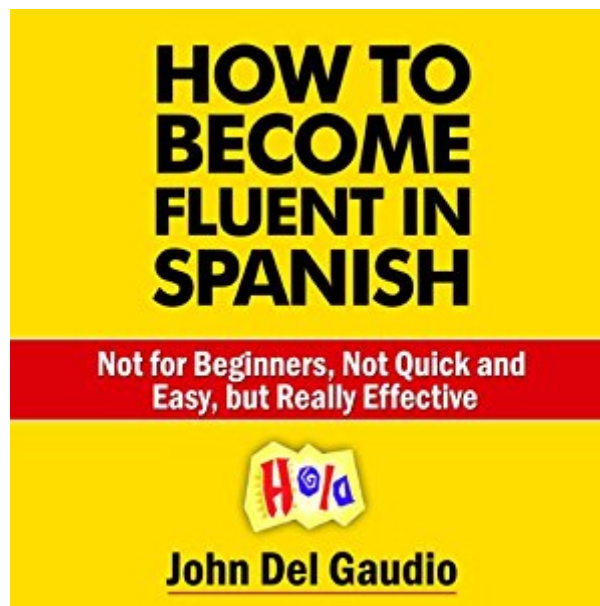


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This short booklet, only 32 pages, is obviously neither a textbook of Spanish nor a series of specific exercises. But it is a group of valuable hints by an American who majored in Spanish, even spent a year in Puerto Rico, before realizing that he would need to do something more in order to become truly fluent. What he offers here is the self-discipline that brought him to the point where he is often mistaken for a native Spanish speaker (only not from around here). Many of these are common-sense, but I can see that they would be undeniably useful, especially for people who have studied a lot but reached a personal plateau. I have noted from my own study and also from working with ESL students in America that language skills comprise four different activities -- reading, writing, speaking, and listening -- and that different individuals progress at different speeds in the different disciplines. I myself am a comfortable reader in Spanish and pretty good writer, but shy as a speaker and easily overwhelmed as a listener. Del Gaudio concentrates mainly on the oral and aural skills, spending less time on the written ones, which I nonetheless think provide the necessary underpinning for speaking and understanding. Del Gaudio recommends word-lists and self-tests, regular reading aloud, memorization of passages from good literature, weekly grammar review, and daily conversation. That last one is the hardest; if you do not have a number of friends (or paid tutors) whose Spanish you trust and who are willing to talk with you on a regular basis, it can be hard to get in sufficient practice without going abroad. He has some good ideas with vocabulary learning, though, using a word-processor in inventive ways to test yourself and keep track of your progress.

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