

SPANISH 101

TAN VS TANTO

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TAN VS TANTO IN SPANISH

TAN

Intensifies adjectives and adverbs.



¿Por qué hablas **tan** rápido?
Why do you speak **so** fast?

TANTO

Works with nouns and verbs.



No comas **tanto**.
Don't eat **so much**.

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TAN...COMO

Used for making comparisons.

Betty es **tan** alta **como** tú.
Betty is **as** tall **as** you.

Jonathan cocina **tan** bien
como su mamá.

Jonathan cooks **as** good **as**
his mom.

INTENSIFY QUALITIES

Intensify the magnitude of qualities.

¿Por qué comes **tan** lento?
Why are you eating **so** slowly?

Lucy vive en una casa **tan** bonita.
Lucy lives in **such** a beautiful house.

CHARACTERISTICS

Used for asking about characteristics.

¿Qué **tan** confiable es este
carro?
How reliable is this car?

¿Qué **tan** rápido puedes
venir?
How fast can you come?

USING TANTO IN SPANISH

Key Points

- When working with nouns, it has **plural and feminine forms** (tanto, tantos, tanta, tantas).
- Works with verbs to describe the **magnitude** of an action. It has a single form.



No hay **tantas** chicas.
There are not **many** girls.

Los quiero **tanto**.
I love you guys **so much**..

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EXPRESS QUANTITY

Emphasizes large quantities.

Tengo **tanto** trabajo por hacer.
I have **so much** work to do.

TANTO...COMO

Compare amounts or intensity of actions.

Tengo **tantos** amigos **como** tú.
I have **as many** friends **as** you.

EXPRESS MAGNITUDE

Describes magnitude or intensity of an action.

Nunca había comido **tanto**.
I have never eaten **so much**.

APPROXIMATIONS

To provide rough numbers or estimates.

Creo que nos costó dos mil y **tantos**.
I think it costs us **around** two thousand.

KEY POINTS: TAN VS TANTO IN SPANISH

- Both *tan* and *tanto* express **quantity** or **magnitude**.
- *Tan* is an adverb and **only works** with other adjectives or adverbs. It intensifies characteristics and has a single form.
- Depending on the sentence, *tanto* can be an **adjective** or **adverb**.
- As a [Spanish adverb](#), *tanto* works with verbs to express the **intensity** or **magnitude** of an action. It has a single form.
- When working with nouns, *tanto* is an adjective and refers to **big amounts** of something.
- As an adjective, *tanto* **has singular and plural forms** to [mark the gender](#) and number of the noun.
- Both *tan* and *tanto* work with **comparative structures**. However, *tan...como* is only used to compare qualities, whereas *tanto...como* compares amounts or actions.

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