

Spanish for Dental

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Every phrase includes an easy English-friendly phonetic pronunciation, organized by real job situations with quick-reference cards for daily use.

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How to Use This Workbook

- Learn the Welcome and Symptoms sections first - intake covers the most important conversations.
- Practice the phonetics out loud. The pronunciation guides use English-friendly syllables.
- Keep the Quick-Reference Cards by the treatment chair for daily use.
- These phrases support everyday care and rapport. For informed consent, medical history, allergies and anything the patient must understand or sign, ensure complete understanding - use a certified interpreter when it matters.

Pronunciation Guide

Section 1: Welcome & Check-In (15 Phrases)

A calm, warm start to every visit.

1	Welcome, have a seat	Bienvenido/a, tome asiento	byehn-veh-NEE-doh/dah TOH-may ah-see-EN-toh
2	Do you have an appointment?	¿Tiene cita?	tee-EH-nay SEE-tah
3	What is your name and date of birth?	¿Cuál es su nombre y fecha de nacimiento?	kwahl ess soo NOHM-bray ee FEH-chah day nah-see-mee-EN-toh
4	Please fill out this form	Por favor llene este formulario	por fah-VOR YEH-nay ES-tay fohr-moo-LAH-ree-oh
5	I'll call you in a moment	Le llamo en un momento	lay YAH-moh en oon moh-MEN-toh
6	Please follow me	Sígame, por favor	SEE-gah-may por fah-VOR
7	Please have a seat in the chair	Tome asiento en el sillón, por favor	TOH-may ah-see-EN-toh en el see-YOHN por fah-VOR
8	The doctor will see you shortly	El doctor la/lo atenderá pronto	el DOK-tohr lah/loh ah-ten-deh-RAH PROHN-toh
9	Is this your first visit?	¿Es su primera visita?	ess soo pree-MEH-rah vee-SEE-tah
10	When was your last dental visit?	¿Cuándo fue su última visita al dentista?	KWAHN-doh fweh soo OOL-tee-mah vee-SEE-tah ahl den-TEES-tah
11	Do you have any dental insurance?	¿Tiene seguro dental?	tee-EH-nay seh-GOO-roh den-TAHL
12	May I see your insurance card?	¿Puedo ver su tarjeta de seguro?	PWEH-doh vehr soo tahr-HEH-tah day seh-GOO-roh
13	Do you have an x-ray history?	¿Tiene radiografías anteriores?	tee-EH-nay rah-dee-oh-GRAH-fee-ahs ahn-teh-ree-OH-rays

14	How can I help you today?	¿En qué le puedo ayudar hoy?	en kay lay PWEH-doh ah-yoo-DAHR oy
15	What brings you in today?	¿A qué se debe su visita?	ah kay say DEH-bay soo vee-SEE-tah

Section 2: Medical History & Intake (16 Phrases)

Collect the information that matters.

16	Are you taking any medications?	¿Está tomando algún medicamento?	es-TAH toh-MAHN-doh ahl-GOON meh-dee-kah-MEN-toh
17	List your current medications	Escriba sus medicamentos actuales	es-KREE-bah soos meh-dee-kah-MEN-tohs ahk-too-AH-lays
18	Do you have any allergies?	¿Tiene alguna alergia?	tee-EH-nay ahl-GOO-nah ah-LEHR-hee-ah
19	Are you allergic to any medications?	¿Tiene alergia a algún medicamento?	tee-EH-nay ah-LEHR-hee-ah ah ahl-GOON meh-dee-kah-MEN-toh
20	Are you allergic to latex?	¿Tiene alergia al látex?	tee-EH-nay ah-LEHR-hee-ah ahl LAH-teks
21	Do you have any medical conditions?	¿Tiene alguna condición médica?	tee-EH-nay ahl-GOO-nah kon-dee-see-OWN MEH-dee-kah
22	Do you have diabetes?	¿Tiene diabetes?	tee-EH-nay dee-ah-BEH-tays
23	Do you have high blood pressure?	¿Tiene presión alta?	tee-EH-nay preh-see-OWN AHL-tah
24	Do you have a heart condition?	¿Tiene algún problema del corazón?	tee-EH-nay ahl-GOON proh-BLEH-mah del koh-rah-SOHN
25	Have you had any surgeries?	¿Ha tenido alguna cirugía?	ah teh-NEE-doh ahl-GOO-nah see-roo-HEE-ah
26	Do you smoke?	¿Fuma?	FOO-mah
27	Are you pregnant?	¿Está embarazada?	es-TAH em-bah-rah-SAH-dah
28	Have you been pregnant recently?	¿Ha estado embarazada recientemente?	ah es-TAH-doh em-bah-rah-SAH-dah reh-see-en-tay-MEN-tay
29	Do you bleed easily?	¿Sangra fácilmente?	SAHN-grah FAH-seel-MEN-tay
30	Is everything on the form correct?	¿Está todo correcto en el formulario?	es-TAH TOH-doh koh-REK-toh en el fohr-moo-LAH-ree-oh

31	Please tell the doctor about this	Por favor cuénteles esto al doctor	por fah-VOR KWEHN-tay-lay ES-toh ahl DOK-tohr
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Section 3: Symptoms & Pain (16 Phrases)

Understand exactly where it hurts.

	Where does it hurt?	¿Dónde le duele?	DOHN-day lay DWEH-lay
32	Which tooth hurts?	¿Cuál diente le duele?	kwahl dee-EN-tay lay DWEH-lay
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34	How long has it hurt?	¿Desde cuándo le duele?	DEHS-day KWAHN-doh lay DWEH-lay
35	Does it hurt all the time?	¿Le duele todo el tiempo?	lay DWEH-lay TOH-doh el tee-EM-poh
36	Does it hurt when you bite?	¿Le duele al morder?	lay DWEH-lay ahl mohr-DEHR
37	Does it hurt with hot or cold?	¿Le duele con el calor o el frío?	lay DWEH-lay kon el kah-LOHR oh el FREE-oh
38	Does it hurt at night?	¿Le duele en la noche?	lay DWEH-lay en lah NOH-chay
39	Is there any swelling?	¿Hay alguna hinchazón?	eye ahl-GOO-nah een-chah-SOHN
40	Your gum looks swollen	Su encía se ve inflamada	soo en-SEE-ah say veh een-flah-MAH-dah
41	Do you have sensitivity?	¿Tiene sensibilidad?	tee-EH-nay sen-see-bee-lee-DAHD
42	Does it bleed when you brush?	¿Le sangra al cepillarse?	lay SAHN-grah ahl seh-pee-YAHR-say
43	Open your mouth wide, please	Abra la boca grande, por favor	AH-brah lah BOH-kah GRAHN-day por fah-VOR
44	Close your mouth	Cierre la boca	see-EH-rray lah BOH-kah
45	Bite down, please	Muerda, por favor	MWEHR-dah por fah-VOR
46	Does it hurt here?	¿Le duele aquí?	lay DWEH-lay ah-KEE
47	Point to the spot	Señale el lugar	seh-NYAH-lay el loo-GAHR

Section 4: The Exam & X-Rays (14 Phrases)

Guide the patient through the examination.

48	I'm going to examine your teeth	Voy a revisarle los dientes	voy ah reh-vee-SAHR-lay lohs dee-EN-tays
49	Open your mouth	Abra la boca	AH-brah lah BOH-kah
50	Say 'ahh'	Diga 'ahh'	DEE-gah ahh

51	I'm going to take some x-rays	Le voy a tomar unas radiografías	lay voy ah toh-MAHR OO-nahs rah-dee-oh-GRAH-fee-ahs
52	Please put this in your mouth	Por favor póngase esto en la boca	por fah-VOR POHN-gah-say ES-toh en lah BOH-kah
53	Bite down on the film	Muerda sobre la película	MWEHR-dah SOH-bray lah peh-LEE-koo-lah
54	Stay still, please	Qué dese quieto/a, por favor	KEH-day-seh kee-EH-toh/dah por fah-VOR
55	Hold your breath for a moment	Aguante la respiración un momento	ah-GWAHN-tay lah res-pee-rah-see-OWN oon moh-MEN-toh
56	We're all set, you can relax	Listo, puede relajarse	LEES-toh PWEH-day reh-lah-HAHR-say
57	Everything looks healthy here	Todo se ve sano aquí	TOH-doh say veh SAH-noh ah-KEE
58	I see a cavity	Veo una caries	VEH-oh OO-nah KAH-ree-ess
59	This tooth needs attention	Este diente necesita atención	ES-tay dee-EN-tay neh-seh-SEE-tah ah-ten-see-OWN
60	There is a small problem here	Hay un problema pequeño aquí	eye oon proh-BLEH-mah peh-KEH-nyoh ah-KEE
61	Let me look at the other side	Déjeme revisar el otro lado	DEH-heh-may reh-vee-SAHR el OH-troh LAH-doh

Section 5: Procedures & Treatment (17 Phrases)

Explain what you're doing and reassure.

62	I'm going to clean your teeth	Voy a limpiarle los dientes	voy ah leem-pee-AHR-lay lohs dee-EN-tays
63	Please sit up / lean back	Siéntese / recuéstese	see-EN-tay-say / reh-KWES-tay-say
64	I'm going to numb the area	Le voy a adormecer la zona	lay voy ah ah-dohr-meh-SEHR lah SOH-nah
65	You will feel a small prick	Sentirá un pinchazo pequeño	sen-tee-RAH oon peen-CHAH-soh peh-KEH-nyoh
66	Tell me if it hurts	Dígame si le duele	DEE-gah-may see lay DWEH-lay
67	Raise your hand if you need me to stop	Levante la mano si necesita que pare	leh-VAHN-tay lah MAH-noh see neh-seh-SEE-tah kay PAH-ray

68	I'm going to drill the tooth	Voy a taladrar el diente	voy ah tah-lah-DRAHR el dee-EN-tay
69	Rinse your mouth, please	Enjuáguese la boca, por favor	en-HWAH-gay-say lah BOH-kah por fah-VOR
70	Spit into the sink	Escupa en el lavabo	es-KOO-pah en el lah-VAH-boh
71	Bite down on this cotton	Muerda sobre este algodón	MWEHR-dah SOH-bray ES-tay ahl-goh-DOHN
72	This is a filling	Esto es un empaste / una obturación	ES-toh ess oon em-PAHS-tay / OO-nah ob-too-rah-see-OWN
73	I need to do a root canal	Necesito hacer una endodoncia	neh-seh-SEE-toh ah-SEHR OO-nah en-doh-DOHN-see-ah
74	The tooth may need to be extracted	Quizás haya que extraer el diente	kee-SAHs AH-yah kay eks-trah-EHR el dee-EN-tay
75	I'll apply a local anesthetic	Le aplicaré anestesia local	lay ah-plee-kah-REH ah-nes-TEH-see-ah loh-KAHL
76	Almost done, you're doing great	Ya casi termino, lo está haciendo muy bien	yah KAH-see tehr-MEE-noh loh es-TAH ah-see-EN-doh moo-ee bee-EN
77	We're finished	Hemos terminado	EH-mohs tehr-mee-NAH-doh
78	The treatment is done	El tratamiento está terminado	el trah-tah-mee-EN-toh es-TAH tehr-mee-NAH-doh

Section 6: Instructions, Aftercare & Payment (16 Phrases)

Send them home happy and informed.

79	Brush your teeth twice a day	Cepílese los dientes dos veces al día	seh-PEE-yay-say lohs dee-EN-tays dohs VEH-says ahl DEE-ah
80	Floss every day	Use hilo dental todos los días	OO-seh EE-loh den-TAHL TOH-dohs lohs DEE-ahs
81	Don't eat for thirty minutes	No coma por treinta minutos	no KOH-mah por TREEN-tah mee-NOO-tohs
82	Avoid hot foods today	Evite comidas calientes hoy	eh-VEE-tay koh-MEE-dahs kah-lee-EN-tays oy
83	Don't brush the area until tomorrow	No se cepille la zona hasta mañana	no say seh-PEE-yay lah SOH-nah AHS-tah mah-NYAH-nah
84	Take this medication as directed	Tome este medicamento como se le indicó	TOH-may ES-tay meh-dee-kah-MEN-toh KOH-moh say lay een-dee-KOH

85	If it hurts, take the pain reliever	Si le duele, tome el analgésico	see lay DWEH-lay TOH-may el ah-nahl-HEH-see-koh
86	Call us if you have any problems	Llámenos si tiene algún problema	YAH-meh-nohs see tee-EH-nay ahl-GOON proh-BLEH-mah
87	We'll see you in six months	Nos vemos en seis meses	nohs VEH-mohs en says MEH-says
88	Come back in two weeks	Vuelva en dos semanas	VWEHL-vah en dohs seh-MAH-nahs
89	The total for today is [amount]	El total de hoy es [cantidad]	el toh-TAHL day oy ess [kahn-tee-DAHD]
90	How would you like to pay?	¿Cómo quiere pagar?	KOH-moh kee-EH-ray pah-GAHR
91	Cash or card?	¿Efectivo o tarjeta?	eh-fehk-TEE-voh oh tahr-HEH-tah
92	We'll submit it to your insurance	Lo enviaremos a su seguro	loh en-vee-ah-REH-mohs ah soo seh-GOO-roh
93	Your insurance covers this	Su seguro cubre esto	soo seh-GOO-roh KOO-bray ES-toh
94	There's a payment plan available	Hay un plan de pagos disponible	eye oon plahn day PAH-gohs dees-poh-NEE-blay

Section 7: Comfort, Reassurance & Goodbye (13 Phrases)

Make the patient feel safe and calm.

95	Are you comfortable?	¿Está cómodo/a?	es-TAH KOH-moh-doh/dah
96	Would you like a pillow?	¿Quiere una almohada?	kee-EH-ray OO-nah ahl-moh-AH-dah
97	The chair reclines	El sillón se reclina	el see-YOHN say reh-KLEE-nah
98	You're doing very well	Lo está haciendo muy bien	loh es-TAH ah-see-EN-doh moo-ee bee-EN
99	Try to relax	Trate de relajarse	TRAH-tay day reh-lah-HAHR-say
100	It will be over quickly	Será rápido	seh-RAH RAH-pee-doh
101	Take a deep breath	Respire hondo	res-PEE-ray OHN-doh
102	Is everything okay?	¿Está todo bien?	es-TAH TOH-doh bee-EN
103	Would you like water?	¿Quiere agua?	kee-EH-ray AH-gwah
104	Your smile looks great	Su sonrisa se ve muy bien	soo son-REE-sah say veh moo-ee bee-EN
105	Thank you for coming today	Gracias por venir hoy	GRAH-see-ahs por veh-NEER oy

106	See you at your next visit	Nos vemos en su próxima visita	nohs VEH-mohs en soo PROK-see-mah vee-SEE-tah
107	Take care and have a good day	Cúidese y que tenga un buen día	KWEE-day-say ee kay TEN-gah oon bwen DEE-ah

Section 8: Phone Calls & Appointments (15 Phrases)

Help over the phone and by message.

108	Good morning, [name] Dental office	Buenos días, consultorio dental [nombre]	BWEH-nohs DEE-ahs kohn-sool-TOH-ree-oh den-TAHL
109	How can I help you?	¿En qué le puedo ayudar?	en kay lay PWEH-doh ah-yoo-DAHR
110	Would you like to make an appointment?	¿Quiere hacer una cita?	kee-EH-ray ah-SEHR OO-nah SEE-tah
111	What is the reason for your visit?	¿Cuál es el motivo de su visita?	kwahl ess el moh-TEE-voh day soo vee-SEE-tah
112	We have an opening on Tuesday	Tenemos un espacio el martes	teh-NEH-mohs oon es-PAH-see-oh el MAHR-tays
113	Is the morning or afternoon better?	¿Le queda mejor por la mañana o la tarde?	lay KEH-dah meh-HOHR por lah mah-NYAH-nah oh lah TAHR-day
114	Please bring your insurance card	Por favor traiga su tarjeta de seguro	por fah-VOR TRY-gah soo tahr-HEH-tah day seh-GOO-roh
115	We'll remind you the day before	Le recordaremos un día antes	lay reh-kohr-dah-REH-mohs oon DEE-ah AHN-tays
116	Do you need to reschedule?	¿Necesita cambiar su cita?	neh-seh-SEE-tah kahm-bee-AHR soo SEE-tah
117	May I confirm your appointment?	¿Puedo confirmar su cita?	PWEH-doh kon-feer-MAHR soo SEE-tah
118	Please arrive ten minutes early	Por favor llegue diez minutos antes	por fah-VOR YEH-gay dee-es mee-NOO-tohs AHN-tays
119	Your appointment is tomorrow	Su cita es mañana	soo SEE-tah ess mah-NYAH-nah
120	Do you have any questions?	¿Tiene alguna pregunta?	tee-EH-nay ahl-GOO-nah preh-GOON-tah
121	Please hold one moment	Espere un momentito, por favor	es-PEH-ray oon moh-men-TEE-toh por fah-VOR
122	The receptionist will help you	La recepcionista le ayudará	lah reh-sehp-see-oh-NEES-tah lay ah-yoo-dah-RAH

Quick-Reference Cards

Chairside Cheat Card

1	Open your mouth, please	Abra la boca, por favor	AH-brah lah BOH-kah por fah-VOR
2	Where does it hurt?	¿Dónde le duele?	DOHN-day lay DWEH-lay
3	Tell me if it hurts	Dígame si le duele	DEE-gah-may see lay DWEH-lay
4	Bite down, please	Muerda, por favor	MWEHR-dah por fah-VOR
5	Rinse your mouth	Enjuáguese la boca	en-HWAH-gay-say lah BOH-kah
6	Are you comfortable?	¿Está cómodo/a?	es-TAH KOH-moh-doh/dah
7	Almost done	Ya casi termino	yah KAH-see tehr-MEE-noh
8	Brush twice a day	Cepílese dos veces al día	seh-PEE-yay-say dohs VEH-says ahl DEE-ah
9	Call us if you have problems	Llámenos si tiene algún problema	YAH-meh-nohs see tee-EH-nay ahl-GOON proh-BLEH-mah
10	See you in six months	Nos vemos en seis meses	nohs VEH-mohs en says MEH-says

Symptom Check Questions

Working with Spanish-Speaking Patients

- First put the patient at ease with a calm greeting and simple reassurance in Spanish - it reduces anxiety throughout the visit.
- For medical history, allergies and informed consent, you must fully understand the patient and they must fully understand you. When it matters, use a certified interpreter rather than guessing.
- Use clear, short commands during treatment and tell the patient they can raise their hand to stop: 'Levante la mano si necesita que pare.'
- After treatment, confirm the patient understands the aftercare before they leave. Repeat the key points slowly.
- A kind closing like 'Cuidate' (Take care) builds trust and keeps patients returning.