

## June 2007 Edufone News

Welcome to 'Finally Learn Spanish. I'm Jade and we're broadcasting from Austin, Texas. I'm here with Carla.

[Bienvenidos a 'Por Fin Aprende Ingles'. I'm Carla. Estamos transmitiendo desde Austin, Tejas](#)

This is a bilingual podcast of what's new in June 2007 at Edufone. We hope you learn some new vocabulary in each of these bilingual news podcasts. The text of this podcast in English is available on our podcasts page.

**At the end of this podcast, we'll have information about a contest for a new logo for our podcasts.**

Thank you to a local Austin musician, [Scotty McIntosh and his band](#) for the introductory music to the podcasts. There's a link to Scotty's CD on our website on the [podcasts page](#).

In May we had about 50,000 unique visitors to our website at [www.edufone.com](http://www.edufone.com). We're very happy to be able to reach so many people. Thank you for telling friends, colleagues, and family about our podcasts. If you have a blog (una bitácora de internet), please tell everyone that you're learning either Spanish or English from our podcasts: <http://www.edufone.com/podcasts.php>. Perhaps you'll get comments in the language you're learning.

If you're interested in taking your learning to the next level, you may want to try our very affordable memberships. They include the following:


- a. A premium version of the podcasts with the following:
  - i. the vocabulary and dialog challenges,
  - ii. the dialog spoken at normal conversational speed
  - iii. more differences between Spanish and English
  - iv. the premium version of the podcast usually includes exercises with additional vocabulary
  - v. The vocabulary, dialog, and exercises in a PDF file.


Carla, did you know that Enrique, Alma, and I have been creating additional podcasts for member?

No, please tell me about them.

To see a complete up-to-date list of the podcasts for members, click on the [members](#) menu item at [www.edufone.com](http://www.edufone.com).

b. Podcasts designed for people learning Spanish include:

 Grammar: Irregular Preterit Verbs - poner, poder, saber

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 Bilingual: False Cognates - Cognados Falsos (Amigos Falsos)

Cognates – How to add hundreds of words to your vocabulary in less than twenty minutes.

 Accent Rules:

**All of these additional podcasts come with PDF files.**

**Wow, all of those podcasts are included in the membership. That's a great value!**

And that's not all. For people learning English, we have the following podcasts:

Tips sobre la Fonetica de ingles: como se pronuncia "qu", "wr", "kn", "y"

Gramatica: Verbos Irregulares en el Pasado - bring, buy, catch, take, cut

Bilingual: False Cognates - Cognados Falsos (Amigos Falsos)

Cognados – Como entender cientos de palabras en inglés en menos de veinte minutos.

and a PDF file with common contractions.

**I saved the best news for last.** Almost all of the member's podcasts have some exercises with sentences said in English and Spanish. Thus, the members learning Spanish can click on the "Español" button on the right side of the screen and also listen to and download the podcasts for people learning English as well as the PDF files.

[Y los miembros aprendiendo inglés pueden hacer clic en el botón de "English" en el lado derecho de la pantalla y también escuchar y descargar los podcasts para personas aprendiendo español. También pueden descargar los archivos PDF de cada podcast premium.](#)

There's so much to learn from in the members area and we're adding new files each week.

In addition, the membership is very affordable. Consider asking for a membership for your birthday from your loved ones. That's what I (Jade) did for learning Chinese.

**If you signed up for a class, it would cost much more than the cost of a premium membership. Just the gas to get to and from your class will probably cost more than our membership.** Plus you can learn when you want, where you want from our podcast lessons.

In July or August of 2007, we'll be adding an awesome feature to our memberships. Since international calls between computers are completely free, our members can choose to practice Spanish and English with each other via their computers. We'll have this feature available sometime in June 2007.

Since our members learning Spanish speak English, then we want them to practice their Spanish with members fluent in Spanish by speaking only in Spanish during the computer calls. Similarly, since our members learning English speak Spanish, we want them to practice their English with members who are fluent in English by speaking only in English during the computer calls.

Carla, let's give them an example. Pretend that I'm a member learning Spanish and you're a member learning English. We call each other via computer and practice the latest dialog with each other.

Jade: Hola, mi nombre es Jade.

Carla: Hi, my name is Carla.

Jade: Encantada

Carla: Nice to meet you.

Jade: ¿Dónde vive Ud?

Carla: I live in Mexico City. Where do you live?

Jade: Vivo en Austin, Tejas. Would you like to practice dialog B19?

Jade: Sí. Por favor ayudame con mi acento.

Carla: Ok, I'll help you with your accent. Will you help me with my accent?

Jade: Sí, como no. ¿Comenzamos? (Comencemos)?

Carla: Ok. You start.

Jade: ¿Qué quiere ser su hija cuando sea grande?

Carla: The boss. She likes to teach so she might want to become a teacher.

Jade: (Help Carla pronounce one of the words that she just said) También le gusta cocinar, ¿verdad?

Carla: (Help Jade pronounce one of the words that she just said) Yes, she loves to cook.

What about your son?

What does he want to be when he grows up?

Carla: Wow, this is great. I can practice English and ask questions from someone who's fluent in English.

Jade: Sí, es una maravilla poder practicar el español contigo.

Let's end with the time.

Carla: Que hora es?

Jade: What time is it? It's 9:05 pm.

When we talked about the member benefits, I think we also forgot to mention that the membership also includes **an extra dialog** for each podcast that helps reinforce the vocabulary learned in the podcast.

We're having a **competition** for new logos for our Finally Learn Spanish and Por Fin Aprende Inglés podcasts. The logos can have any design – it's better if they don't include a cell phone. We are hoping for **original artwork** that will be so beautiful that iTunes will add the winning images to the center area of the iTunes screen *that* displays educational podcasts. We recommend that participants of this competition view these other images in the [iTunes Featured Educational podcasts](#) area for guidance.

The winner of the design competition will win the following:

- a. a free one year membership to the podcasts
- b. free publicity:
  - i. We will add a sentence or two about the winner to our website on the About Us page along with a link to the winner's website which we will display on our website for as long as we use the winning logos.
  - ii. We'll mention the winner in our August News 2007 bilingual podcast along with the winner's website.

The submitted logos will become the property of Edufone.

Please visit the [logo contest](#) page of our website for more details about submitting images.

The deadline for entry is midnight Texas time (CST) July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007.