up a word you are still a loss, you can always resort to a bilingual or multilingual dictionary.

**Score:** 9

**Alternatives:**

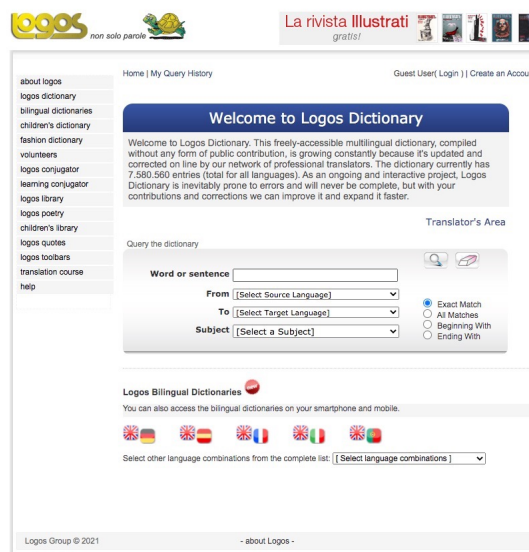
<https://www.wordreference.com/definicion/>

<https://dictionary.reverso.net/espanol-definiciones/index.html>

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## Logos multilingual dictionary

<http://www.logosdictionary.org/>



**Function:** If you want to say something in Spanish but are missing vocab, or come across a word in Spanish that you don't know, then this is the multilingual dictionary you need.

**Who are they?:** Logos is a translation agency from Modena (Italy).

**The tool is:** multilingual.

**Advantages:** The Logos dictionary has more than 7 million entries and you can look up words in more than 90 languages. It offers the options of “multilingual” dictionary or “bilingual” dictionary. If your output language is your mother tongue or Spanish and your target language is Spanish or your mother tongue, you'll be wanting to work with the bilingual dictionary. Search by words or entire phrases using the very well thought-out search options. Search results also have audio options and illustrations.

**Disadvantages:** It is very difficult to find fault with this linguistic database. The design, without a doubt, could be improved and it is a shame that not all the words have their corresponding audio, but it is a magnificent tool with few disadvantages.

**Tip:** Use this multilingual dictionary only for general language. If you are looking for terms that are very specific, use more appropriate databases such as that of the European Union (only for EU languages): <https://iate.europa.eu/home>

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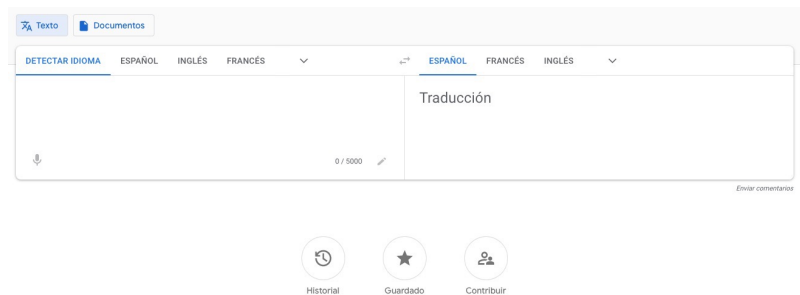
**Alternatives:**

<https://www.wordreference.com/>  
<https://www.linguee.com/>

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## Google translate

<https://translate.google.es/?hl=es>



**Function:** If you have a sentence or an entire text in your language that you want translated into Spanish from your mother tongue or vice versa, this is a quick, free tool, which is improving fast.

**Who are they?:** They hardly need an introduction! This company has a monopoly on Internet search engines and its search algorithm is one of the best kept secrets (along with the Coca-Cola formula).

**The tool is:** multilingual.

**Advantages:** This automatic tool translates a text in record time and the quality of the translation has improved a lot. As searches are limited to 5000 words, you'll need to divide your text up into fragments if it is longer.

**Disadvantages:** You can't really talk about cons. It is free, you can choose from hundreds of languages and the result is immediate. Some will say that these translations are very flawed. But they forget that this tool is an automatic or a "Machine Translation". Understandably the quality of this sort of translation doesn't compare with that of a "Machine Assisted Translation" which either incorporates very expensive software or the contracting of editing services of a professional translator. So with all its flaws, this free tool is quite a boon!

**Tip:** Don't overdo it! If you've been given a Spanish-writing assignment for school and your cunning idea is to google-translate a text you've written in your own language, I can assure you won't be fooling anyone, particularly your teacher!

**Score:** 10

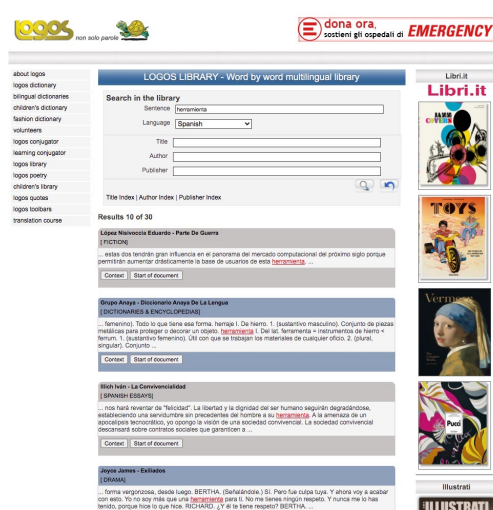
**Alternatives:**

- <https://www.bing.com/translator>
- <http://www.lexicool.com/>
- <https://tradukka.com/translate>
- <https://www.deepl.com/translator>

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## Logos Library: Words in context

<http://www.logoslibrary.eu/>



**Function:** If you work with online dictionaries regularly, you'll be familiar with the problem of being faced with an infinity of translation suggestions which are hard to choose between. The better the dictionary is, the more alternatives it offers and the more you'll agonize. The Logos Library is the ideal solution as it gives you your options in context.

**Who are they?:** Logos is a translation agency from Modena (Italy).

**The tool is:** multilingual.

**Advantages:** While the design could be greatly improved, let's not split hairs. The quality is unbeatable and above all it is free. In short: it's all advantages.

**Disadvantages:** You can't really talk about cons. It is free, you can choose from hundreds of languages and the result is immediate. Some will say that these translations are very flawed. But they forget that this tool is an automatic or a "Machine Translation". Understandably the quality of this sort of translation doesn't compare with that of a "Machine Assisted Translation" which either incorporates very expensive software or the contracting of editing services of a professional translator. So with all its flaws, this free tool is quite a boon!

**Tip:** Start working with monolingual resources as soon as possible! If you need a word, don't look it up straight away on Google or in a bilingual dictionary. Rise up to the challenge of reading the definitions of unknown words in Spanish, and try to figure out what they mean. And if you have several alternatives, look up the word in its context, but in Spanish, with this tool.

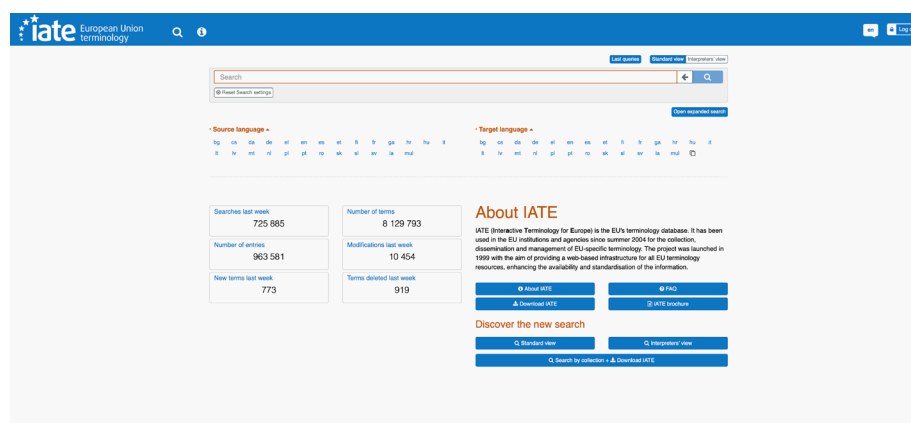
**Score:** 10

**Alternatives:** We have not found any multilingual resource that fulfills this same function.

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## IATE - Terminología interactiva para Europa (European Interactive Terminology)

<https://iate.europa.eu/home>



**Function:** As the name already indicates, this is a linguistic database for very specific terminology. If you are looking for very specific words and not general language, IATE is ideal. It is one of the most popular databases (often receiving over a million searches per week) and includes 8 million entries.

**Who are they?:** IATE (Interactive Terminology for Europe) is the EU terminology database, which has been used by EU institutions and bodies since the summer of 2004 to collect, disseminate and manage specific terminology of the European Union. The project was launched in 1999 with the aim of creating a network infrastructure that would house all the terminology resources of the EU, thus improving the availability and standardization of information.

**The tool is:** multilingual.

**Advantages:** This database is controlled by terminologists and translators and is updated from time to time. They have integrated a “mul” button that offers you the translation of the search term in all the EU languages.

**Disadvantages:** As you can guess from the name this database was conceived and developed by the European Union for internal use and it is therefore limited to official EU languages and EU-relevant terminology.

**Tip:** Use this database only for very specific terms. For general searches you have better options.

**Score:** 8

**Alternative:** [https://rua.ua.es/dspace/bitstream/10045/3823/1/BDT\\_enInternet.pdf](https://rua.ua.es/dspace/bitstream/10045/3823/1/BDT_enInternet.pdf)



## Online consultation service from Fundéu and RAE

[www.fundeu.es/consultas](http://www.fundeu.es/consultas)

**Function:** This is a linguistic service offered by Fundéu, under consultation from the RAE. This is a question and answer search engine with an enormous database, which stores previous queries. If it can't find an appropriate answer on file, you'll be invited to submit your question by filling in a form.

**Who are they?:** Fundéu is a foundation promoted by the EFE news agency and by the Real Academia Española. Its objective is to promote proper use of Spanish in the media.

**The tool is:** monolingual.

**Advantages:** Apart from the question and answer service, they also have a current affairs website which is updated daily and that anyone with a C1/C2 level of Spanish will find very interesting. This is an ideal authentic resource, which gets you closer to your objective: perfecting your Spanish.

**Disadvantages:** The responses are personalized and therefore you'll need to be patient when waiting on a response.

**Tip:** Only use this service for very specific and difficult cases. There is no point in "bothering" them with questions that your teacher or any native can help you with. This resource is only really suitable for learners with a high level of Spanish.

**Score:** 9

**Alternative:** We have not found any other resources of those characteristics.