LEARN PERUVIAN SPANISH – 95 MOST COMMON WORDS AND PHRASES YOU NEED TO KNOW

When you learn a new language, you learn the culture and traditions of that country. So, let's learn **Peruvian Spanish**, words and expressions as well as some traditions from my country.

Let's start with this journey

Common Slangs in Peru

PERUVIAN SLANGS	MEANING
Está en algodón	Used to express that something is so-so
Voy a jatear	Expresses that someone is going to sleep
Estoy piña	It is said when someone has bad luck
Pan con mango	It means that something is incorrect or difficult to understand
Nola	Means "No"
Papayita	Something that is easy, a piece of cake.
Mostro	When something is excellent.
Chamba	Job or occupation
Cicatriz	Means "Yes"
Tengo jeringa	Used to express that someone speaks slangs

PERUVIAN SLANGS	MEANING
Como huevo en ceviche	Used to express that someone is extremely lost at a specific situation
Broder, causa, yunta	A best friend
Chévere, paja	Something good
Con pie derecho	Used to say that someone has to be very fast when entering a bus.
Johnny pacheco	Me
Chanchita	When a group of people, especially students, collect money in order to buy something to drink or to eat.
Gil	Boyfriend
Tombo	Police officer
Yapa	Used to express that something has been added to something
Tono, juerga	Party
Pichanga	A soccer match
Guachimán	A police officer who works around my block
Fercho	A driver
Conchudo	A person who has no shame when he or she knows that something is not correct
Huasca	A drunk person
Monse	Boring

PERUVIAN SLANGS	MEANING
No seas lenteja	Used to say not to be slow
chupeta	An informal meeting especially to drink beer or any alcoholic drink
Hamear	The action of eating
Meter la pata	To make a mistake
Ni chicha ni limonada	When it's neither one nor the other
Que palta	To be embarrased
Asu mare	Wow
Eres un pollo	Someome who is a beginner in the field of drinking alcoholic drinks.
Tirarse la pera	The action of not being present at school because you want to do something else with your Friends
Lechero	A lucky person
Estoy aguja	A person that does not have enough money
Alalaw	A common word that expresses
Care palo	Someone who has no shame of anything
Alucina	¡Look at this!
Zanahoria	A person who is very innocent
Chela	Beer
Ni michi	Absolutely nothing

PERUVIAN SLANGS	MEANING
Cachaco	A soldier
Aguafiestas	A boring person, especially during parties
Cuerazo	A very beautiful woman
Churro	A very handsome man
Germa, costilla	An unusual way to call a girlfriend
Bitute	Referring to food
Yuca	Something that is very difficult and hard to understand
Solo hay cuatro gatos	Means there are not many people
Achachau	To express something is painful
Cerrar el pico	Shut up!
Pucha	An expresión when something is not running good
Zafa nomas	Somebody says “Zafa nomas” when he or she wants another person to go out of a place
Lompa	Pants
Ir a cana	Going to jail
Chibolo	A little child
Ahí los vidrios	Good bye
Tufo	A bad smell coming from mouth, especially after drinking beer
Lorna	A numb person

PERUVIAN SLANGS	MEANING
Latear	Walk
Hacer la taba	Go with someone to a place
El point	A place for parties or meetings
Darse en la mitra	Be surprised that something did not work as it was expected or as I wanted.
Hacer hora	Waste time on something that is not necessary.

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Peruvian Expressions

PERUVIAN EXPRESSION	MEANING
¡De tal palo tal astilla!	When people are identical in terms of personality, appearance, preferences, etc. This expresión is commonly used to express similarities among some members of the family.
¡Dime con quién andas, ¡y te diré quién eres!	It is said that through the influences and preferences that a person has, it is possible to know how the person really is.
¡Quien no llora, no mama!	A common expresión to say that someone has to do something in order to achieve his or her goals.
¡Quién no tiene de Inga tiene de Mandinga!	Referred to the mixture of races among our country. Races such as indigenous, Chinese people, afroamericans, white people and all the racial diversity

PERUVIAN EXPRESSION	MEANING
¡A Dios rogando y con el mazo dando!	It is a saying that remarks the importance of working and making an effort to achieve what is desired, while at the same time it is important to be grateful to God.
¡Entre Pisco y Nazca!	It is an expression used to indicate that someone is drunk
¡El que se fue a Barranco perdió su banco!	It is a common saying used among children to appropriate a seat and not give it up as soon as someone stops using it.
Vive la vida y no dejes que la vida te viva	It means that you have to enjoy your life, do what you like, be happy and take advantage of life at every moment. Don't let life overwhelm you with everyday problems.
La misma chola con diferente calzón	It is an expresión that shows if you change your outfit, you will be the same person as you were before. Not only is it used to refer to people, but also to refer to objects or animals that change outside but their content inside is the same.
Aunque la mona se vista de seda, mona se queda	The condition of each individual or the natural defects cannot be covered up or changed with external improvements.
Querer es poder	If you want something, you can do it and overcome all the problems
La suerte de la fea, la bonita la desea	It is used when fortune smiles at an unattractive person.
Todo pasa por algo	We use this when we talk about something that happens because it is gonna be connected with something that will happen later.

PERUVIAN EXPRESSION	MEANING
No se gana, pero se goza	Indicates that a job is not so well- paid but you are still there because you love it.
Más vale prevenir que lamentar	Warns that it is always better to take the necessary precautions to avoid an unpleasant or undesirable situation
Más vale viejo conocido que nuevo por conocer	It is not convenient to risk what you have or what is known for something that is supposed to be better.
Al que madruga Dios lo ayuda	Expresses the importance of being responsible with the tasks and that we must fulfill, being especially diligent in our day to day.
Barriga llena, corazón contento	It means that once we have satisfied our appetite, we feel happy and excited.
La mentira tiene patas cortas	It means that lies can not be sustained for a long time, the truth always comes out.
Cuando el río suena es porque piedras trae	It is trying to say that if there are rumors or people talk about something, that must have a little of truth
Cría cuervos y te sacarán los ojos	This saying refers to the ingratitude of some people that we looked after or helped a time ago.
Camarón que se duerme se lo lleva la corriente	This saying means that if a person is not alert to something important and takes it calmly, he or she will be carried away.
A caballo regalado no se le mira el diente	It has to be with gifts. It means that you should accept gifts willingly and without a question

PERUVIAN EXPRESSION	MEANING
No vale llorar sobre la leche derramada	Give the idea of stop complaining about something that has already happened because it won't be solved if you complain.
Hombre precavido vale por dos	A common saying that indicates to be cautious for not to be cheated, don't be naive.
La ociosidad es madre de todos los vicios	This saying talks about people without any occupation tend to be lazy for a considerable amount of time.
Es mejor pedir perdón a pedir permiso	The saying sanctions situations where asking for permission, it recommends acting immediately and without barriers: you will have time to apologize if you go too far.
El que ríe al último, ríe mejor	It is used to imply that one should not sing victory before time, because life takes many turns
No dejes para mañana lo que puedes hacer hoy	It is better not to be lazy and confront the problems, difficulties or responsibilities instead of putting them off.

Let's talk about Peruvian Food

This country has the most delicious food in the world! It will be difficult to list all the dishes from this country, so I only choose six dishes that you have to try when you come to this country. It's mandatory!

1. Ceviche Peruano

The most popular traditional dish, considered an aphrodisiac: it is shellfish or fish marinated in lemon juice, salt, red onions, chili peppers and rocoto peppers. The local tradition recommends it as breakfast for night owls and as an aphrodisiac. There is a variety called **"Leche de pantera"** because of the dark color of the juice produced from the black shell, which can be found on the coast of Piura (where there is a variant of the

black shell called “white shell”) and the department of Tumbes, to the Central American Pacific.

2. Cuy Chactado

Also known as Guinea pig, cuy is a controversial Peruvian dish that some find a bit scary. Few tourists request this specialty, but the truth is that this dish is very delicious and healthy, too. The term chactado refers to the way of cooking a food pressed under the weight of a stone. The term could come from the Aymara verb chchaktaña, “disappear”, which would refer to the fact that the meat is hidden under the stone while it cooks.

It is a guinea pig fried in a lot of oil, until it reaches a crispy point, under a stone that serves as a lid. It usually goes with boiled potatoes, corn and chili sauces, such as huacatay cream. It is a strongly seasoned dish and one of its distinctive characteristics is the fact that the whole animal is presented on the plate. It is a highly appreciated dish in the highlands of Peru.

3. Lomo Saltado

Lomo saltado is an extremely popular dish of so-called fusion cuisine that combines the Chinese gastronomy tradition of sauteing food with Peruvian ingredients such as ají amarillo, cilantro and tomatoes. It always goes with rice and French fries.

It is prepared with beef, red onion, ají amarillo, red or white vinegar, tomato and condiments. Sometimes soya is used and a splash of pisco. Originally the potatoes that go with this dish were boiled and not fried.

4. Pollo a la Brasa

It is considered a typical dish of Peruvian gastronomy and one of the most consumed, even above ceviche, chifa and fast food specialties.

The dish consists of chicken meat, marinated and cooked over the coals. The marinated meat is baked over the heat of the coals in a special oven called “rotombo”, which rotates the animal on its own, uniformly receiving the heat from the embers. The oven can work with coal, wood or gas, the most traditional being wood, which often comes from the carob tree. The dressing of the meat includes different ingredients, such as black beer,

rosemary, huacatay, salt and pepper, soya sauce, cumin, and ají panca, in different proportions.

It is accompanied by a variety of sauces and creams, among these sauces we can mention mayonnaise, mustard and ketchup, but the chili sauce usually prepared with local ingredients stands out among them.

5. Chicharrones de Cerdo

This popular dish consists of pieces of pork that are cooked in the same fat and water seasoned only with salt. It is served with fried sweet potatoes or boiled potatoes and corn plus a creole salad which has onions, lemon juice and pieces of mint. In the Highlands, chicharron is served with potatoes, sweet potatoes and mote (native corn). Pork is also used to prepare sandwiches, known as “pan con chicharrón”.

6. Pachamanca

The term “pachamanca” comes from the Quechua words pacha, “earth” and manka, “pot”; so its meaning would be “earth’s pot”.

It is a typical dish of Peruvian cuisine, made by cooking, in the heat of preheated stones. With beef, pork, chicken and guinea pig previously seasoned with ingredients such as chincho, huacatay, chili and other spices, along with native products, such as potatoes, sweet potatoes, corn and, eventually, yucca. Beyond a meal, it is a community ritual in the Andes or Highlands.