



## **Recommendations-Beginners Group Courses**

### **BEGINNERS I**

*"Martha Jesty is and has been a great teacher. Her teaching methods and strategies are very professional and clear whilst being warm and easy to talk to. The recap every week on the previous weeks teaching was invaluable boosting confidence amongst the class, including myself. I have learned so much and in I am very grateful for her time and effort. I was kept interested at all times, constantly learning and strived for more. Martha was very patient and explained clearly anything that was misunderstood. Her English is very good helping to learn the language a lot better. I am much more confident talking, reading and understanding Spanish now. Martha has really helped with my language learning journey."* **Harry Richards**

*"Very interesting style and interesting to see how different methods help to reinforce learning and memory retention from a total novice, I now have a bit of a grasp of some Spanish basics like numbers, introductions, etc. Martha Jesty was very knowledgeable about language and culture so no doubt above her teaching credentials, what she does seems to work!. She has a very positive teaching approach and prepares to offer additional support to clients which I have exceeded. Martha pushes us (even if we find it uncomfortable) to do more a try, she is very encouraging, even if we mess up."* **Christine Bayley**

*"I found the course informative and enjoyable. The learning was presented in a great manner and things were explained effectively by Martha Jesty. She was very encouraging and patient, very friendly and organised. Good teaching and lessons. I have benefited from the course and the learning of the verbs."*

**Tanya Daykin**

*"This was a not just a great learning experience for a complete beginner, it was also a fun cultural experience with Martha. We learnt a lot more than just grammar and vocabulary covering expressions and meaning. The course gave me an excellent grounding in Spanish in a short period of time."* **Mike Young**

*"Spanish Lessons in Surrey offer a comprehensive and engaging language programme that is fun and well-paced. I have really consolidated the patchy Spanish language I had and have been able to extend my knowledge. I can now talk more confidently and understand much more. Martha Jesty is a clear and passionate teacher who clearly loves imparting her language to learners and gets great joy out of seeing their progress. Her lessons are well paced, fun and comprehensive and give a really solid foundation for mastering the language."*

**Becky Hill**

*"Martha Jesty is a great teacher, very encouraging and accommodating, very patient! I have learned more than expected."* **Soraya Anderson**



*"I started the beginner course with Martha Jesty as a complete beginner. Martha has been very positive and enthusiastic towards me and my classmates. Martha is so enthusiastic about the Spanish language, Hispanic culture, and teaching in general. Martha's enthusiasm is hugely encouraging and helps motivate me during and after classes. Martha appreciates the differing levels of her students and offers positive feedback. Martha pushes her students when she knows they know the answer even when they think they don't. Martha offers additional support outside of classes to really help push students on. Considering this course was completely virtual, I did not feel as if it hindered the experience or my learning in any way. Martha was very good at mixing activities from the book and creating her own to challenge us. Martha's use of the white board and rapid breaking down of the various rules really helped me develop. Sometimes when I did not get something in class, I knew when I re-visited it later in my own time I would. I am hugely impressed with the classes and what I have managed to learn in such a short period of time. I am impressed because it's not just a case of learning words or sayings, I feel like I have been taught the real meaning and methodology behind what I have learnt. I have had my personal battles with trying to understand the Spanish language and why they do certain things, but Martha always has a trick or way of understanding why. For me it is like when I have learnt other things such as golf. During the lesson or when I am being told something it seems completely alien, but then in the following days when I begin to go over what I learnt it all becomes clear. And I put this down to the skill of Martha's teaching. When we are presented with a new task or a page of writing in Mexican, initially, it can be daunting but Martha was always able to help us break it down. By the end of the course I could not believe I was able to read and understand lengthy/complex passages in Spanish. I am surprised that after just ten lessons I am now able to dissect lengthy sentences that I read in Spanish and when I speak with my wife's family (who are Mexican) for example. I can apply what I have learnt and fully understand sentences which feature Spanish words I have never even seen before. I do this by applying what Martha has shown me and using her logical approaches to breakdown lengthy sentences. Obviously, this was a beginner course and probably the reason for my lack of confidence in listening to Spanish. I feel I have got very good at reading in Spanish, however, my ability to listen and understand Spanish speakers is some way behind this. I continue to watch Spanish speaking programmes and speak with my wife in Spanish. But I hope in the next course and over the following months or so I can gain more confidence listening to Spanish. I feel very confident in writing the language, have learnt many words and understand how to put them into context. Still working on the patience, but it has been explained that this takes time and through using the other tools, listening and reading Spanish, it will come".*

**Oliver Brown**

*"Martha has a very patient and enthusiastic teaching style and would be very happy to recommend. As I haven't taken classes for some time, I wasn't sure what to expect but enjoyed a teaching style that always kept me engaged. Martha adapts the lesson as required depending on the progress being made."*

**Paul Hickson**



*"Martha Jesty was very dynamic, passionate about us learning and enthusiastic. The classes worked very well online. The style was very good, Martha took time to explain how best to learn a language and was keen for us to absorb ourselves in it. Classes had the right level of interaction and a good balance of reading, writing, listening and speaking. Martha was knowledgeable about the language, techniques, and also Spanish culture. Overall an excellent teacher. The quality of the SLS language service was excellent, I would have no hesitation in recommending to others. I learnt a lot more grammar than I thought I would during this course and vocabulary was picked up along the way. I was a beginner from scratch 0. I did try and always do the homework but do feel I could do more. Started off doing something every day but this did drop slightly as time went on. Motivated to keep it going though. I have a book and games to play to try and keep up the practice. Keen to do the next course."* **Katie Mann**

*"I have very much enjoyed the weeklong beginners' class with Martha Jesty. I have found her to have all the teaching qualities that makes a student interested and willing to learn. She has been patient and encouraging with those of us whose memories are not great; She is organised and very professional but at the same time the class is friendly and fun. Her style, knowledge and methodology are certainly of a high standard, and I would recommend her highly to anyone who wants to learn Spanish. Although the online class may not equal the face to face, it has surprised me how effective it has been aside from one or two minor technical issues. I had no knowledge of Spanish and after a few days now feel quite confident that I am equipped with some very helpful and basic conversation skills. The class has definitely stimulated my motivation to learn more."*

**Casia Zajac**

*"Martha Jesty is an excellent teacher, the sessions were clearly explained and the use of the hangouts and the book enable us to easily follow the course work. Martha is very good at explaining the language and also what else to do in order to absorb the accents and pronunciation of the words and letters. I have really enjoyed the past 10 weeks and feel more confident in using the language. Looking forward to starting the next class. I feel very confident in writing the language, have learnt many words and understand how to put them into context. Still working on the patience, but it has been explained that this takes time and through using the other tools, listening and reading Spanish, it will come."*

**John Gibson**

*"All the activities are presented in a very attractive and encouraging way with an interactive and effective style. I think that Martha Jesty has great knowledge about Spain & Latin American culture and language. Martha is very encouraging and very patient person. She is also very friendly and well organized. Her lessons are always very interesting. I would say she is a very good teacher and very professional. Even though I just started learning Spanish, I feel that I have learned a lot during this course. It definitely boosts my confidence and showed me that if I really want something I can achieve it."* **Justyna Bozyk**



*"Martha Jesty is an Excellent teacher; knowledgeable, perceptive, mixing disciplines with understanding of new students' busy lives. The focus on individual's learning styles demonstrated the deep commitment to helping students achieve their goals. Laughter helped too! SLS has an excellent service. I learned more and enjoyed it more than I was expecting. A lot of that of work has gone into the handouts and I appreciated that."* **James Benn**

*"Martha, I would like to let you know how much I enjoyed the Spanish lessons with you. I thought the topics you chose were perfect for beginners and I do think I could at least start a conversation with a Spanish speaking person. Thank you again for making my isolation a little bit more bearable for a few days."*

**Sue Maclean**

*"I have found the teacher, Martha Jesty, personally patient, positive and encouraging, and the methodologies effective, including listening and memorising techniques, and pointers to various on-line and audi-visual reference materials. The memorising exercises (such as the family housework verbs handout) and written work assignments have worked well for me."* **Anne Simpson**

*"Spanish Lessons in Surrey have good interactive lessons and the style was effective using games, role plays, etc. Martha is very dynamic and patient with work, quite organized, encouraging and with good people skills. I think she is a great teacher. SLS classes have motivated me to continue learning in immerse myself in the language. The cultural aspects were interesting."* **Liz Moore**

*"Matha Jesty's style is very clear and direct. She gives good encouragement and support whilst at the same time not trying to spoon feed the students. Enthusiastically discusses and teaches a wide range of subject matter to help learn the language. The lessons are relaxed and fun whilst still retaining a learning environment. Martha is very knowledgeable in the methods of learning a language and the way the brain works when absorbing and storing information plus the way to remember it once inside your head. She clearly conveys this during her lessons. Martha introduces different aspects of Spanish and Latin American life into the lessons whenever possible in order to help teach the language and give added interest. Martha provides good and clear teaching. She makes sure everybody is included and continually encourages students to speak, participate and contribute. She gives clear guidance and advice. The lessons have also been fun. In the space of a few months after not having any prior experience (Level 0) of the language I am surprised as to just how much I have learnt. I feel the more I learn, the more it becomes easier to learn new things and certainly my confidence has increased. We were continually encouraged in the classes and a genuine interest shown into how each of us were progressing. Yes I would recommend the language school."* **Peter Feloy**



## **BEGINNERS II**

*"Spanish Lessons in Surrey provided a structured course, the incentive to keep working at home, and lots of speaking and listening practice. The classes have been stimulating and fun. We like the way that SLS services learning is delivered in a relaxed way. Martha Jesty is a lovely person to have as a teacher and the classes feel more like an evening with a friend than formal lessons. She uses a wide variety of teaching techniques to help students develop the range of language skills. Having a Peruvian teacher is ideal for us as we plan to visit South America. We leave each class tired but motivated to keep improving.*

**Jane & Richard Wheeler**

*"Very efficient Spanish courses because of the small group size. Martha Jesty, our Spanish teacher adapted to our level when she notices we didn't follow. She is an excellent teacher."* **Mats Kjaer**

*"Martha Jesty is very patient and friendly. Her style of teaching is very effective and most importantly interactive! I learned the basics for both Latin America and Spain and some of their ways of thinking. She presented a way of deeper understanding by focusing on making us think in Spanish, which was interesting and mind-engaging. As an absolute beginner from scratch, knowing only a few words, I learned more than I thought I could. I am more confident to create sentences by myself and converse on basic Spanish language. I am very happy about my achievements, and I will recommend Spanish Lessons in Surrey! I believe I have improved after the lessons with Martha Jesty. I am confident in conversing and thinking in Spanish, no matter how basic my abilities are. I am also confident to approach more complex sentences by myself. I am very thankful!"* **Slav Dimitrov**

*"Martha Jesty was amazingly patient, friendly, and encouraging in providing private Spanish classes. She made the courses relaxed and fun and really helped to build my confidence. In addition, she spent the time to get to know me and discuss how I learned best, suiting the courses to areas I needed the most help. I really found the classes to be even more enjoyable than I thought. There was no pressure and Martha was very enthusiastic in ensuring I was involved and having fun while learning. She provided lots of resources as well. I was a beginner from scratch and felt that Martha did an amazing job meeting around my schedule to get me to a beginner level so I could participate in the next beginner class. She made it so simple and really helped me build my confidence and be less shy in speaking and learning the language. I felt very encouraged to make mistakes, ask questions, and learn. She really cared how I learned and that I was patient in developing. Martha has been very encouraging in making sure I put the time and work in to learning a new language by making the course fun. It is easier for me to put effort in because of this. I think I could still put more effort into a new language and Martha's help makes me want to do that. My next step is to continue taking classes with Spanish Lessons in Surrey."* **Jason Gregory**



## BEGINNERS III

*"I found Martha's ability to be very professional and enthusiastic with a very friendly attitude to enable me to relax, Martha is a good teacher. The lessons at Spanish Lessons in Surrey were put together very well linking each lesson activity. The content was very good and homework is a necessity to maintain your knowledge of the lessons. The lessons were covered out a steady fun pace."*

**Richard Barber**

*"Excellent use of limited time to ensure we acquired basic Spanish language skills which were of huge value on our holiday in Cuba."* **Pam Alexander**

*"Fun, informative, challenging, interesting. Martha Jesty is lively and enthusiastic teacher, she creates a supportive environment to ensure that you get as much as possible out of lessons. Contextualizing the language learning with cultural information was a real bonus."* **Dianne**

*"Lots of positive feedback from the Spanish tutors well-structured exercises and a focus on practical use of Spanish language."* **Roger Booker**

*"Excellent value, the small size of the class made for a more intense lesson."*  
**David Kerr**

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