



## LOCAL SPANISH LEARNING RESOURCES

Warren Hardy Spanish ([www.warrenhardy.com](http://www.warrenhardy.com))



Warren Hardy was a Tuscon high school Spanish teacher who moved to Mexico in 1990 and established a language school for ex-pats in the town of San Miguel Allende. In addition to classes and immersion experiences held in San Miguel Allende, Warren also offers his program through licensed teachers in the United States as well as through an online *Webtutor* program.

The Warren Hardy program is the best program I have ever participated in, especially the first two levels. The first level helps students engage in a wide variety of conversations using six “Power Verbs” that can be combined with time frames, connecting words, objects, and other verbs in infinitive form to form an almost unlimited number of sentences. The second level focuses on the simple past tense as well as the proper placement of pronouns to help students talk about past activities and experiences. A third level covering the remaining important verb tenses rounds out the basic program offering.

All three basic levels are available online at a reasonable price through an online *Webtutor* program. The basic price includes access to Warren Hardy instructional videos, audio games to strengthen learning, and a downloadable workbook.

**Level One:** Power Verbs: \$329

**Level Two:** The Simple Past and Pronouns \$139

**Level Three:** The Seven Indicative Tenses \$119

For several years, Rick Gehweiler ([rickgehweiler@gmail.com](mailto:rickgehweiler@gmail.com)), a winter resident of Tubac, has offered the first two sessions of the Warren Hardy program during the months of January and February. Unfortunately, Rick will be undergoing knee surgery this year and will not be holding courses. However, you could contact Rick later in 2020 if you’d like to participate in the 2021 program. In addition to Rick’s teaching and facilitation, the program also utilizes several native speakers from Sonora to help students with pronunciation and grammar (They even correct Rick at times, too!)



### **Green Valley Recreation Spanish Classes**

For a number of years GVR has offered a series of Spanish classes with Zandra Clark as the instructor. Zandra's classes include basic, intermediate, and advanced conversation offerings. Classes are offered in both the fall and winter and run from 3 to 6 weeks. The cost for each class is less than \$100, with a discount available for GVR members. Check the GVR website for the 2020 class catalog, which should be out soon (<http://www.gvrec.org/activities/gvr-discover/classes/>).



### **Good Shepherd Church Spanish Classes & More**

The Good Shepherd Church in Green Valley (<https://thegoodshepherducc.org/>) offers Spanish classes from mid-January through February for beginning, intermediate, advanced speakers, at a cost of around \$50 for each annual session. Following the classroom activities there also is an optional 3-4 day trip to Sonora, Mexico. In addition, the church offers a 2-week immersion trip each year to Antigua, Guatemala, in March. Download a recent church bulletin or contact the church office for additional details.



### **One-On-One Skype Sessions via Probigua**

Probigua (<http://www.probigua.com/online.html>) is the name of the language school in Guatemala that offers the 2-week immersion experience sponsored by Good Shepherd Church. In addition to on-site programs, Probigua also offers one-on-one tutoring via Skype with native Guatemalan speakers. The cost for a 1 hour Skype session is only \$12, and you can arrange for a free one-hour trial. The Probigua website also offers a on-line test to assess your current level of Spanish before you start your Skype sessions.