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En Otras Palabras: Perfeccionamiento Del Espa±ol Por Medio De La Traducci³n (Spanish Edition)



Synopsis

Students of advanced Spanish share a desire to use and understand the language, even as their backgrounds and goals for the language may vary widely. *En otras palabras* provides advanced learners of Spanish with hands-on manipulation of grammatical, lexical, and cultural detail through the practice of translation (traducción). This challenging and enjoyable textbook—now in its second edition with up-to-date texts on current events, new exercises, and new and expanded instructions—presents students with incisive grammar explanation, relevant lexical information, and a wide variety of translation texts and exercises in order to increase their mastery of the Spanish language. *En otras palabras* contains Spanish texts to be translated into English as well as English texts for translation into Spanish. Translating into English requires students to understand every detail of the Spanish text and decide how these details might best be expressed in English. Translating into Spanish requires students to recognize how Spanish structures and words do—and do not—parallel those of English. Both activities provide advanced students of Spanish with an invigorating linguistic workout and serve as an effective introduction to the practice of translation. Translation is a cultural as well as a linguistic activity; for students, learning how to translate provides invaluable experience of the inseparability of language and culture. *En otras palabras* addresses the errors made by advanced learners of Spanish while involving students in the pleasurable, problem-solving process of translation. This second edition contains a wide variety of usage-based exercises for both individual and group work. Concise and complete texts feature narrative and description, marketing and publicity materials, medical and legal topics, sports journalism, and internet posts. *En otras palabras* is designed for a three-credit semester class; an online Instructor's Manual is provided at no charge to professors who adopt the text in their classrooms.

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Customer Reviews

This new textbook is well conceived and user friendly. It is appropriate for 3rd and 4th year undergraduate Spanish students who are interested in translation. The book is divided into two major sections. The first ("Las estructuras del espaÃ±ol") reviews basic grammatical structures that students of Spanish will be familiar with and looks at them from the perspective of basic translation challenges. The second section ("TraducciÃ³n aplicada") is focused on applied translation. After an introductory chapter each of the following six chapters is dedicated to a particular field or profession (medicine, sports, law, etc.). The exercises (designed for both in class activities and homework) and sample texts are quite useful. The emphasis is on Spanish to English translation, but inverse examples are also included. Overall this is an excellent text.

This book focuses on (as stated in the title) teaching *Spanish* although it does include issues regarding translation. The content is fairly basic, and the tone is rather informal. Good for someone with about two semesters of college level Spanish, or the equivalent. If you're looking to solidify your knowledge of Spanish, and especially learn how it corresponds to English, this would be a good book. If you're looking to learn translation theory you should pick another book.

I am using this book as a textbook in a college-level Spanish translation class that I teach. It is excellent, and my students really enjoy it. It is written in Spanish, and is appropriate for intermediate (perhaps higher intermediate) to advanced students.

...it was me! I think this is a good book with lots of practical applications. I took off a star because I do wish the book had an answer key. I'd advise buying a used one so that you'll get one with answers and comments written in. Mine is thoroughly marked up - I bet someone would love it! :-)

The book requires an instructor's manual for the answers and translations. You will have to go to the publisher to download the free 130 page manual: [...]. Can't review the book yet because I just started.

This book is certainly a helpful tool to learn how to translate from Spanish to English. However, I wouldn't necessarily call it a comprehensive guide. It covers rather basic material, and progresses at a rate that was a little too slow for me. Overall, it is a great stepping stone into translation, but if you'd like to take translation to the next level, you may be better looking somewhere else.

The book is a really good book, but I did not find an answer key in there. It has a ton of exercises to do in class, but I am a self-study so I was a bit stifled by this. Otherwise, it is a great book. I use it for teaching Spanish and understanding the nuances.

This book was required for translation class I'm taking. Although it is interesting and has good information, I feel it is too basic for advanced learners of Spanish and English. Also, I feel they focus too much on idioms.

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