

# Break the language barrier

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## Lesson 1

Queridos amigos

Talking about the weather is interesting in Spanish, as they do not use the verb "to be" as we do, saying "it is hot", "it is cold" etc.

In Spanish we use the verb "hacer", (ah-ther) to do or make.

Eg "Hace calor"- (ah-they ka-lor)- Its hot- (literally "it makes heat")  
"Hace frio"- (ah-they free-oh)- It's cold-(literally it makes cold")

"Llover" – (yo-ver) is the verb "to rain", and is an interesting diphthong or stem-changing verb. It is an "er" verb and regular in its endings, but in the present tense the "o" stem changes to "ue".

E.g. Llueve mucho en España- (yoo-eh-be moo-cho en es-pan-ya)- It rains a lot in Spain.

In Spanish we do not use "ing" words so much as in English, so it could also translate to "It is raining a lot in Spain"

Here is some other weather vocabulary and sundry vocabulary

**Rain** –(la) lluvia -yoo-bee-ah  
**Storm**- (la) tormenta- tor-men-ta  
**Lightning**- (los) rayos- rye-ohs  
**Wind**-(el) viento- bee-en-to  
**Fog**- (la) niebla- nee-eb-la  
**Snow**- (la) nieve- nee-eh-be  
**A lot**-mucho-moo-cho  
**Today**- hoy-oy  
**And**-y-ee

Now translate this short sentence-

Today is very cold and it is raining a lot.

I will give you the answer next time - Happy practising!!