

Culture and Language Apps for Mobile Devices

There are apps available for your mobile device from app stores such as Google Play and the Apple Store that will translate. These are okay for finding a word or phrase but should not be used in place of a translator or for long conversations! Apps may be helpful for finding a word or short phrase.

Culture Apps

(Compiled by Monica Rodgers)

Medical Guide to Culture

Search by country, region or religion; topics included are emergencies, end-of-life, obstetrics, primary care, etc; useful information section has conversation tips and links on the web. \$0.99

Spanish Culture Show

Topics of Hispanic culture where the narrators take listener questions from the Open Language Education program; available in other languages such as Arabic, English, French, Russian and Italian. Free.

Country Culture Guide

Focus on global business but still has info on holidays, key phrases and behavior. Free

Travel guides from your local bookstores also have culture and language sections from companies like Lonely Planet, Fodor's, etc. Prices vary.

Language Apps

SpanishDict

A mobile dictionary with audio from English to Spanish, Spanish to English; includes word games, phrases and daily words. Access to the full on-line dictionary is given. Free

Hispanismos

In Spanish so you must have a basic knowledge; dictionary and thesaurus which provides meanings of the same word but how they differ from one Spanish-speaking country to another. Free

Pocket Medical Spanish

Phrases, visual tools (colors, clock, calendar, numbers, pain, glossary) with audio at a cost of \$4.99; produced by Epocrates (another great app for medication formularies, pill identification, etc. for nurses). Also comes in French.

Medical Spanish Accelerated Study Course

Lessons and flash cards with audio on topics such as the human body, emergencies, diseases, medications and treatments, health and medical. \$1.99

World Nomads language apps

For travelers but has many useful phrases/words; includes conversational lessons on 50 basic phrases and 100 more useful travel phrases in 25 different languages such as Spanish, French, Dutch, Mandarin, Russian, Korean, Croatian, Swahili, etc. Free.

Byki Haitian Creole

Learning lists with Creole and English; flash cards; additional vocabulary lists to download. Includes a statistics section to keep score and record progress in learning; in various languages such as German, French, Spanish, Russian, Irish, Italian, Japanese, etc. \$7.99