



# SPANISH COURSES FOR AU PAIRS IN MADRID

FROM SCRATCH TO B1 IN 3 MONTHS

WITH THE VEITH METHOD EXCLUSIVELY FOR ENGLISH SPEAKERS

**Learn a new language**

**Learn a new vision of the world**

## VEITH INSTITUT AND THE VEITH METHOD

VEITH Institut is a language centre in Madrid, which was created in 2012 by German linguist and didactic innovator, Doctor Daniel Veith. On the basis of the highly effective **VEITH Method** that he has been developing for the past 15 years, he and his wife began offering intensive German courses for job seekers during the Spanish economic crisis. Over the years, the teaching on offer has been expanded to English and Spanish courses, as well as didactic videos on the Internet (see [www.veith.tv](http://www.veith.tv)).

The fact that the course contents are extremely compressed and linked to each other in a logical and systematic way, apart from the focus always being based on a specific group of students (e.g. German for Spanish speakers or Spanish for German speakers), allows the language courses of the VEITH Method to progress **two to three times faster than conventional methods**: it is possible to reach an intermediate level (B1) of **German, English or Spanish in three months** without any previous knowledge.



Thanks to reports in different formats of **television and radio** (TeleMadrid, Radio Nacional, Cope, etc.), as well as numerous publications in all important **written media** (El País, El Mundo, ABC, etc.), VEITH Institut has already taught more than **4000 students**, having obtained recognition at national level and developed as a significant reference in the education sector in Spain.

In the field of language teaching, both VEITH Institut and the VEITH business group stand in a **unique position**, as all aspects of teaching – from method development to final exams – are produced by different parts of the same company, which means that they are created under the same didactic vision in order to reach a **maximum standardization of the entire teaching and learning process**.

**VEITH Institut wants to actively help au pairs to achieve one of their main objectives during their stay abroad – to deepen their knowledge of the foreign language in the most persistent way possible.**

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## THE SPANISH COURSES FOR AU PAIRS

### COURSE CONTENTS

The Spanish courses for au pairs at the VEITH Institut in Madrid are **aimed at the special needs of au pairs in Spain**. They are exclusively developed by our own research department, VEITH R+D Agency.

The advantages that you have with us in comparison to other language schools is our own teaching method which makes you learn **faster and more effective than in any conventional course**: with the same effort in money and time, you gain double or triple the progress in Spanish and maximize your stay in Madrid.

### COURSE VARIANTS

We offer our Spanish courses for au pairs in **two variants**, depending on the time you have to learn a new language:

- **VEITH Standard AP course**: 2 units per day, 2 times a week, Mondays and Wednesdays or Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- **VEITH Turbo AP course**: 2 units per day, 4 times a week, from Monday to Thursday, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Both forms include a 10 minute break to relax and meet other au pairs (do not forget to drink a coffee in our snack zone).

If you wish to learn even faster, or if you are looking for a more intensive alternative, our **general Spanish courses** might better suit you (see [www.veithinstitut.com](http://www.veithinstitut.com)).

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## COURSE FEES

Description	Fee
Enrolment fee	0 €
Spanish course for au pairs VEITH Standard AP (2 classes per week, 16 units per month)	75 €
Spanish course for au pairs VEITH Turbo AP (4 classes per week, 32 units per month)	145 €

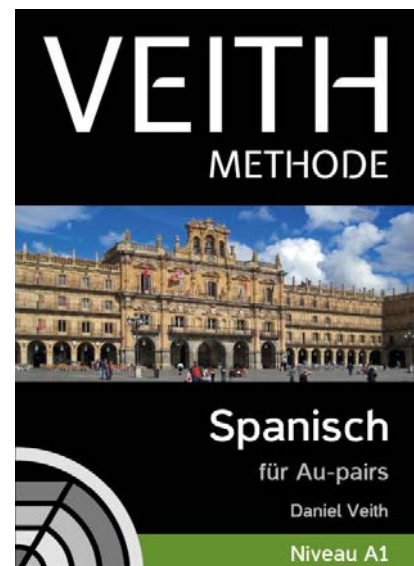
The only condition to participate in our Spanish courses for au pairs with their **super-reduced rates** is that you show us, by means of a written document, your activity as an au pair in Spain.

Important information for the au pairs from Germany: We provide all necessary documents to receive the financial "Kindergeld" support.

## DIDACTIC MATERIAL

For your Spanish course, you need to purchase our teaching material that is not included in the course fee. It does not consist – unlike in most of the language academies in Madrid – of a series of photocopies, but of **books published exclusively for our Spanish language courses for au pairs**, edited by Litamorphosis. These books contain, in one single volume, all the texts, exercises, grammatical and phonetic indications and thematic lists of vocabulary used during the course.

Each book costs €29.90, always comprises a complete VEITH level (A1, A2, B1-1, etc.) and is sold in the institute itself or through our online store.



On the right, you can see one of the books for German au pairs.

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## ADDITIONAL LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES

On Fridays, we organize **cultural activities** and varied excursions in Madrid and the surrounding area. You can visit the museums of Madrid with us, know the secrets of Spanish cuisine and take a journey through the most emblematic sites of the city or day trips to Toledo, the Escorial Palace or Aranjuez.

Once a week, we invite you to participate in our "**Spanish-English-German Encounters**" where you can meet our English and German students from Spain and Latin America, practice both languages in **linguistic tandems** and make international friendships.

The **intercultural purpose** of these activities is, led by our VEITH teachers, to help you to alleviate the "cultural shock" and sensitize you to the differences between your country and Spain and explain the reasons for certain behaviours, customs and traditions of the Spanish people.



## BACKGROUND: THE VEITH SPANISH LEVELS

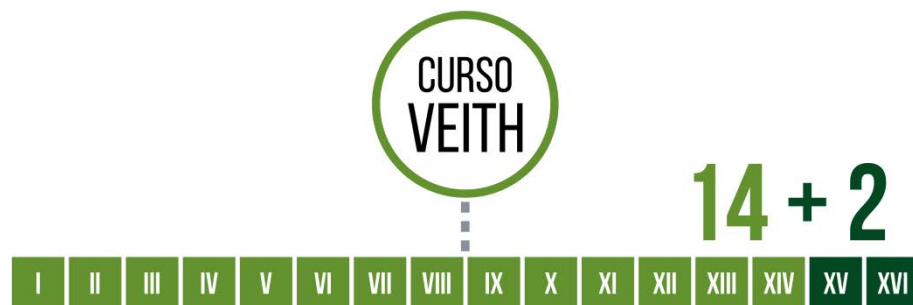
The VEITH Method uses a novel "**circular system**" of levels and courses so that the teaching of the language is the most appropriate to your needs and the most oriented to the true linguistic evolution in the process of learning Spanish. The courses in our Spanish language academy in Madrid, entirely produced by our **own research and innovation department VEITH R+D Agency** headed by Dr. Daniel Veith, are structured as a system of circular metro lines: we have four "lines", which correspond to the main levels of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR):



- A / Beginner level = Line A
- B1 / Lower intermediate level = Circle line B1
- B2 / Upper intermediate level = Circle line B2
- C / Advanced level = Circle line C



Each course – a white point in the chart above, i.e. a "station" – consists of 16 lessons or classes, 14 of which are reserved for learning new content, while in the last two the general review and the final exam are done.



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## THE BEGINNER LEVEL

A

If you are starting Spanish from scratch or with limited knowledge, you need to learn the basic grammar **in the most progressive way possible**: for example, if you want to get to topic 3, you must have previously studied topics 1 and 2, in this order. Therefore, to return to the image of the subway system, "line" A is organized **linearly** and takes you "station by station" (lesson by lesson) to the "circular line" B1.

The A level teaches the Spanish language in 2 courses from zero to the completion of the beginner A2 level. Note: each course takes you **completely through the A1 and A2 levels**, not via – as in other language schools – a sub-level like A1.1 or A1.2.

## THE LOWER AND UPPER INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

B1

B2

In a language like Spanish, with a relatively simple grammatical structure, it is irrational to make a subdivision of the main levels of a language in B1.1, B1.2, etc., as proposed by the CEFR. You cannot measure knowledge, which is something very abstract-intuitive, in such a mathematically-exact way, which means that there is no way to evaluate accurately that someone "has a B1.2 or a B1.3. yet". On the other hand, it is not very difficult to determine whether a student has a low intermediate (B1) or a high intermediate (B2) level.

Therefore, the VEITH Method proposes two circles – B1 and B2 – and these circles are subdivided into 4 courses each, but these courses are **not linear-consecutive, but complementary**: you can get on the train on the circle line B1 at any "station" (in any Spanish course), and you can also transfer to the circular line B2 at any other "station".

Compare this to the metro in Madrid: if you want to take a full trip on the circle line 6, you can get on at Nuevos Ministerios or Méndez Alvaro; to go through the whole journey ("through all grammatical topics"), it doesn't matter where you start and where you end up.

In order not to create confusion with traditional linear-consecutive learning systems, the VEITH Method has dispensed with a designation of courses with figures for our B1, B2 and C circles, because "B1.1" or "B1.2" automatically insinuates that course ".1" is mandatory before ".2".

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For this reason, our complementary courses differentiate among them by having the abbreviations of the most emblematic Spanish-speaking cities:

- **BUE** for Buenos Aires in Argentina, representative of the countries in the "South cone" of South America (Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay and Chile),
- **BOG** for Bogota in Colombia, representative of the countries in the north of South America (Colombia and Venezuela),
- **HAV** for Havana in Cuba, representative of the countries in the Caribbean (Cuba, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico) and countries outside Europe and the Americas where Spanish is the official language (Equatorial Guinea) or maintains some importance for historical reasons (Western Sahara, Philippines),
- **MAD** for Madrid in Spain, representative of Spanish in the Iberian Peninsula (Spain, Andorra) and in the Spanish territory outside it (Balearic Islands, Canary Islands and autonomous cities in North Africa, Ceuta and Melilla),
- **MEX** for Mexico City in Mexico, representative of the most populous Spanish-speaking country in the world,
- **MIA** for Miami in the United States, representative of the American states with a high Spanish-speaking population in North America, where Latin culture has strongly influenced the North American socio-cultural environment and Spanish has established itself as a minority language,
- **SJO** for San José in Costa Rica, representative of the countries in Central America (Costa Rica, Panama, Nicaragua, Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala, Belize),



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- **QUI** for Quito in Ecuador, representative of the Andean countries (Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia); in all previous cases, we have used the IATA code of the main airports of each city; however, due to the fact that Quito has the official code UIO which bears little resemblance, we have opted to invent an easier code to remember.

In the advanced C level, the topics of reading and conversation are concentrated in each of these eight cultural regions, i.e. if you do the whole C circle with us, you will, by the end of it, have a very broad view of the similarities and socio-cultural differences of all the countries in the Spanish-speaking world, as well as sharpening your ear to the different accents of Spanish, based on the videos and audio pieces that we are going to analyze throughout the courses.

## THE ADVANCED LEVEL

C

The last circle proposed by the VEITH Method is intended for people who have already mastered Spanish and who aim to maintain and even improve their high level of the language and also deepen their knowledge to achieve perfection in spoken and written Spanish.

We decided not to subdivide the C circle into C1 and C2, because at such an advanced level it is no longer feasible to determine what exact level a student can have. Let's look at this small comparison: even in our mother tongue, we do not normally dominate all areas with the same dexterity; for example, a person may have a very high writing style (which would be equivalent to C2), but it is difficult for him or her to find the correct words when talking (= C1). Meanwhile, another person may be extremely deft at conversing (= C2), but his or her written output is limited to a relatively simple register (= C1). Therefore, if it is not possible to determine accurately the level in a mother tongue, the less possible it is in a foreign language.

The practical part of conversation in this circle is characterized by not working with generic textbooks that are often outdated, but is based on **didactic material developed exclusively for these courses**, selected and continuously adapted by our creative team of the VEITH R+D Agency, so that these practical units are not just boring conversational classes of advanced Spanish, but always have the challenge of talking and discussing the most current topics, so that you can keep up and enrich your active Spanish vocabulary as instantaneously as possible.

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Given the renewal and continuous updating of the content, even if you have attended all courses offered in the C circle, you could continue enrolling with us and you will never tire, since you will always hear new topics (for this reason, the circle in the diagram is open towards the right). This didactic treatment of the C / Advanced level of competence is oriented to linguistic reality: although you reach the C level and speak Spanish with maximum fluency, you would never finish learning Spanish, since learning a foreign language is a continuous task for one's whole lifetime.

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