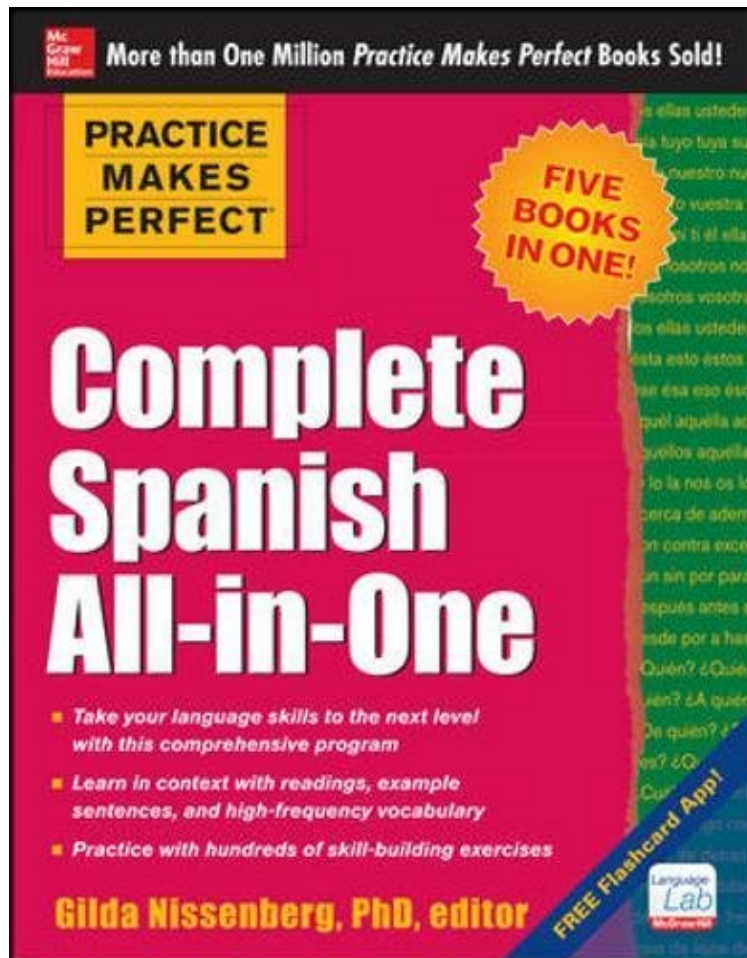


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94 of 95 people found the following review helpful. Not organized well By H. Blair I assumed this book would be a collection of all the Practice Makes Perfect workbooks, which have all gotten good reviews. Unfortunately, the preface states they only used certain elements from six of the other books, and in doing so, the organization and intuitiveness of the book has suffered. This book begins by assuming you already know the vocabulary and grammar to create complex sentences. It starts by explaining spelling and punctuation, but one of the exercises instructs you to translate sentences from English to Spanish while adding proper punctuation. For example, problem number 5 on page 7 says, 'They will give a lecture in the EU,' and the reader must translate to 'Daran una conferencia en la UE.' To create that sentence in Spanish, you must know how to conjugate 'to give' and the word for lecture, along with sentence structures

that the book hasn't yet taught. Language exercises are helpful in reinforcing the knowledge you just learned, but only if you have the basic skills needed to do them, which the writer of this book didn't seem to take into account. Here are a few more examples from the first chapter on spelling and punctuation. Problem 2 on page 8 asks that you insert commas into their proper place in this sentence: 'Hacen ejercicios montan en bicicleta levantan pesas y corren siete o ocho millas.' This is the sentence we're supposed to correct, but I have no idea what the vocabulary means, so I can't effectively practice what I just learned about comma placement following certain types of words. The answer key in the back states the sentence should look like this: 'Hacen ejercicios, montan en bicicleta, levantan pesas y corren siete u ocho millas.' Then, the book asks that you unscramble words to make a sentence: de hecho/paciencia/mucho/no tienes/enojas/porque/mucho/te. Maybe someone smarter than me could've figured this out with no background in Spanish, but I was completely lost. For those who are curious, the answer is: 'De hecho, no tienes paciencia porque te enojas mucho,' which doesn't utilize the second 'mucho' from the initial question, causing even more confusion. On the last page of the first chapter, an exercise asks that you answer the questions in complete sentences in Spanish. Assuming the reader can even understand the questions, which are written in Spanish, it would be difficult for them to answer when the only thing that's been taught so far is general rules for punctuation and spelling. One question asks: 'What day of the week do you prefer?' I couldn't answer that question without knowing the Spanish verb for 'to prefer' and how to conjugate it, not to mention the days of the week, only four of which were mentioned in passing earlier in the chapter. Observant readers may notice that one of the sentence models shown previously says, 'El viernes es mi día favorito,' or 'Friday is my favorite day,' and copy their answer directly, but it's easier to learn from the exercises when you do them yourself, so I wish the book had exercises that built only on the lessons already taught. I will continue to read the book and try to learn from it, but it will be difficult if the other chapters are as unintuitive as the first, which seems to be the case from what I've seen after skimming through the book. The preface says the book is mainly targeted toward self-taught learners, but I would recommend this book more to intermediate or advanced Spanish speakers who need a refresher or to students with a teacher to guide them through the book and provide supplemental exercises. Update: I am now finishing the second chapter on subject pronouns and the present tense, and all of the problems listed above exist in this chapter as well. Also, on page 31, the author indicates that she had previously presented material on the irregular verb 'haber,' though it hadn't been mentioned at all. Maybe I am being too cynical, but I suspect the creators of the book may have copied and pasted from the other Practice Makes Perfect books without thinking of organization, or possibly the book editors just didn't pay close enough attention as they checked for mistakes. I'm hoping the errors don't extend to the Spanish lessons themselves, but I don't know enough about the language to say one way or the other. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. ¡Calidad! By CBI use this book to give private Spanish lessons to adults. It's scope and sequence are well thought out and the glossary sections are very helpful. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Very well written and makes a lot of sense. ...By Piggy Very well written and makes a lot of sense. Also includes a lot of common Spanish phrases which is really helpful.

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