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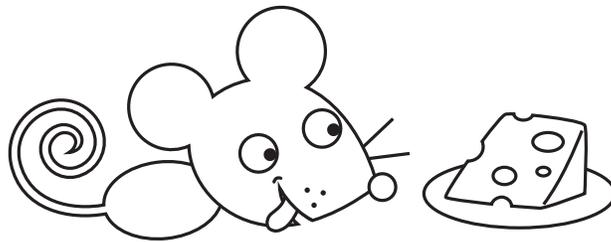


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## **About Spanish Vocabulary**

Spanish is a rich and diverse language spoken in more than 20 different countries by over 320 million people. Given the wide-ranging geographic and cultural diversity among Spanish speakers, it is not surprising that two native Spanish speakers may use different words for the same objects. In fact, every Spanish-speaking country has its own idiosyncratic words that may seem “foreign” to other Spanish speakers. In this book, we provide vocabulary that is the most commonly spoken and recognizable to the greatest number of native Spanish speakers in Latin America. Occasionally, we include alternative words that are also commonly used. Since the individual words spoken in individual countries may vary, please feel free to adapt these lessons to the form of Spanish that is most relevant to your learning community.

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## Foreward

Parents and teachers know children learn language by using language to make sense of their world. The materials in this program honor this basic understanding. Rather than relying on drills and memorization to learn Spanish, children participate in meaningful projects, creating puppets, following recipes, making play dough, playing bingo, making pictures of their family and homes, and entering story worlds. In the process of all of this making and doing, children hear and try out the new language.

Practical and well-designed lessons in the Whistlefritz series integrate all areas of the curriculum, with each new lesson spiraling back to previous lessons giving children multiple opportunities to develop their Spanish. In the DVDs, a delightful feature of the series, children meet an adventurous mouse named Fritzzi who entertains and invites them to practice and extend their new language. With lots of fun, and seemingly without effort, children fall in love with and become competent speakers of Spanish.

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