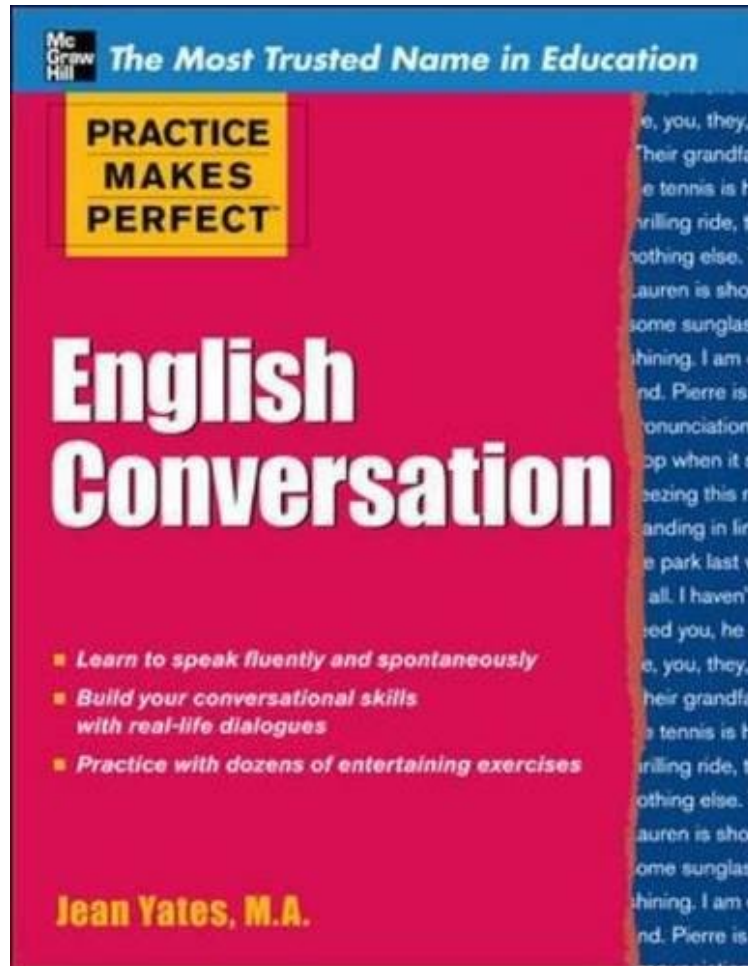


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Jean Yates : Practice Makes Perfect: English Conversation (Practice Makes Perfect Series) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Practice Makes Perfect: English Conversation (Practice Makes Perfect Series):

151 of 152 people found the following review helpful. Unique book in the seriesBy Andrea N.To start off with: on the back of the book, there is an indication that this is meant for intermediate learners. There is a grammar review/reference in the appendix but I suggest that before going through this book, you know how to conjugate most verb tenses, including the subjunctive, but you don't necessarily need to know when the subjunctive modes are used (some of this is taught). Even if you consider yourself past the intermediate stage, it's likely you'll still find some useful information. I was able to have conversations in Spanish fairly easily before picking up this book, but now the

vocabulary I use will be more varied. Each chapter starts off with a dialogue (I've gone through several Practice Makes Perfect books and none had dialogues, although it makes more sense in a book like this which is about conversation!). The main parts to be learned in the dialogue are bolded, and explanations of these follow the dialogue (with examples). After this, there are several exercises for practice. This format is great I think, for a book whose goal is to help you improve your conversation in a language. The author goes over many useful little parts of conversation. Some that I'll try to include more in my conversation are: **as que** (meaning so...I used to use **por eso** more often) **parece mentira** (it doesn't seem possible) **ya sea** (whether) **o sea** (in other words) **a propósito** (speaking of which) **para ser te sincero** (to be honest) **quisiera** (used instead of **quiero** sometimes for the sake of politeness) **por otra parte** (in addition, furthermore or plus-I used **además** most often before) **fjate que/imagnate que** (actually/just imagine) **no acabar de** (which indicates that something just seems impossible) **incluso** (including/even) **en efecto/efectivamente** (indeed) **en cuanto** (as soon as) **por cierto** (by the way) **estar harto** (to be fed up) **cuanto antes** (as soon as possible, right away) **evidentemente** (obviously-not evidently) **por lo visto** (evidently) **la persona indicada** (la persona ideal) **en el fondo** (basically, deep down...) **ya que** (since) **educado culta** (well-mannered well-educated) This is just a small part of what's in the book though. If you decide to go through this book, you'll be writing your own conversations sometimes. As you go through the chapters, it's a good idea to flip back to previous ones and add as many phrases or words (that you reviewed before) as you can, also including ones from the current chapter. That way, after you finish the workbook, you'll have remembered/learned much more. Also, for things you need more practice with, it's a good idea to write your own sentences and if you have a diary or journal, write in Spanish using these words or phrases. This book isn't just about how to use little words or phrases, but of course sentence structure is included as well. One of my favorite chapters has to do with this (Chapter 12-Retelling a Conversation) where you must change direct quotes to indirect speech and vice versa. (Example: **Les dijo No lleguen tarde.** becomes: **Les dijo que no llegaran tarde.**) As usual in the Practice Makes Perfect books, there is an answer key as well as an English to Spanish glossary and a Spanish to English glossary. Included as well (which I mentioned before) is a grammar review/reference in the appendix. To me, Practice Makes Perfect: Spanish Conversation stands out as a unique book in the series and I think it would be useful to any intermediate to advanced learner who wants to improve their Spanish conversation skills. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Practical and helpful book for learning the Spanish you need to communicate while traveling By E. Smith My husband and I checked out this book as an e-book from our library and read it on our tablets. It was so good that we decided we wanted our own copy so we could re-read it whenever and more easily do the exercises. This book really helps with real-world Spanish that you need most while living in or traveling to Mexico. We lived in Mexico for a year and could really have used it then! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Practice makes perfect English conversation By Communicator I have just started using this book with my first Spanish as a native language ESL student. She was somewhat intimidated by it. There are no illustrations, but as we are progressing, she is becoming more confident with her use of the language. I have given a copy to my Greek ESL student, and told me it was frightening, "there are no pictures". I explained that we were going to work through it together, and are not going to start until I think she is ready. She accepted this.

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