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Introduction to the *Dictionary of Mexican Spanish*

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Spanish is the official language of 20 countries and it is spoken by more than 400 million native speakers. Understandably, linguistic variation occurs everywhere in the Spanish speaking world at all linguistic levels. Thus, the need to document this variation at the lexical level is compelling. The Dictionary of Mexican Spanish (DEM) is the result of continuous research on the vocabulary used in Mexico from 1921 to today. In this course, we will learn about the history and philosophy of the DEM and the methodology used for its compilation. Also, we will look into its macro and micro structures in order to provide the basic tool for mastering its use.