

Oye or HEY LISTEN!

Here is a phrase that can come in handy:

oye = listen or hey listen



This is a very common expression in Spanish.
Listen to the following line from Carnavalito:



oye

OH-yay

espera

eh-SPEH-rah

un

oon

minutito

mee-noo-TEE-toh

hey listen wait a little minute

Oye comes from the **VERB OÍR** (oh-EER):

Present tense

yo	oigo	(OYE-goh)	I hear
tú	oyes	(OH-yehs)	you hear
él	oye	(OH-yay)	he hears
nosotros	oímos	(oh-EE-mos)	we hear
ellos	oyen	(OH-yen)	they hear

In the command form, this meaning changes from HEAR to LISTEN. Although there is another verb for listen (escuchar), OÍR is commonly used to get someone's attention or to ask them to listen to what you have to say.

Command Form

also called the imperative, this form of the verb is used when you are telling someone to do something. For the Command Verb patterns please see pg. 40

tú	oye	(OH-yay)	you—LISTEN!
Ud.	oiga	(OYE-gah)	fml. you—LISTEN!
nosotros	oigamos	(oye-GAH-mohs)	let's LISTEN!
Uds.	oigan	(OYE-gahn)	you all—LISTEN!

