

# Preservatives and Constipation

## Common Mistakes that Spanish Speakers make in English

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#### Glossary (in chronological order)

**barn** – A farm building where animals live or things are stored

**Thai** – from Thailand

**number 2** – an idiomatic way of saying ‘to defecate’

**high-minded** – serious or virtuous

**implied** – suggested but not directly expressed

**tricky** – difficult, there’s trick to doing it

**hard-wired** – permanently fixed (like circuits connected with wire rather than software)

**tearing their hair out** – getting frustrated

**getting to grips with** – becoming accustomed to or comfortable dealing with something

**give up** – stop doing something

**tickles** – idiom meaning ‘makes you laugh’ (literally to touch some in a way to make them laugh – e.g. feet or ribs)

#### Use the words above to complete the sentences from the listening:

1. .... is a tonal language.
2. In the end I’d said I’d painted a .....
3. One that always sort of ..... me is when Spanish people talk about the Puff when they mean Pub.
4. You can’t go to the toilet to do a .....
5. The subject is often ..... with the form of the verb in Spanish.
6. Because your brain is so ..... into doing that.
7. Just ..... now, there’s no hope.
8. They’ve been really ..... with the prepositions.
9. It’s a ..... one.
10. If two English people are having a discussion it’s usually very intellectual and .....
11. Up to intermediate you’re ..... the grammar structures.

## Comprehension questions

**What are the English meanings of these false-friends?**

constipation      embarrassed      pilot      preservative      discuss

**What are the irregular plurals in English?**

**What prepositions go in the spaces?**

married .....	..... school	..... February
vote .....	..... the house	..... night
..... home	..... / ..... the hospital	listen ..... music
..... work	..... Monday	

**What do Spanish speakers do well in English?**

**Correct these mistakes:**

I'm agree with you.

I'm engineer.

I have 21 years.

We were 20.

How was the weekend? It was well.

Thanks God!