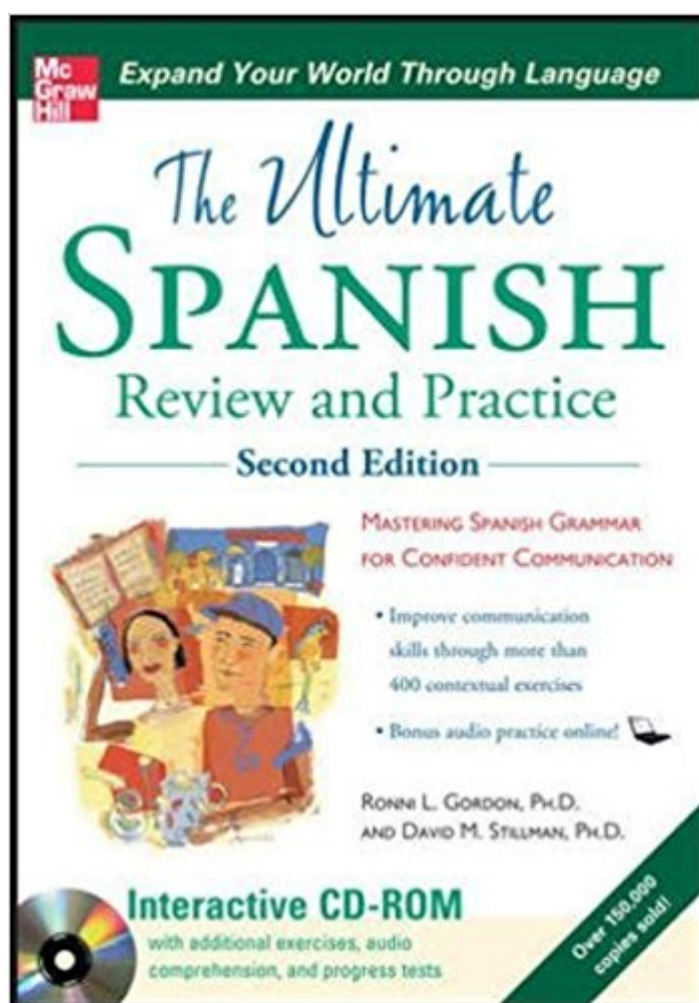




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The Ultimate Spanish Review and Practice, Second Edition, is a uniquely comprehensive, integrated, and engaging review book that will provide learners with the solid knowledge needed to increase their confidence in using Spanish to express their own thoughts, to comprehend those of Spanish speakers, and to communicate in both speaking and writing in a wide variety of situations. Designed to provide advanced beginners, intermediate students, and advanced learners of Spanish with a powerful tool for review and progress in the language, this book presents clear, concise, and well-organized grammar explanations with examples that reflect every day usage, most often in the form of conversational exchanges. The presentations of structure are easy to understand, and the examples will encourage learners to see the study of grammar as a stepping stone to communication. We have expanded and enhanced the exercises to give you even more practice. The exercises provide extensive practice for all the grammar topics that learners of Spanish at this level should know. These engaging exercises are contextualized, and the instructions in Spanish help set the scene and prepare you for the task at hand. Vocabulary lists provide a review of the vocabulary common to most first- and second-year Spanish textbooks, as well as new words and phrases essential for particular exercises, thus increasing your vocabulary and enhancing your ability to express yourself on a variety of topics. Vocabulary presentations are grouped by topic and are integrated with the exercises. Exercises reflect authentic, everyday language usage and touch on all areas of modern life, including business and technology. Many self-expression exercises are included to encourage you to use the target grammar and vocabulary presented to express your own ideas. The Ejercicio oral at the end of each chapter of Parts I through III is a culminating exercise in which you and a friend or colleague can practice the grammatical structures and topics presented in the chapter by exchanging information with each other. The Ultimate Spanish Review and Practice, Second Edition, has 28 chapters divided into four parts. I Verbs - Forms and Uses II Nouns and Their Modifiers; Pronouns III Other Elements of the Sentence IV Idiomatic Usage Notas culturales are featured throughout the book. These cultural notes enhance the effectiveness of the grammar exercises by providing an authentic Hispanic context in which to practice. To further your progress, we have also included a chapter of

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with learning, explaining things in a direct manner, and since I learn best by doing, I like the many exercises included. The CD-ROM has additional exercises, and the audio portion includes verbal exercises with long enough pauses to give you time to think about the answer (the audio transcripts are written down in the program on that specific audio's page). Add to that the extra free content available on McGraw Hill's website (in addition to the CDs, this is actually free even without purchase) and I was sold. I was also delighted to see that there is also a chapter on idioms, and a practice section on the CD-ROM with sounds that help you listen for (vowel) sounds that sound much the same for English speakers, but are clearly different sounding for Spanish speakers. I don't think this is the book for you if you're looking for travel phrases, but it is great for really learning the language in more depth. As a complete beginner it may not be enough, though I think it could be very helpful along side another book. There is no one perfect language book, but I find this one to be very good. The best part, though, is you don't have to take my word for it. Download the sample, then go to the McGraw Hill Professional website (mhprofessional.com), click on languages and launch the audio study player (opens in a new window). Then click on "Spanish," then in the first drop down menu select "for study and review" then in the second drop down menu select the first "Ultimate Spanish Review and Practice" for the free content, or the second one for a sample of the audio found on the CD-ROM. The publishers have also provided almost 3 full chapters in the sample, so you can really take your time and see if it's right for you. I have to say that I don't work for McGraw Hill, nor the authors of this book, and I paid full price for my copy. My glowing review reflects that I am just thrilled that a publisher, and authors, made certain that the electronic version of this book is not an inferior product to the printed version, that no content is missing, and all for an extremely reasonable price (as we all know so often is not the case). When they have the Kindle versions with CD for the Spanish and Italian language books in the series, I will buy those as well. I hope other publishers will take note. As a tip in future instances, since I could find no official information as to whether the CD-ROM content is available or not for Kindle, I asked customer service (chat). They couldn't answer my question, so they gave me a chance to get a refund within 7 days if the content was not available. I will be certain to ask again in similar circumstances if this information is not clearly stated in the product description. Hope this was helpful.

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This book seems to be an excellent guide for reviewing and practicing Spanish. However, I am disappointed with the Kindle edition, which has many errors. I see now that this was reported years ago, but still has not been corrected.

I bought this and Arriba! for a meetup.com Spanish grammar class we're taking. While I like the Arriba! book, this one was far better. It's easier to understand, has more English instructions, and accomplishes its goal more quickly.

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