

## To Know: Saber v. Conocer

Spanish divides “to know” into 2 words, both found in Guantanamera:



### Saber

to know, have knowledge of, know how to do

### Conocer

to be familiar with or acquainted with, as in a person or place. Also means “to meet” when you meet somebody for the first time

English speakers usually have trouble with this in the beginning, but get the hang of it through practice. A good trick—think of “SABER” words as *things that can be LEARNED*. Listen to how Guantanamera uses each word differently:



**quizás no sabes mi nombre**

kee-SAHS no SAH-bays mee NOHM-bray

**maybe you don't know my name**



**y ni conoces mi cerro**

ee nee ko-NOH-says mee SEH-rroh

**and you don't even know my hill**

Another useful pair of words  
from Guantanamera:

**Jamás never**

**Siempre always**

