





Las 100 dudas más frecuentes del inglés



To celebrate the release of our book *Las 100 dudas más frecuentes del inglés* (Editorial Espasa) we're looking at some favourite *dudas*, starting with 'doubt'.

Can I say 'I have a doubt'?



'I have a doubt' sounds like you are having an existential crisis. You probably want to say 'I have a question'. 'Doubt' usually means something stronger than duda: it often refers to a deep sense of uncertainty about something's truth, nature or reality.



The good news is that, in some contexts, we do use 'doubt' in the same way as in Spanish. For instance, 'It's possible you saw a unicorn at the party, but I have my doubts'. (Es posible que hayas visto un unicornio en la fiesta, pero tengo mis dudas.)



Other expressions are very similar to those used in Spanish, but with subtle differences: for instance, notice the use of the letter a in 'You are, without a shadow of a doubt, the love of my life.' (*Eres, sin sombra de duda, el amor de mi vida*.)



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