

# La Fuente

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## SOME SPANISH FIESTAS IN AUGUST

¡Hola a todos! How was your four-month long break?

As we have shifted calendars, we follow the beginning and ending months of some universities recognized internationally. However, thus far, we don't follow the school calendar of Spain, as they start in September rather than in August. So while we have finished a month's worth of school, Spain is just about to begin.

So, let's look at festivals that Spain celebrated during the month of August!

August 2 this year, they celebrated a summer's New Year's Eve in Granada. This occurs yearly, every first Saturday of August. It started in 1994 when some power lines broke during the actual New Year's Eve, and the people decided to celebrate months after and ended up celebrating it in August; thus began the celebration of a second New Year's Eve halfway through the year.

From the 16th to 23rd, they had the Feria de Malaga, which is one of the biggest parties in the region of Andalusia. In Spanish parties there are normally three basic things that need to be done: eat, drink, and dance. The Feria de Malaga, being a big party, involved lots of eating, drinking, dancing, and even fireworks, too!

Finally, there's La Tomatina which is fairly recent - it was done the 27th of August. It's a festival in the region of Valencia that is celebrated every last Wednesday of August, where people throw tomatoes at one another in the streets of the city of Buñol. More than a hundred thousand kilos of tomatoes are used during the festival, as more or less 40,000 people (tourists and Spaniards alike) come to Buñol to participate in the world's biggest tomato throwing festival.

Spain's August seems to have been fun—we hope that yours has been too, even though we have already started school!



## TRABALENGUAS (TONGUE TWISTERS)

To pass the time while waiting for class, why don't you try a Spanish tongue twister (or *trabalengua* as they call it)? That way you have fun while getting in some practice for your pronunciation!

Here's one:

Te quiero más que me quieres ¿Qué más quieres?, ¿quieres más?

which roughly translates to: I like you more than you like me. What more do you want? Do you want more?

## PIROPOS DE AMOR: SPANISH PICK-UP LINES

Spanish is considered as one of the languages that tends to exude sultriness and romance. The words coming out from the lips of a Latin lover makes women (even some men) swoon. In this article, we've gathered some *piropos de amor* (flattery or praise) that might help you grab attention. Even if you are going to use this in a non Spanish-speaking country, they can be a great way to enrich your vocabulary and add some fun in your Spanish class. Check it out!

*Me gustaría ser lágrima: para nacer en tus ojos, vivir en tu mejilla, y morir en tus labios.*

I would love to be a tear: to be born in your eyes, live in your cheek, and die in your lips.

*No quiero dinero ni riqueza, a mi me basta con tu belleza.*

I don't need money or riches; I am satisfied with your beauty.

*Las flores al verte, celosas están, no comprenden como una de ellas, caminando va.*

The flowers become jealous when they see you, because they couldn't understand how one of them is walking around.

*No te vayas por el sol, porque los bombones se derriten.*

Don't walk in the sun because the best sweets melts.

*Sabes porque el mar es salado? Porque tu te llevaste toda su dulzura.*

Do you know why the sea is salty? Because you took away all of its sweetness.

*Quien fuera bizco para verte dos veces.*

I would love to be cross-eyed so that I could see you twice.

*Si fuera Superman, te llevaria volando, pero como no lo soy te acompaño caminando.*

If I were Superman I would take you flying, but since I'm not, I'll walk you home.

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The organization was founded in 1964 under the name of Círculo Cervantino. It became dormant during a couple of years. And in 1997, it was re-established as Círculo Hispánico.

UP Círculo Hispánico aims to promote the Spanish language and culture to students and other members of our academic institution. It serves as a venue and support group for students who wish to further their interest in the Spanish language and culture through different activities such as tutorials, exhibits, poetry readings, film showings, etc. It helps in strengthening ties among the Philippines and the Spanish-speaking countries. For years, the organization has been a tool in helping produce esteemed alumni who were and will always be instruments of change in our society and our country.

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