

Regional Spanish

Languages

How Spain and Latin America differ, and whether it actually matters.

Spain

- vosotros for informal plural you
- c and z pronounced as 'th'
- Present perfect used for recent past
- coger – to take (avoid in Latin America)
- ordenador for computer

Latin America

- ustedes for all plural you
- c and z pronounced as s (seseo)
- Preterite preferred for recent past
- tomar or agarrar instead of coger
- computadora for computer

THE DIFFERENCE THAT MATTERS

Vosotros is the largest grammatical difference. Latin American learners can skip that whole conjugation.

Argentina and much of Central America use vos instead of tú, with its own verb endings: vos hablás.