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[LEARN HOW TO GIVE 'EM HELL LIKE A NATIVE!](#)

If you don't have anything nice to say, then say it! There are heaps of great put-downs, clever comebacks, unflattering analogies, and other unpleasantries to choose from, especially in Spanish! But wait a minute. With the beautiful beaches, great wine, enchanting music, laid-back companions, and all-night revelry, what could possibly go wrong? Well, you could be stomped on by a flamenco dancer, for one, bullied on the day of a bullfight, stabbed with toothpicks in a tapas frenzy, or even be mistaken for a piñata. What if some little rascals get their hands on your empanadas or your perfect view of *el mar* gets blocked by body parts that should never have seen the light of day?

When it comes to foul language, preoccupations with sex and genitalia cross cultural boundaries, as do garden-variety attacks on size and intelligence. Yet Spanish has quite a colorful array of ways to get even and come out on top. Sure, you should practice saying *buenos días*, *lo siento*, and *¿cómo están?*, but sometimes it's not a good day and you're not sorry. After all, a brutish woman could have cut you off on the sangria line after you waited an eternity for a taste of the fruity delight or a jackass with a mullet might be ruining every shot you take in Barcelona.

In this book, you'll find forty-five aggravating scenarios that you might—even in the land of *siestas* and *fiestas*—find yourself in, along with advice on how to get out of them, what to say, and why it's okay to say it.

Hopefully your trip will be as care- and incident-free as a walk in *el parque*. But if you find yourself hot under the collar in the land of the sun, you know where to turn. Whether you sling these, fling them, or pronounce them with delicacy and finesse, make sure you always get in the last word ... or at least the most offensive.



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