SPANISH FOR CONSTRUCTION WORKERS (GENERAL CONSTRUCTION)

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Are you a construction worker looking to enhance your skills and communication on the job site? ¡Estás en el lugar correcto! (You're in the right place!) In the dynamic world of construction, clear communication is key to ensuring safety, efficiency, and precision. Whether you're a seasoned pro or just starting out, having a strong grasp of Spanish can be a game-changer. In this blog post, we've created a valuable resource for construction workers like you: "Spanish for Construction Workers."

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1. Vocabulary: Building the Foundation

Tools (Power and Manual)

To thrive in the construction industry, you'll need to know the names of various tools used in your trade. Here are some essential ones in Spanish:

Spanish	English
Martillo	Hammer
Destornillador	Screwdriver
Sierra eléctrica	Electric saw
Llave inglesa	Wrench
Taladro	Drill
Mazo	Mallet

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Equipment

Understanding equipment is vital for safety and efficiency:

Spanish	English
Grúa	Crane
Excavadora	Excavator
Mezcladora	Mixer
Plataforma elevadora	Lift platform
Rodillo compactador	Compactor roller
Generador	Generator

Spanish	English
Compresor de aire	Air compressor
Máquina de soldar	Welding machine
Sierras circulares	Circular saws

Safety

Prioritizing safety is non-negotiable in construction. Learn these terms:

Spanish	English
Casco de seguridad	Hard hat
Guantes	Gloves
Arnés de seguridad	Safety harness
Extintor	Fire extinguisher
Gafas de seguridad	Safety goggles
Conos de señalización	Traffic cones
Barreras de seguridad	Safety barriers

Common Terms & Phrases

Master these everyday phrases and questions:

Spanish	English
¿Dónde está la herramienta?	Where is the tool?
Necesito ayuda	I need help
Ten cuidado	Be careful

Spanish	English
Trabaja más despacio	Work more slowly
Terminemos esto juntos	Let's finish this together
¿Alguien vio mi casco?	Has anyone seen my hard hat
¡Atención!	Attention!
¿Dónde está el baño?	Where is the restroom?
¿Cuánto tiempo llevará esto?	How long will this take?

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Supplies/Materials

Know your construction materials:

Spanish	English
Ladrillo	Brick
Madera	Wood
Cemento	Cement
Alambre	Wire
Acero	Steel

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Spanish	English
Vidrio	Glass
Concreto	Concrete
Arena	Sand
Piedra	Stone
Lámina de metal	Metal sheet
Plástico	Plastic
Aislante térmico	Insulation
Madera contrachapada	Plywood
Bloque de hormigón	Concrete block
Tubos de PVC	PVC pipes
Hierro	Iron
Tejas	Tiles
Grava	Gravel
Yeso	Plaster
Adhesivo	Adhesive
Mortero	Mortar
Láminas de techo	Roofing sheets
Pintura	Paint
Tela asfáltica	Roofing felt

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Spanish	English
Tablero de yeso	Drywall
Cables eléctricos	Electrical cables
Tuberías de cobre	Copper pipes
Ladrillos refractarios	Refractory bricks
Malla de alambre	Wire mesh
Placas de yeso laminado	Gypsum board
Resina epoxi	Epoxy resin
Acrílico	Acrylic
Tornillos	Screws
Clavos	Nails
Tuercas y pernos	Nuts and bolts
Cinta adhesiva	Tape
Sellador	Sealant
Plomo	Lead
Fibra de vidrio	Fiberglass
Papel de lija	Sandpaper
Amianto	Asbestos
Lona	Tarpaulin
Tubería de hierro fundido	Cast iron pipe

Spanish	English
Manguera de jardín	Garden hose
Piedra angular	Cornerstone
Pizarra	Slate
Lámina de polietileno	Polyethylene sheet
Madera contrachapada marina	Marine plywood
Arena silica	Silica sand
Grifo	Faucet

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Areas of the Building/Home/Job site

Navigate the job site with ease:

Spanish	English
Albañil	Mason
Carpintero	Carpenter
Electricista	Electrician

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Spanish	English
Fontanero	Plumber
Pintor	Painter
Soldador	Welder
Ingeniero civil	Civil engineer
Arquitecto	Architect
Supervisor de obra	Site supervisor
Operador de maquinaria	Machine operator
Técnico en HVAC	HVAC Technician
Diseñador de interiores	Interior Designer
Ingeniero estructural	Structural Engineer
Ebanista	Joiner
Topógrafo	Surveyor
Aparejador	Rigger
Técnico de seguridad	Safety Technician
Dibujante técnico	Draftsperson
Almacenista de materiales	Materials Handler
Especialista en aislamiento	Insulation Specialist
Vidriero	Glazier
Constructor de andamios	Scaffolder

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Spanish	English
Técnico en control de calidad	Quality Control Technician
Ingeniero geotécnico	Geotechnical Engineer
Instalador de sistemas de seguridad	Security Systems Installer
Ingeniero de proyectos	Project Engineer
Controlador de tráfico	Traffic Controller
Maestro de obra	Master Builder
Especialista en revestimiento	Cladding Specialist
Jefe de excavación	Excavation Foreman
Técnico en energía solar	Solar Energy Technician
Perforador de pozos	Well Driller
Técnico en sistemas eléctricos	Electrical Systems Technician
Especialista en impermeabilización	Waterproofing Specialist
Operador de grúa torre	Tower Crane Operator
Ingeniero de seguridad industrial	Industrial Safety Engineer
Montador de estructuras metálicas	Steel Structures Assembler
Controlador de calidad de hormigón	Concrete Quality Control Inspector
Especialista en aires acondicionados	HVAC Specialist
Ingeniero de tráfico	Traffic Engineer
Técnico en sistemas de comunicación	Communication Systems Technician

Spanish	English
Pavimentador	Paver
Especialista en fontanería comercial	Commercial Plumbing Specialist
Inspector de edificios	Building Inspector
Especialista en sistemas de riego	Irrigation Systems Specialist
Pintor de brocha gorda	Brush Painter
Especialista en energía renovable	Renewable Energy Specialist
Ingeniero de control de calidad	Quality Control Engineer
Especialista en tratamiento de aguas	Water Treatment Specialist
Ingeniero de estructuras de acero	Steel Structures Engineer

Construction Verbs

Action words for getting the job done:

Spanish	English
Cortar	To cut
Medir	To measure
Reparar	To repair
Diseñar	To design
Instalar	To install
Demoler	To demolish
Excavar	To excavate

Spanish	English
Ensamblar	To assemble
Remodelar	To remodel

Measurements and Fractions

Precision matters:

Spanish	English
Pulgadas	Inches
Centímetros	Centimeters
Metros	Meters
Pies	Feet
Kilogramos	Kilograms
Libras	Pounds
Galones	Gallons
Litros	Liters
Medio	Half
Un cuarto	A quarter

Clean Up

Leaving the job site spotless:

Spanish	English
Recoger	To clean up

Spanish	English
Basura	Trash
Escoba	Broom
Bolsa de basura	Trash bag
Cubo de basura	Trash bin
Reciclaje	Recycling
Fregona	Mop
Aspiradora	Vacuum cleaner
Desechos peligrosos	Hazardous waste
Zona de almacenamiento	Storage area

2. Common Spanish Phrases for Construction Workers

1. ¿Tienes el plano? – Do you have the blueprint?
2. El cliente está contento. – The client is happy.
3. Necesitamos más materiales. – We need more materials.
4. ¿Dónde está la herramienta que necesito? – Where is the tool I need?
5. Por favor, pasa el martillo. – Please pass the hammer.
6. Trabaja con cuidado. – Work carefully.
7. No puedo encontrar mis guantes. – I can't find my gloves.
8. Ayúdame a levantar esto. – Help me lift this.
9. ¿Tienes un lápiz para marcar las medidas? – Do you have a pencil to mark the measurements?
10. Vamos a terminar este proyecto a tiempo. – We're going to finish this project on time.
11. No olvides la regla de medir. – Don't forget the measuring tape.
12. ¿Alguien ha visto mi casco? – Has anyone seen my hard hat?
13. Revisa la instalación eléctrica. – Check the electrical wiring.
14. Tenemos que nivelar el suelo. – We need to level the ground.

3. Typical Scenario on the Job site

Scenario: A conversation between two construction workers, Juan and Carlos, on a busy job site.

Juan: ¡Hola, Carlos! ¿Cómo estás hoy? (Hello, Carlos! How are you today?)

Carlos: ¡Hola, Juan! Estoy bien, gracias. ¿Y tú? (Hello, Juan! I'm good, thank you. How about you?)

Juan: Estoy cansado, pero listo para trabajar. (I'm tired, but ready to work.)

Carlos: Perfecto. Necesitamos terminar la pared hoy. (Perfect. We need to finish the wall today.)

Juan: Sí, primero debemos medirla. (Yes, first we should measure it.)

Carlos: Aquí está la cinta métrica. (Here's the measuring tape.)

Juan: Gracias. ¿Cuánto mide? (Thank you. How long is it?)

Carlos: Son ocho pies de largo. (It's eight feet long.)

Juan: Necesitamos cortarla a cuatro pies de alto. (We need to cut it to four feet high.)

Carlos: Entendido. Voy a buscar la sierra eléctrica. (Got it. I'll get the electric saw.)

Juan: ¡Cuidado con la sierra! (Be careful with the saw!)

Carlos: Siempre lo soy. (I always am.)

This typical scenario demonstrates how essential Spanish communication skills can be on a construction job site. Clear, concise conversations like these help ensure tasks are completed accurately and safely.

In Conclusion

Learning Spanish for construction work can open doors to better teamwork, safety, and job opportunities. Use this cheat sheet as your go-to resource to expand your construction vocabulary, understand common phrases, and excel in everyday scenarios

on the job site. ¡Buena suerte! (Good luck!)