

## The history of Spanish

*Spanish and other Romance languages 4/6*

### **Narrator:**

The history of Spanish in about 6 minutes. Chapter 4: Spanish and other Romance Languages or Romance is all about give and take

The Romance language of French influenced Spanish in waves – in the 10th Century pilgrimages across the mountains known as the French Way brought Friars, Monks and Priests and jokes about a friar, a monk and a priest walking into a tasca.

Don Quixote was the poster boy for the golden age of Spanish Literature. and while new words from France were appearing like skirting board and napkin, this was a time when Spanish influenced the rest of Europe

The biggest wave of French influence broke in the 18th Century with the arrival of the smartly dressed Bourbon Dynasty with their dapper jackets, snazzy trousers and lots of money. They really were the élite.

And during the reign of the Bourbon King Philip the 5th there was built the Real Academia Española committed to standardising the language, publishing dictionaries grammar books and keeping an eye on Spanish wherever it was spoken.

Other Romance languages also made their mark. The Catalans gave us words like paper and paella Galicians brought homesickness and a rash Italians brought the casino and courting. Because Romance gets everywhere...