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This updated edition of the combination textbook and workbook is designed as an introduction to Spanish for classroom use. The emphasis is on oral proficiency--conversational speaking and listening comprehension--but the authors also present detailed instruction in the fundamentals of Spanish grammar, vocabulary, reading comprehension, and writing in Spanish. The book is filled with exercises and answers, true-to-life dialogues, illustrations of Hispanic art, and photos that capture the flavor of Spanish culture in Spain and Latin America. In this new edition, the vocabulary sections and readings have been updated to include the latest technology, while the cultural sections now include information about the Hispanic individuals currently making a splash on the world scene.

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I am a self taught student. I am between an A2-B1 level of Spanish and just bought this book. 90% of my studies have been with audio spaced repetition and very little reading and writing exercises, so I bought this book to add some foundational re-enforcement. The good points in the book are that there are plenty worksheets and the reading exercises are good. I read them out loud and try to read quickly without hesitation. The exercises are easy for me, but at the level where I can read them and not be crutched with translating from english so much in my head. It's been great re-enforcement for me. The CD is not much value in that I don't have a CD player. What's with a CD in 2015? Really? My kids don't even know what a CD is. A good website with MP3 downloads and

maybe some interactive online work as a bonus would be value, but the publishers probably have a bunch of seniors working on this project if they think a CD in 2015 is a good idea. I believe that if you are a beginning student looking for self study, this is not going to be an easy book, not impossible either. It jumps into a lot of vocabulary very quickly. It is probably okay with a Teacher, but still I think beginners are better off talking and listening more than wasting time reading and writing. If your goal is to talk to others in a new language, making your mouth and brain communicate is the same as training for a marathon. You have to run to train for a marathon and you have to talk out loud to learn how to speak a new language. You brain functions on a different level thinking and speaking than it does reading and writing. You need to be doing Spanish every day.

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