

Introduction

¡Que va! is a four skill program designed for an introductory course in Spanish. The text provides a student-friendly approach to the basic and important elements of the language as well as valuable facts regarding cultural customs and norms of Spanish-speaking cultures. **¡Qué va!** seeks to develop students' speaking, reading, writing, and listening skills so that they can find themselves able to express their own ideas and interact with others in a meaningful way. In view of this, here are some of the instructional sections:

- ◆ Informal and formal dialogues that will serve as models for conversation
- ◆ Clear, concise, and comprehensive grammar explanations
- ◆ Practical vocabulary for everyday, straightforward interaction
- ◆ Essential cultural norms and customs to better understand Spanish-speaking people
- ◆ A vast number of focus activities to practice all the elements needed to master the language
- ◆ Commonly used idiomatic expressions to better understand aspects of colloquial Spanish
- ◆ Lessons on geography to expand students' range of knowledge
- ◆ Folk songs to enhance cultural awareness
- ◆ Literature for language exploration
- ◆ Spanish food recipes for cross cultural knowledge
- ◆ Links to UNESCO videos that allow the discovery of special and unique places in Spanish-speaking countries

Ancillary

¡Qué va! provides a functional, proficiency-oriented, and wide-ranging set of activities that will allow students to develop their Spanish language skills. Practice makes perfect! Through Quia, students will be engaged in their learning process by playing educational games, designed with different learning styles in mind to suit the needs of all students. Visit the site: <http://www.quia.com/pages/aolson/page36>

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Dedication

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Finally, I would like to thank YOU for being a dedicated learner.
