

Saber vs. Conocer in Spanish

The Key to Saying “I Know” the Right Way

✓ SABER

Use *saber* when talking about:

- Facts
- Information
- Skills or abilities

Examples:

- *Sé que Madrid is the capital of Spain.*
- *Mi hermano sabe hablar francés.*
- *¿Sabes cocinar?*
- *No sé dónde está el museo.*

 Use *saber* when you can answer “how?” or “what?” about knowledge.

✓ CONOCER

Use *conocer* when talking about:

- People you know
- Places you’re familiar with
- Things you’ve experienced (books, music, restaurants, etc.)

Examples:

- *Conozco a María.*
- *Conocemos Nueva York.*
- *¿Conoces este libro?*
- *Conozco un buen restaurante en la ciudad.*

 **Personal “a” rule:** Use “a” when referring to people. ✓ *Conozco a tu hermano.*

Quick Guide: Saber vs. Conocer

Use for...	Saber	Conocer
Facts	Sé que 2+2=4	×
Skills	Sé tocar el piano	×
People	×	Conozco a Ana
Places	×	Conozco México
Familiarity	×	¿Conoces esta canción?

 **Mini Practice Challenge** Translate these into Spanish using *saber* or *conocer*:

1. Do you know how to dance?
2. I know that she is a doctor.
3. We know that restaurant.
4. He knows how to drive.
5. I know your brother.

✓ Answers:

1. ¿Sabes bailar?
2. Sé que ella es doctora.
3. Conocemos ese restaurante.
4. Él sabe conducir.
5. Conozco a tu hermano.

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