

VOCABULARIO

Vocabulary in alphabetical order

This vocabulary is a glossary for you to consult, and the intention is not for you to memorise all the words. To make finding words easier, the article indicating noun gender has generally been omitted. If the article isn't given, then all nouns ending in -o are masculine, and those ending in -a are feminine. When the noun has a different ending, the article is given.

NB: the following abbreviations are used:
sth: something
sb: somebody
adj: adjective

A

a to, at (preposition)
abajo down
a cambio de in exchange for
a cargo de to be charged to, in charge of; in the hands of
a causa (de) because of
a continuación next; then; afterwards
a favor de in favour of
a fuego lento cook on low heat; simmer
a la brasa barbecued
a la plancha grilled
a la romana fried with batter
a lo mejor probably; in all likelihood
a mediados de (mayo) mid-(May, etc)
a menudo frequently; often
a partir de starting from...
a pie on foot
a primera vista at first sight
a través de through; by means of
a un paso de one step away from (something).
a ver let's see
abandonado/a abandoned (adjective) place or person
abandonar to abandon; to leave; to abort
abierto/a open
abogado/a lawyer
abreviatura abbreviation
abril April
abrir to open
abuelito/a granddad / granny
abuelo/a grandfather / grandmother
aburrido/a bored; boring
aburrirse to get bored
acabar de + Inf. have/has just done sth.
acampada a camp
acampar to go camping
acceso access; entry
accidente, el accident
acción, la action
aceite, el cooking oil; olive oil
aceituna olive
aceptar to accept
acercarse a to approach; to come close to
aclaración clarification
acogedor/a warm; welcoming

acoger to take in; to welcome
acomodado/a settled in
acompañar to go with sb; to accompany
aconsejable advisable; recommendable
acontecimiento an (important) event
acordar to agree on sth/to do sth; to strike a deal.
acostarse to go to bed
acostumbrado/a (a) to be used to sb/sth; to be accustomed to sb/sth
acostumbrarse a to get used to sb/sth; to get accustomed to sb/sth
actividad, la activity
actividad física physical activity
activo/a active
actor, el actor
actriz, la actress
actual current (adj)
actualidad nowadays, at the moment
actualmente currently; at the moment
actuar to act
acuático/a aquatic
acueducto aqueduct
acuerdo agreement
adaptarse to adapt
adecuado/a appropriate; adequate
adecuarse (a) to meet requirements; to fit regulations etc
adelante from now on; go ahead
adelgazar to lose weight; to slim
además what's more; moreover
adiós goodbye
adivinar to guess; to work out
adjetivo, el adjective
adjunto/a attached; assistant
administrativo/a clerk; administration worker
admirar to admire
admitir to confess; to admit
adolescencia adolescence; early teens
adolescente adolescent
adoptar to adopt; to take on
adulto/a an adult
aéreo/a air (adj), as in eg: air shuttle
aeróbic aerobics
aeropuerto airport
afectivo/a loving; warm; tender, emotional
afeitarse to shave
afición, la fans; the crowd; the supporters
aficionado/a (a) fan; supporter
afín close to; linked; similar to
afirmar to declare; to state
afirmativo/a affirmative; positive response
afueras, las the outskirts
agencia agency; branch
agencia de colocación job agency
agencia de publicidad advertising agency
agencia inmobiliaria real estate agency
agenda diary; work diary
agonizar to doubt; to agonise; to suffer; to be indecisive;
agosto August
agradable nice; friendly; agreeable
agregar to add in; to include
agricultor/a farmer

agua, el (f) water
ahora now
ahorrar to save money/time etc
aire acondicionado, el air conditioning
ajardinado/a with a garden
ajo garlic
al final at the end
al horno roast; baked
al lado (de) next to; beside
al menos at least
al mismo tiempo at the same time; meanwhile
al revés back to front; inside out; the wrong way round
alarma alarm
albañil, el builder
albergue de juventud, el youth hostel
alcanzar to reach; to arrive
alcohol alcohol
alcoholismo alcoholism
alegre happy; gay
alegremente happily, gaily
alegría happiness
alemán/a German (person, language and thing)
Alemania Germany
alfabéticamente alphabetically
alfabeto alphabet
algo something; anything
alguien somebody; anybody
algún/a some or other (place, person etc)
alguno/as some or other (places, people etc)
alguna vez on occasions; sometimes
alimentación, la food; feeding; diet
alimentario/a of food, of feeding, of diet
alimento food; foodstuff
allí over there; there (place)
alma, el (f) soul; spirit
almacén, el warehouse; store
almendra almond
alojamiento accommodation
alojarse to stay; to put up; to accommodate
alquilado/a rented; hired
alquilar to rent; to hire
alquiler, el the rent; the hire
alrededor de... near; close to
alrededores, los the surroundings
alta, el (f) (en Seguridad Social) to register with the Social Security Dept.
aluminio aluminium
alumno/a student; pupil
alusión, la the reference; the allusion to sb/sth.
ama de casa, el (f) housewife
amable friendly, nice; amiable
amargo/a bitter
amargura bitterness
amarillo/a yellow
ambiente, el atmosphere; feeling; ambience; mood
América America (the American continent, not just the USA)
americano/a American/US (person or thing)

amigo/a friend
amistad, la friendship
amor, el love
amplio/a wide; vast
amueblado/a furnished
andar to walk
anfiteatro amphitheatre (natural or otherwise)
anfitrión/-ona host/hostess
animal, el animal
ánimico/a state of feeling; state of health
anoche last night
anónimo/a anonymous
anotar to note down; to take down
anteayer the day before yesterday
antena antenna; aerial
antena parabólica satellite dish
anterior/a previous
antes before that; previously
anticonvencional unconventional
antiguo/a old; former; ex
antipático/a unfriendly
anual yearly; annual
anular to cancel; to annul
anuncio advertisement
anuncio de trabajo job advertisement
añadir to add; to mix in
año year
aparcamiento parking; parking place
aparecer to appear; to turn up
apartado de correos PO Box; Private Bag
apartamento apartment; flat
aparte de apart from
apasionante passionate; moving; exciting
apellido surname; family name
aperitivo aperitif; hors d'œuvres;
apetecer to feel like doing sth; to be in the mood for sth;
aportar to contribute; to bring; to offer
apóstol, el apostle
apoyado/a helped; backed; supported
apoyar to help; to back; to support
apreciar to value; to appreciate
aprender (a) to learn
aprovechar to make the most of; to take advantage of ; to make use of
aproximadamente roughly; about; approximately
aproximado/a rough; approximate
aptitud, la aptitude; appropriacy; fitness;
aquel/la/los/las that / those
aquello that
aquí here
árabe Arab / Arabic
aragonés/a Aragonese / from the province of Aragón
árbol (genealógico), el family tree
archipiélago archipelago
área, el (f) area
arena arena; stadium
argentino/a Argentinean
armario wardrobe
arqueológico/a archaeological
arquitecto/a architect

arquitectura architecture
arriesgado/a risky; dangerous
arroz, el rice
arte, el (f) art
artes gráficas graphic art(s); graphic design
artículo, el article (press and object)
artículo de deporte sports article (in the press)
artista, el/la artist
artístico/a artistic
asado/a roasted
asar to roast
ascensor, el lift / elevator
aseo toilet
asesinado/a murdered; assassinated
asesinar to murder; to assassinate
así thus; so; in this way;
así que so; in other words
asignar to assign; to designate
asistente social, el/la social worker
asociar to associate; to enter into a business partnership
aspecto appearance; aspect
aspecto físico physical appearance; look
aspirina aspirin
astronómico/a astronomical
asunto issue; affair; business; question
atasco traffic jam; block; bottleneck
atender to attend; to serve; to deal with
ático top-floor flat; attic
atracción attraction
atractivo attractive
atrás behind; backwards
atún, el tuna
aumentar to increase, to go up; to rise
aún even (for emphasis), still (as in: Are you still here?)
aunque even though; although; though
Austria Austria
austríaco/a Austrian (person or thing)
autobús, el bus
autocar, el coach; long-distance bus
autoedición self-published title
autónomo autonomous; self-employed; (semi-)independent
autopista motorway
autovía dual carriageway
avanzado/a advanced
ave, el bird; fowl; high-speed train
avellana hazelnut
avenida avenue (=road)
aventura adventure; an affair
aventurero/a brave; courageous
averiguar to find out; to guess
ayer yesterday
avión plane; aeroplane; aircraft
ayuda help; assistant; support
ayudante, el/la helper; assistant
ayudar to help; to assist
ayuntamiento Town / City / Village Council (also the building)
azúcar, el sugar
azul blue

B
bacalao cod
bailar to dance
bajar to go down; to come down; to fall; to decrease etc
bala bullet
balcón, el balcony
baloncesto basketball
ballet, el ballet
banca the banking sector
bancario/a bank (adjective)
banco bank; park bench
banda sonora soundtrack
bando side (in a conflict)
banquero/a banker
bañarse to bath; to bathe; to swim
bar, le bar (in a café, pub, club, disco etc)
barato/a cheap
barco boat; ship
barrio district; neighbourhood; suburb
barroco/a baroque
bastante enough; sufficient
batería battery; drums
batir to beat (cooking, a record)
bebé baby
beber to drink
bebida a drink
beige beige
belga Belgian (person or thing)
Bélgica Belgium
beso a kiss
biblioteca library
bici(cleta) bike; bicycle
bien good; well
billar, el billiards; pool
billete de banco, el banknote
billete (de avión/de tren...), el ticket (for plane, train etc)
biografía biography
biográfico/a biographical
Biología biology
biólogo/a biologist
Bioquímica biochemistry
blanco/a white
blando/a soft (of food or of character)
blindado/a armoured; protected
boca mouth
bocadillo filled roll
bodega, la wine cellar; winery
bolívar bolivar (unit of currency in Venezuela)
bombero firefighter
bombón a chocolate sweet
bonito/a beautiful; pretty
bota boot
botella bottle
Brasil Brazil
brasileño/a Brazilian
británico/a British; a Briton
bueno/a good
buenos días good morning
buey, el ox
bufete de abogados, el lawyers' practice/ chambers / law firm

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BU**P** (Bachillerato Unificado Polivalente)

Secondary School Certificate (similar to GCSE)

burguesía the middle class; the bourgeoisie

buscar to look for; to search; to seek



C.V. (Curriculum Vitae), el Curriculum Vitae; CV

caballo horse

cabaret, el cabaret

cabeza head

cada (uno/a) each; every

caer to fall; to drop

café, el coffee

cafetería café; cafeteria; bar

caja box; carton

caja fuerte safe (noun); cash box

cajero automático cash dispenser; autoteller; ATM

calamar, el squid

calcetín, el sock

calcio calcium

caldo stock (=soup), broth

calefacción, la heating

calentar to heat; to warm

calidad de vida, la quality of life

caliente hot

callado/a quiet; silent; speechless

calle, la street; road

callejón, el alley; alleyway; passage

calma calm

calor, el heat

calzado, el wearing shoes; footwear

cama bed

cámara (de vídeo) videocamera; camcorder

camarero/a waiter / waitress

cambiar to change; to exchange

cambiarse to get changed (clothes)

cambio a change; the exchange rate

camello camel; drug dealer

camino path; way

Camino de Santiago The Santiago (St James) Pilgrimage

camión, el lorry; truck

camionero/a lorry driver; truck driver

camisa shirt

camiseta T-shirt

campana extractora extractor fan

campana (de publicidad) advertising campaign

cámping, el go camping; campsite

campo the countryside; out of town

campo de concentración concentration camp

Canadá Canada

canadiense Canadian

canario canary; native of the Canary Islands

canción, la song

candidato/a candidate

cantar to sing

cantidad, la the amount; quantity

capacidad, la capacity; ability

capital, la capital (city and money)

capirotada hooded penitent

cara face (noun)

carácter, el personality; character

característica characteristic

caravana traffic jam; caravan; trailer

carbón, el coal

caribeño/a Caribbean

cariñoso/a affectionate; loving; warm; tender

carne, la meat

carné/carnet de conducir, el driving licence

caro/a expensive

carpintería carpentry

carretera road between towns; main road

carta letter (=correspondence)

cartel, el poster

cartero/a postman/woman

cartón, el carton; pack; box

casa house (noun)

casa adosada semi-detached house

casado/a married

casarse to get married

casi almost

casilla answer box (in a table); lozenge

casino casino

caso case (legal, etc)

castellano Castilian; Spanish language

castellano/a native of Castile

castillo castle

catedral, la cathedral

causa cause (noun)

cava, el cava (Spanish champagne)

cazadora hunter; leather jacket

cazuela saucepan; cooking pot

CD virgen writable CD

cebolla onion

celebrar to celebrate; to hold (a ceremony, event, etc)

cena dinner; evening meal; supper

cenar to dine; to have dinner

central central; power station

céntrico/a central; in the town centre

centro centre

centro comercial shopping mall; shopping centre

centro de atención help centre; call centre

centro social social club

centro económico central business district

cerca (de) near (to)

cereales, los cereals

cereza cherry

cerro zero

cerrado/a to close; to shut

cerrar to close; to shut; to shut down

cerro hill

cerveza beer

chalé/chalet, el chalet; detached house in the suburbs

chamán, el shaman

chaqueta jacket; coat; cardigan

charlar to chat; to talk

chico/a young man/woman; boy/girl

chile Chile

chileno/a Chilean

chimenea fireplace; hearth; chimney

chino/a Chinese (person, language or thing)

chiringuito simple beach bar; roadside bar

chocolate, el chocolate (uncountable)

chorizo cured pork sausage; small-scale thief or mugger

chulo/a arrogant; big-headed; a pimp

churro deep-fried strips of dough

ciego/a blind

cien a hundred

Cienciología Scientology

cierra see verb: cerrar

cierto/a certain; true

cinco five

cine, el cinema

cine mudo, el silent cinema

cinematográfico cinematic; filmic; film (adj)

cinta tape; belt, cassette tape; reel

cintura waist

circular to circulate; to walk on; to flow (traffic)

círculo circle; group

circunstancia circumstance

cisterciense Cistercian (relating to the Cistercian order of monks)

cita appointment; date; rendezvous

ciudad town; city

ciudad universitaria campus; university town

civil civilian; (boda civil=registry office wedding)

claro/a clear; obvious; evident

clase, la class (=type, =in school etc)

clásico/a classic; classical

clasificar to classify, to describe

claxon, el horn

cliente/a customer; client

clientela customers; clientele

clima, el climate; mood

clínica clinic; health centre

clínica dental dental clinic

cobrar to get paid; to charge

cocido cooked; boiled

cocina kitchen; cooking; cuisine

cocinar to cook

cocinero/a cook; chef

coche, el car

coche de ocasión, el second-hand car; used car

código code

codo elbow

coger to get; to take

coincidir to coincide; to be in the same place at the same time

cola (de buey) (ox) tail

coleccionar to collect

colega, el/la workmate; schoolmate etc

colegio school; professional association

colina hill
colocar to place sb; to put sb somewhere;
to take on sb
colonia colony; summer camp
colonial colonial
color, el colour
colorido/a coloured; blushing
columna column
combinar to combine; to mix; to blend
comedor, el dining room
comentar to comment; to make a
comment on
comer to eat
comercial commercial; sales rep
comerciante, el/la dealer; seller; sales rep
comercio trade; commerce
comida, la food; lunch
comida rápida fast food
comida para gatos cat food
comidas, las lunches; meals
comisión, la a commission; a cut
cómo how...? what...?
como as; like
compañía company
compañero/a (de clase / de trabajo)
classmate; schoolmate; workmate
comparar to compare
competencia the competition; the legal
right to do sth
complejo difficult; hard; complex
completar to complete; to finish
completo/a to complete; to finish; to end
complicado/a difficult; hard; complicated
compra a purchase; the shopping
comprar to buy, to go shopping; to
purchase
comprender to understand; to grasp; to
comprehend
comprobar to check; to find out
comprueba see verb: comprobar
común common; normal; ordinary
comunicar to communicate; to tell
comunicativo/a communicative
comunitario/a commonly-held;
common-property; of the community
con with
concepto concept; idea; notion
concierto concert
concretamente concretely; in real terms;
in concrete terms
concurso quiz; contest; competition
condiciones laborales working conditions
conectar to connect; to put sb through
(on a switchboard)
conferencia talk; lecture; speech
confesar to admit; to confess
confirmar to confirm
conjugación, la conjugation
conjugarse to conjugate
conjunto a suit; joined; united; as a whole;
altogether, unit; ensemble
conmigo with me
conocer to know; to meet
conocido/a known; acquainted with

conocimiento knowledge
conseguir to manage to do sth, to
manage to get sth
consejo advice; counsel; council; board
Consejo de Europa Council of Europe
conservar to keep; to conserve
conservatorio conservatory
considerar to consider; to believe
consistir en to consist of, to comprise
consonante, la consonant
constante constant; regular
constelación, la constellation
constitución, la constitution
construcción, la construction; building
construir to build; to construct
consultar to consult
consultorio consultancy
consumir to consume
consumista, el/la consumer
contacto contact
contaminación, la pollution;
contamination
contaminar to pollute; to contaminate
contar to tell (a story etc)
contener to contain; to hold
contenido contents
contestar to answer
contexto context
contigo with you
contrastar to contrast; to compare
contraste, el contrast
contrato contract
contrato laboral work/job contract
contribuir (a) to contribute to
control, el check; control
controlar to check; to control; to oversee
convencer to convince
conveniente handy; convenient
convenir to agree with; to agree to do sth
conversación, la conversation
convertirse (en) to turn into; to become
copa (ir de copas) after-dinner drink; to
go drinking
copia copy
coralino/a coral
corazón, el heart
corbata tie
cordero lamb
corona crown
corral, el yard; farmyard; stockyard
correcto/a correct; right
corregir to correct; to rectify
correo the post (=correspondence)
correo electrónico e-mail
correr to run; to rush; to hurry
correspondencia correspondence
corresponder to correspond with; to
write to
correspondiente correspondent
cortado a small coffee with a little milk
cortado/a cut (adj); broken
cortar to cut
cortesía courtesy; politeness
cosa thing

cosméticos, los cosmetics
costa the coast
costar to cost
costumbre, la the habit; the custom
crear to create
creativo/a creative
crecer to grow; to grow up
creer to believe
crisis, la crisis
crítica criticism; a review
criticar to criticise; to review
crítico/a critic
crucero cruiser; a cruise ship
cruz/ces, la crosses
cruzar to cross
cuadro frame; picture; painting
¿cuál? Which? What?
¿cuáles? Which? What?
cualidad, la the quality
cualquier/a any; whatever; anybody
¿cuándo? When?
cuando when
cuantificación, la quantifying
cuantificar to quantify
cuantificador, el quantifier
¿cuánto/a? How much/many?
¿cuántos/as? How many?
cuarto (de litro) a quarter of a litre
cuarto (de baño) bathroom
cuarto/a bedroom; a quarter
cuatro four
cucharada a teaspoon(ful)
cuchillo knife
cuello neck
cuenta the account; the bill
cuento story; account
cuerpo body; corpse
cuesta see verb: costar
cuestionario survey; questionnaire
cuidar to look after; to take care of
culpabilidad, la guilt
cultura culture; general knowledge
cultural cultural
cumpleaños, el birthday
cumplido a compliment
cura, el priest
curar to cure; to heal
curioso/a strange; curious;
currículo curriculum
curso course (academic etc)
cuscús, el couscous

D

dar to give
dar explicaciones to give an explanation,
to render accounts; to make an excuse
dar las gracias to thank; to give thanks
dar pistas to give a clue
dar puntos to award points
dar recuerdos to give (your) regards to sb
dar un paseo to go for a stroll
datos, los data
de of

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- de acuerdo** in agreement; I agree
de hecho in fact; in reality; actually
de media on average
de momento at the moment; right now
de pie on foot
de postre for dessert
de primero at first; for the first course
de repente suddenly; all of a sudden
de segundo for the second/main course
de vez en cuando from time to time; occasionally
debajo de under the
debatir to discuss; to debate
deber to owe; must; should; have to
decidir to decide; to reach a decision
decir to say; to tell
decisión, la the decision
declarar to declare; to claim
decorador/a decorator
dedicarse a to devote/give/dedicate oneself to sth
defender to defend
delante (de) in front of
deletrear to spell; to spell sth out
delgado/a thin; slim
delincuencia crime (uncountable)
demás, los/las the others
demasiado too much
demasiado/a/os/as too much/many
demostrar to show; to prove; to demonstrate
demonstrativo demonstrative
dentista, el/la dentist
departamento department
depende (de) reports to; depends on; is responsible to
dependiente/a shop assistant
deporte, el sport
deporte náutico water sport
deportista, el/la sportsman/woman
deportivo/a sporting; sports
deprisa fast; quickly
derecha the right
Derecho (one's) right
derecho/a on/to the right
desagradable unpleasant; disagreeable; nasty
desamor, el coldness; dislike; enmity; indifference
desaparecer to disappear
desarrollo development; the undertaking
desayunar to have breakfast
desayuno breakfast
descansar to rest; to relax
describir to describe
descubierto/a uncovered; discovered; for all to see
descubrir to discover
descuidar to neglect; to disregard; to overlook
desde from; since
desenvolverse to unwrap; to untangle; to explain; to set out
desgracia misfortune; disfavour; accident
desierto desert
desigualdad inequality
desnatado/a skimmed (milk)
desocupado/a unemployed; unused
desodorante, el deodorant
espacio slow; slowly
despacho office; branch
despedida farewell (from a job),
despedirse to say farewell/goodbye
despertarse to wake up
después afterwards
después de after
destacar to highlight; to underline
destinado/a addressed to; fated/destined to
destinar to destine; to assign; to earmark; to intend for
destino address; addressee; destination
desventaja disadvantage; con
detallado/a detailed, described
detalle, el detail
detective privado private detective
detrás de behind (the)
di first person singular past of to give (see verb; dar)
día, el day
diálogo dialogue
diario daily newspaper
diario/a daily; everyday
dibujo drawing; cartoon
diccionario dictionary
dice he/she says (see verb: decir)
diciembre December
dictar to dictate
dicho said; past participle of verb: decir
dieta diet
dieta mediterránea Mediterranean diet
dietético/a dietetic; dietary
dietista, el/la dietician
diez ten
diferente different
difícil hard; difficult
dificultad, la difficulty
diga Hello? (on the phone)
dile Tell him/her (see verb: decir)
dinámico/a dynamic
dinero money
dinosaurio dinosaur
dirección, la address; the direction
dirección electrónica e-mail address
directo/a direct
director/a de cine film director
discapacitado/a handicapped; with special needs
disco record
discoteca discotheque; club
discreto discreet
discutir to argue; to quarrel
diseñador/a designer
diseño design
disfrutar (de) to enjoy sth.
disponer de to have sth. available
disponibilidad, la availability
disposición, la willingness; position; posture
dispuesto/a (a) willing to do sth.
distancia distance
distinguir(se) to distinguish; to make out
distinto/a distinct; different
distribuir to distribute; to hand out
diversión, la fun; enjoyment
divorciado/a divorced
divorciarse to get divorced
doblar to fold; to double
doble, el double
docena dozen
doctor, el doctor
dólar, el dollar
doler to hurt; to ache
domicilio home; residence; home address; home delivery
dominar to dominate; to have under control
domingo Sunday
dominio dominion; domain
¿dónde? Where..?
donde where
don de gentes, el sb. who has a way with people; personable
dormirse to fall asleep
dos two
droga drug
droguería place selling cleaning materials and hygiene products
ducha shower (=have a shower)
 ducharse to have a shower
duerme see verb: dormir
duermo see verb: dormir
duda doubt
dulces, los sweets; desserts
duración, la duration
durante during; for
duro/a hard; tough
- E**
eclipse, el eclipse
ecología ecology
ecológico/a green; ecological; earth-friendly
economía economy
Económicas, las economics
económico/a cheap; economic
 echar to get rid of; to throw out; to expel; to send off
edad, la age
Edad de Oro The Golden Age (the time of Cervantes) of Spanish letters
Edad Media the middle ages
edificado built; built up
edificio building; construction
editorial, la publisher
educación, la education
efectivo/a effective
EGB (Educación General Básica) Primary Education (to the age of 13/14)
egoísta selfish; egoist
ejecutivo/a executive; businessperson
ejemplo example
ejercicio exercise (both senses)
ejercicio físico physical exercise

el the (for masculine singular nouns)	entender to understand	especialmente specially; especially
él he; him	entero/a whole, entire	espectáculo show, piece of entertainment; spectacle
elaborar to make; to produce,	enterrado/a buried; (have) found out sth	espejo mirror
elección, la choice; election	entiendo see verb: entender	esperanza hope; expectancy
elecciones, las election (political only)	entonces then; so	esperanza de vida life expectancy
eléctrico/a electronic	entrada ticket for cinema/theatre/zoo/museum etc	espuma de afeitar shaving foam
electrodoméstico, el (electrical) appliance	entrante, el the new one; the one coming	esquí, el ski-ing
elegante elegant	entrar to enter; to go in; to come in	esquiar to ski; to go ski-ing
elegido/a chosen; elected	entrar en materia to get down to sth; to get to grips with sth.	esquina (outside) corner
elegir to choose; to elect	entre among; between	esquí(es), los skis
elemento element	entre todos amongst all of them/us	estabilidad, la stability
elogiar to praise; to eulogise	entreabierto/a ajar; half-open	establecer to set up; to establish
ella she; her	entregar to hand in; to hand over; to deliver	establecimiento establishment
ello that	entretenimiento entertainment; leisure	estación, la station
ellos/as they; them	entrevista interview (media/job)	estadio stadium
emisora radio station	entrevistado/a the person interviewed	estadística statistics
emoción, la feeling; emotion	entrevistar to interview (in the media or for a job)	estado state; condition
empezar (a/con) to begin; to start	enviar to send; to post	estado civil marital status
empinado/a steep; steep gradient	época epoch; era; time; age	Estados Unidos the United States
empleado/a employee	equilibrado/a balanced	estantería shelving unit; bookshelf
empleo post; position, job	equilibrio balance	estar to be (impermanent condition, and tion)
empotrado/a built-in (wardobe)	equipado/a equipped	estar a punto de on the point of; about to
empresa company; firm	equipo team	estar de acuerdo con to agree with
empresario/a businessperson; entrepreneur	equivocarse to make a mistake; to get sth. wrong	este, el East
en in; on	era era; time; age	este/a/os/as this; these
en común (tener...) in common	eres see verb: ser	estilo style
en contacto in contact	escala stopover; rest on a journey; scale	estimar to esteem; to value
en contexto in context	escalopa veal fillet; escalope of veal	estirado/a stretched
en forma fit; in good physical condition	escaparate, el shop-window	estirar to stretch; to pull
en general in general	escena scene	esto this (neutral)
en parejas two by two; in pairs	escenario stage set; scene	estratégico/a strategic; strategical
en público in public	escenificar to set; to stage	estrecho/a narrow; thin; strait
en resumen to sum up; to conclude	escribir to write	estrella star
en solitario alone; single-handed	escribir a mano to write by hand	estrés, el stress
en total in total	escrito/a written	estresante stressful
enamorarse to fall in love	escritor/a writer; author	estructura structure
encantado/a charmed; delighted	escuchar to listen	estudiante, el/la student; pupil
encantar to charm; to delight	escuela school; academy	estudiar to study
encanto charm	escuetamente of few words; minimally	estudio study; studies; studio; studio flat
encargado/a (de) (the person) in charge of; responsible for	escurrir to drain; to rinse	estudios, los education; knowledge; studies
encargarse (de) to take responsibility for; to be in charge of	ese/a/os/as that; those	estupendo/a great; tremendous; stupendous
enclave, la enclave	esencial essential; basic	etapa stage (of life, of a race etc)
encontrar to find	eslogan, el slogan; motto	etiqueta label
encontrarse to meet up with sb; to run into sb.	eso that	 europeo/a European
encuesta survey; questionnaire; study; opinion poll	ESO (Enseñanza Secundaria Obligatoria) Compulsory Secondary Education	evento event
encuestado/a person questioned/pollled in a survey etc.	espacial spatial	evitar to avoid
enero January	espacio space	exactamente exactly
enfadarse to get angry	espaguetis, los spaghetti	exacto/a exact
enfermero/a sick; ill	espalda back of person/animal	excelente excellent
enfermo/a the patient; the sick/ill person	España Spain	exceso excess
enfrente (de) opposite; on the other side of	español, el Spanish (language)	excursión, la day trip; outing; excursion
engordar to put on weight; to fatten up	español/a Spaniard; Spanish person	exigencia demand (noun)
enhorabuena congratulations! Well done!	español/a medio the "average Spaniard"	exigente demanding
enorme huge; enormous	espárrago asparagus	exiliado/a exile (person); exiled
ensalada salad	especial special	exiliarse to exile (onself)
ensayo rehearsal; practice	especialidad, la speciality	exilio (in) exile
enseñar to teach; to show	especialista, el/la specialist	existencia existence
	especializado/a specialising in	existir to exist
		exótico/a exotic
		experiencia experience

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explicación, la explanation; excuse
explicar to tell; to explain
exponer to show; to display; to explain;
to expound; to exhibit
exportar to export
exposición, la exhibition; exposition
expresar(se) to express (onself)
expresión, la expression
extenso/a extensive
exterior exterior; outdoor
extraer to take out; to extract
extranjero abroad; overseas
extranjero/a foreigner; foreign
extraño/a strange; odd
extremo/a extreme
extrovertido/a extrovert; extroverted;
outgoing

F

fabricar to make, to manufacture
fácil easy
facilitar to enable; to facilitate; to make
sth. easy
factor, el factor
Facultad, la faculty (university, etc)
falda skirt
falta foul (in sport); misdemeanour
faltar to lack; to need; to be
missing/absent
familia family
familiar family (adj)
famoso/a famous
farmacéutico/a pharmacist
farmacia chemist's; pharmacy
fatal lethal; fatal
fauna fauna; animate non-human life
favor, el favour
favorito/a favourite
febrero February
fecha date (of year, etc)
fécula starch; potato flour
felicidad, la happiness
¡Felicidades! Happy birthday!
Congratulations!
feliz happy
Feliz Navidad Merry Christmas
femenino/a feminine
fenomenal phenomenal
Feria de Abril Feria de Abril (traditional
fiesta in Seville)
ferial relating to fairs, trade fairs, etc
festival festival
FF. CC. (ferrocarriles) railway
fibra fibre
ficha file; file card
fiesta fiesta; party
fiesta popular traditional (large-scale)
figura famous figure; a famous personality
figurar to figure; to shape; to represent
fijarse (en) to notice
fijo/a permanent (contract etc), fixed
filosofía philosophy
fin de semana, el weekend
finalmente finally, at last

finanzas, las finance(s)
fino/a thin; highly-strung; sensitive;
thin-skinned
firma signature
flamenco *flamenco* (traditional Andalusian
music and dance)
flan, el creme caramel
flecha arrow
flor, la flower
floristería florist's
flora flora (plant life; vegetation)
folclórico/a folklore; folkloric
folleto brochure
forma shape; way
forma de vida lifestyle; way of life
formación, la training (course or
department; education; upbringing;
formation)
formar to shape; to train; to bring up
formar parte de to be part of
formarse to train (onself); to educate
(onself)
fórmula formula
formular to formulate
foto(grafía) photo/photograph
fotocopiar to photocopy
fotógrafo/a photographer
fotograma, el photogram; a still
FP (Formación Profesional) work or job
training done at secondary school
fragancia fragrance; perfume
fragmento fragment; piece
francés/a French (person, language or
thing)
Francia France
frase, la sentence; phrase
frecuencia frequency
frecuentar to frequent; to so somewhere
often
frecuente frequent
frecuentemente frequently
freír to fry
frente a opposite; on the other side of
fresa strawberry
fresco/a cool; chilled; fresh
frigorífico fridge
frío cold (adj)
frío/a cold; chilled
frito/a fried
frontera frontier; border
fruta fruit
frutos secos nuts and dried fruits
fuego fire
fuerza, la source; fountain; spring, fount
fuera (de) out (of); outside
 fueron see verb: *ir*
fuerte strong; tough; rough; hard;
powerful
fuerza strength; power
fugarse to escape; to get away
fuimos see verb: *ir*
fumar to smoke
funcionar to function; to work
funcionario/a civil servant
fundación, la foundation; the setting up

fundamental fundamental
fundar to found; to set up
fútbol, el football/soccer
futbolista, el footballer
futuro the future
futuro/a future (adj)

G

galería gallery
galería comercial shopping mall;
shopping arcade
gallego/a Galician (native of Galicia, in
north west Spain)
gamba shrimp; prawn
ganador/a winner
ganar to win; to defeat; to beat
garaje, el garage (not petrol station)
garbanzo chick peas
gas, el gas
gastar to spend
gastos, los expenses
gastos pagados expenses paid
gato/a cat
gazpacho *gazpacho* (vegetal soup served
chilled)
genealógico/a genealogical
género gender; sex, genre
generosamente generously; kindly
genial brilliant; inspired; wonderful; of
genius
gente, la people
geografía geography
gerundio gerund
gesto gesture
gestoría agency that handles business with
government departments, etc
gimnasia gym (activity); gymnastics
gimnasio gym (place)
gira concert tour (etc); on tour
girar to turn
giro postal giro
global global
globo balloon; globe
gobernar to govern
gobierno the government
golf, el golf
gordo/a fat, overweight
gorra beret; cap
gótico/a gothic
grabación, la a recording
grabar to record
gracias thanks
grado degree (temperature); grade
grafía line; graph
gramática grammar
gramatical grammatical
gramo gram
gran large; big (before the noun)
grande/s large, big (after the noun)
gran superficie comercial department
store
grasa fat (noun)
gratis free/gratis
grave serious; grave

Grecia Greece
griego/a Greek (language, person or thing)
gris grey
grupo group
grupo musical group; band
guapo/a good-looking
guardar to keep (=not throw away, =store)
guardia de seguridad, el/la security guard
guardería playschool; kindergarten;
 pre-school
guerra war
Guerra Civil The Spanish Civil War
 (1936-39)
guía, el/la guide (person)
guía, una guidebook
guión, el script (of a play, film,
 presentation etc)
guisado/a roasted; baked
guitarra guitar
gustar to like
gusto taste; liking

H
haber to have (compare with *tener*) in
 auxiliary constructions
habilidad, la skill; ability
habitación, la bedroom; room
habitante inhabitant
hábito habit; custom
habitualmente normally, habitually
hablado/a spoken; talked
hablar to speak; to talk
hacer to do; to make
hacer aeróbic to do aerobics
hacer de director to act as director
hacer cumplidos to pay compliments
hacer deporte to do sport
hacer falta to need; to lack; to be missing
hacer fotografías to take photos
hacer punto to knit
hacer teatro to do theatre
hacia towards; in the direction of
hallarse to be found somewhere; to be
 located
hambre, la hunger
harina flour
hasta until; till; up to; as far as
hay there is; there are
hay que (impersonal) have to; must;
 ought to
haz see verb: *hacer*
hecho see verb *hacer*
hemisferio hemisphere
hemos see verb *haber*
hermano/a brother; sister
hervido/a boiled
hervir to boil
hijo/a son; daughter
hipermercado hypermarket
hipótesis, la hypothesis
hispano/a Hispanic
historia story; history
histórico/a historical

hola hello
Holanda the Netherlands
holandés/a Dutch (person; language
 or thing)
hombre, el man (singular); mankind
hora time; hour
horario timetable; schedule
horno oven
hospital, el hospital
hostal, el hostel; inexpensive hotel
hotel, el hotel
hoy today
hoy en día nowadays; these days
huésped, el guest
huevo egg
humanidad, la humanity
húmedo/a wet; damp
humo smoke
hundir(se) to sink
huy ow! ouch!

I
ida y vuelta a return trip/ticket
idea idea
ideal ideal; perfect
identificar to identify
idioma, el language
IES (Instituto de Enseñanza Secundaria)
 secondary school; high school
iglesia church
igual the same; equal
igualdad, la equality
ilusión, la hope
imagen, la image
imaginar to imagine
imaginario/a imaginary
impaciente impatient
imperativo imperative
impersonal impersonal
importancia importance
importante important
importar to import
importe, el the bill; the total cost;
 the price
imposible impossible
impreso/a printed
inagotable bottomless/limitless supply
 of sth.
inauguración, la opening; inauguration
incluido/a included
incluir to include
incluso even
inconformista non-conformist
incorporación, la new signing; new staff
 member; incorporation
independiente independent
indicar to indicate; to show
indicativo indicative
índice, el index
individual individual
individualmente individually
industria industry; factory
infancia childhood; infancy

infinitivo infinitive
influencia influence
información, la information
informal informal; casual
informar(se) to be informed; to find out
 what you need to know
informática computers; IT (information
 technology)
informe, el report (not media)
infraestructura infrastructure
ingeniero/a engineer
Inglaterra England
inglés/a English (person, language, thing)
ingrediente, el ingredient
ingreso income
iniciativa initiative
inmediatamente immediately
inmediato/a immediate
inmejorable unbeatable; cannot be
 bettered
inscribirse to enrol; to sign on; to inscribe
insistir (en) to insist
instalación, la fittings; facilities; wiring;
 plant; installation
instalar(se) to settle; to install; to set up
instituto institute; secondary school
institución, la institution; establishment
instrucción, la instruction, education;
 teaching
instrumento (musical) instrument
 (musical)
inteligente intelligent
intensivo/a intensive
intenso/a intense
intentar to try
interés, el interest; concern
interesado/a interested; concerned;
 stake-holder
interesante interesting; convenient
interesar to interest; to be of interest to; to
 appeal to
interesarse (por) to be interested; to take
 an interest
interior, el interior; inland; inner; inside
intermitente intermittent
intermitente, el indicator; directional light
internacional international
interrumpir(se) to interrupt
intervenir to intervene; to take part; to
 participate
intimidad, la intimacy; familiarity
introducción, la introduction; insertion;
 creation; foreword
introvertido/a introverted
intuición, la intuition
inventar to invent; to come up with; to
 devise
invertir to invest
investigación, la research; investigation
invierno winter
invitar to invite; to pay for
ir to go
ir bien to go well
ir de compras to go shopping

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ir en bici to cycle
Irlanda Ireland
irlandés/a Irish (person, language, thing)
ironía irony
irreal unreal
irregular irregular
isla island
islote, el small isle
Italia Italy
italiano/a Italian (person, language, thing)
itinerario route; itinerary
izquierda (on the) left, to the left, left (hand etc)

J

jamás never
jamón serrano cured Spanish ham
japonés/a Japanese
jardín, el Japanese (person, language, thing)
jefe/a boss
jersey, el jersey; sweater; pullover; jumper
jesuita, el Jesuit
jornada working day; day's journey
joven young; youthful
joven, el/al youth (of either sex)
joya jewel
joyería, la jeweller's
jubilado/a retired; pensioner; senior citizen
jubilarse to retire
juego gaming; gambling; play; playing; sport; game
juerga binge; spree; to go out on the town; to live it up; to go out for a good time
jueves, el Thursday
jugar (a) to play at sth
juguete, el toy
julio July
junio June
juntar to join
junto a together with; joined with
junto/a joined; united; together
justificar to justify
juvenil young; youth (team); early work
juventud, la youth (uncountable); early life

K

kilo kilo

L

la demonstrative pronoun for singular feminine nouns
laboral labour (adj)
laboratorio laboratory
lácteos, los dairy products
lado side
lago lake
lanzar to throw
largo/a long; lengthy
lata can of drink; tin of food; tinplate

latinoamericano/a Latin-American
lavadero laundry; wash-house
lavadora washing machine
lavandería laundry; laundrette
lavavajillas, el dishwasher; washing-up liquid
lectura reading; reading matter
leche (entera), la full-fat milk
leche (desnatada), la skimmed milk
leer to read
legumbres, las pulse (eg: chick peas, lentils)
lejano/a distant; remote; far-off; far
lejos (de) far; far-away
lengua language; tongue (both senses)
lento/a slow
letra lyrics; letter (typography); handwriting; letters
levantar to lift; to raise
levantarse to get up; to rise; to stand up
leyenda legend
libertad, la freedom; liberty
libra pound (weight & currency)
libre free
librería, la bookshop
libro book
licenciado/a licentiate; bachelor; lawyer
licenciatura universitaria university degree
licor, el liquor; spirits; liqueur
líder leader
liderar to lead; to top; to head
limón, el lemon
línea line
línea aérea airline
lío mess; fuss; row; affair
líquido liquid
lista, la list
literatura literature
litro litre
llamada (telefónica) phone call
llamar to call; to phone
llamarse to be named; to call someone something
llave, la key
llgada arrival
llegar to arrive
llegar a to reach/get somewhere
lleno/a full
llevar una vida sana to lead a healthy life
llorar to cry; to weep
llover to rain
llueve third person singular present of *llover*
lluvia rain
lo neutral article, used with adjectives
local place; premises
localizador, el beeper; pager
locutor/a announcer; commentator; newscaster
los/las articles used with plural nouns
lucha struggle; fight
luchar to struggle; to fight
luego then; afterwards
lugar, el place; spot; position
lugar de interés interesting spot;
lugar de nacimiento birthplace

luminoso/a light; luminous
lunes, el Monday
Luxemburgo Luxembourg
luxemburgués/-esa person or thing from Luxembourg
luz, la light

M

macarrones, los macaroni
madre, la mother
madrileño/a native of Madrid
madrugada dawn; daybreak
madrugar to get up early
maestro/a masterly; skilled; expert
mágico/a magic; magical
magnetismo magnetism
magnífico/a magnificent
mal badly; poorly
malentendido misunderstanding
maleta suitcase; case
malo/a bad, evil; unpleasant
mamá mum/mummy
manchego/a ewe's milk cheese from La Mancha
mandar to give orders; to order
manera way; manner
manera de vivir way of living; lifestyle
manía obsession; mania; rage; craze
manifestación, la demonstration
mano, la hand
mantener to keep; to maintain; to stay
mantenerse to not give way; to stand one's ground
mantequilla butter
manzana apple; city block
manzanilla camomile
mañana tomorrow; morning
mapa, el map
máquina de escribir typewriter
mar, el sea
maravilloso/a marvellous; wonderful
marca make; brand; mark
marcador, el score (noun); scoreboard; bookmark
marcar to score; to mark; to indicate; to dial
marcha march; nightlife; speed; gear
marido husband
marino/a sea (adj); marine (adj)
mariposa butterfly; moth
marroquí Moroccan (person and thing)
Marruecos Morocco
martes, el Tuesday
marzo March
más more
masculino/a masculine
materia material; matter (physics)
matrícula licence plate; register; list; registration
máximo maximum
mayo May
mayoría the majority; most of
me me
mecánico/a mechanic; mechanical

mecanografiado/a typewritten; typescript
media stocking; medium
medicamento, el medication
medicina medicine
médico doctor
medida measurement
medio/a half; average; means
medio de comunicación media (of mass communication)
medio de transporte means of transport
Mediterráneo Mediterranean Sea
mediterráneo/a Mediterranean (adj)
mejillón, el mussel
mejor better; the best
memoria memory
memorias, las regards; remembrances
mencionar to mention; to refer to
mendigo/a beggar
menos less; the least
mensaje, el message
mensajero/a messenger
mentira lie (noun)
menú (del día) set meal
menudo/a small; tiny
mercado market
mercante merchant
merendar to have an afternoon snack
mes/es month
mesa table
mesilla coffee table
método method
metro underground railway; metro
metropolitano/a metropolitan
mexicano/a Mexican
mezcla mixture
mezclar to mix; to blend
mi my
mí me; myself
microondas, el microwave
miedo fear
miembro member
mientras while; as long as; whereas; meanwhile
miércoles, el Wednesday
migas crumbs
mil a thousand
milagro miracle
militar military (adj); warlike
militar soldier; serviceman
millón, el a million
mina mine (noun)
mineral, el mineral
minigolf, el miniature golf; crazy-golf
mínimo minimum
mío/a/os/as mine (possessive)
mirar to look
mis my (plural)
misión, la mission
misionero/a missionary
mismo/a the same (singular); myself, yourself etc
mismos/as the same (plural); ourselves, yourselves etc

misterioso/a mysterious
mito myth
mochila backpack; knapsack
moda fashion; trend
modelo model; pattern; standard
modificar to modify
modo way, manner
mole pueblano, el Mexican meat dish with mole sauce
molestar to bother; to go to trouble
momento moment; time
monasterio monastery
moneda coin, currency
monótono/a monotonous
montaña mountain
monte countryside; mountain(s)
monumento sight (=sightseeing); monument
moralmente morally
morir to die
mostrar to show; to demonstrate; to prove
motivo motive
moto, la motorbike
móvil, el mobile phone; cell phone
movimiento movement
mozo young lad
muchas gracias thanks a lot
muchas veces many times; often
mucho/a/os/as many; a lot
mucho gusto pleased (to meet you)
mudanza home removal; change of place
mudo/a silent; speechless; mute
mueble, el piece of furniture
muebles empotrados, los built-in cupboards etc
muerte, la death
muestra show; display; exhibition
mujer, la woman
multinacional multinational (adj)
multinacional, la multinational/transnational company
mundial, el world wide; universal; the World Cup
munro the world
municipal municipal
muñeco/a doll; puppet; dummy
muralla town wall
murmullo murmur; whisper
musa muse
músculo muscle
museo museum; gallery
Museo del Prado large art museum in Madrid (the largest collection in Spain)
Museo Reina Sofía an art museum in Madrid
música (clásica) music (classical)
musical musical
músico/a musician
muy very

N

nacer to be born

nacido/a born
nacimiento birth
nacional national
nacionalidad, la nationality
nada nothing; anything
nadar to swim
naranja orange
natación, la swimming
natural natural; plain
naturaleza nature
náutico/a nautical
navegar to sail; to navigate
Navidad, la Christmas
necesidad, la need; necessity
necesitar to need
negativo/a negative
negocio trade; business; affair; deal
negro/a/os/as black
neón, el neon
nervioso/a upset; nervous
ni/no... ni neither ... nor ...
ni siquiera not even
niño/a child; kid
ningún/a (see *ninguno*)
ninguno/a no; nobody; neither
nivel, el level (noun)
nivel del mar, el sea level
no no
nocturno/a of night; nocturnal; evening
noche, la night
Nochebuena Christmas Eve
nombre, el name
nórdico/a Nordic
normalmente normally
norte, el north
norteamericano/a native of the USA; US; American
nos us
nosotros/as we
nota note; mark; grade; result
noticias the news
novela novel
noviembre, el November
novio/a boyfriend/girlfriend; fiancée; newly weds
nuestro/a our; ours (with singular noun)
nuestros/as our; ours (with plural noun)
nueve nine
nuevo/a new
nuez, la nut; walnut
numeral, el numeral
número, el number
número de teléfono phone number
numeroso/a numerous; various; several
nunca never

O

o either... or...
o sea in other words; so
objeto object
objeto directo (OD) direct object
objeto indirecto (OI) indirect object
obligación, la obligation; compulsion

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obrero/a worker
obsequio free gift; present
observar to observe
observatorio astronómico observatory
obsesionado/a obsessed
obtener to obtain; to get
ocasión, la occasion; time
occidental western
ocho eight
ocio leisure; free time
octubre, el October
ocupado/a busy; occupied; taken
ocupar to take up; to occupy; to squat
ocuparse (de) to concern yourself with sth; to busy yourself with sth.
oda ode
oeste west
oferta special offer; bargain; offer; proposal
oficina office; branch
oficina de turismo tourist office
ofrecer to offer
ofrecimiento offer; offering
oír to hear
ojo eye
olimpiada the Olympic Games
oliva olive
olivo olive tree
olor, el smell (noun)
olvidar to forget; to leave something
olla saucepan; pot; pan
OMS (Organización Mundial de la Salud), la WHO (World Health Organisation)
ONU (Organización de las Naciones Unidas), la UNO (United Nations Organisation)
opción, la option
opcional optional
opinar to think; to believe; to give an opinion
opinión, la opinion
optativo/a optional subject at school etc
oración, la clause; sentence; oration; speech; prayer
oración de relativo relative clause
oralmente orally
orden, la order
ordenador, el computer
ordenar to put sth. in order, to tidy up
organismo organism
organizado/a organised
organizar(se) to organise; to get organised
orgulloso/a proud
Oriente, el the East
origen, el origin; source
orquídea orchid
os to you (plural)
otoño autumn
otorgado/a given; awarded; granted; conferred on
otro/a other (singular noun)
otros other (plural noun)
otros/as other people
otra vez again

P
paciencia patience
padre, el father
padres, los parents
paella *paella* (typical rice and seafood dish)
pagar to pay
pago payment
página page (noun)
aís, el country (countable noun)
paisaje, el country (uncountable); countryside
pan, el bread
pantalones, los trousers
pantalla screen
pañuelo handkerchief; headscarf
papá dad; daddy
Papá Noel, el Father Christmas; Santa Claus
papel, el paper; role
papelería, la stationer's
paquete, el packet; parcel
para for; intended for
paraguas, el umbrella
paraíso paradise; heaven
paraje, el place; spot
parecer to seem; to appear; to look
parecerse to look like; to take after
parecido/a similar
pared, la wall
pareja a couple; a partner (in the romantic sense)
pareja, el/la the other partner, the other one in a couple
paro unemployment; unemployed
parque, el park (noun)
parqué/parquet, el parquet
parte, la part; section; share
participar to take part; to participate
participativo/a participatory
participio participle
particular private; particular; special
partido de fútbol football match
partir to leave; to set off; to split in two
pasado, el past; the past
pasado/a outrage; stale; bad; overripe
pasajero/a passenger
pasar to pass; to hand; to move
pasar de largo to not stop (and say hello, etc)
pasar lista to check off, take a roll call
pasar to go for a stroll
paseo a stroll; a walk
pasillo passageway; corridor
pasión, la passion
paso passing; step; pace; crossing
pasta pasta; money (informal=*dough, bread*)
pastel (de cumpleaños), el birthday cake
pastelería, la confectioner's; cake shop
patata potato
patines, los skates
patines en línea, los in-line skates
patrimonio heritage; inheritance
Patrimonio de la Humanidad World Heritage Site

pecho breast
pedante pedant; pedantic; pompous
pedido order (in a restaurant, between supplier & client etc)
pedir to order (in a restaurant, between supplier & client etc); to ask for;
pegar(se) to hit; to stick; to match
pelar to peel
película film; movie,
peligroso/a dangerous
pelo hair
peluquería hairdresser's
península peninsula
pensamiento thought; thinking
pensar (en) to think about
pensión, la allowance; pension; boarding house
peor worse; worst
pequeño/a small; little
pera pear
perder to lose
perder peso to lose weight
¡Perdona! (¡Disculpa!) Excuse me; sorry
¿Perdón/a/e? Sorry? Excuse me?
peregrino/a pilgrim
perezosa/o lazy
perfeccionar to perfect
perfecto/a perfect
perfil, el profile
perfume, el perfume; scent
perfumería perfume shop
periódico, el newspaper
periódico periodic
periodista, el/la journalist
permiso permission; permit
permiso de conducir driving licence
permitir to let; to allow
pero but
perro/a dog
persona person
persona mayor elderly person
personaje, el character (in a film, etc) part
personal personal
personal, el staff; personnel
pertenecer to belong
pescado fish (noun)
pescar to fish
peso weight
pesquero/a fishing boat
pianista, el/la pianist
piano piano
picante hot; spicy
picar to puncture; to sting; to itch
piden see verb *pedir*
pie, el foot
piensa see verb *pensar*
pierna leg
pila battery
pimienta pepper
pimiento bell pepper; capsicum
pintar to paint
pintor/a painter
pintoresco/a picturesque
pintura painting
pirámide, la pyramid

Pirineos, los The Pyrenees
piscina swimming pool
pisó flat; apartment
pista clue
pizarra blackboard; whiteboard
plan, el plan
plancha iron (countable); ironing; grill
planeta, el planet
plano (de la ciudad) map of the town
planta plant; floor
plástico plastic
plátano banana
plato dish (of food); plate
playa beach
plaza (town) square
plaza libre free space; place
plazuela small square (in a village, town etc)
plural, el plural
población, la population
pobre poor
pobreza poverty
poco/a little; few
poder to be able; can; power
poema, el poem
poesía poetry
polenta cornflour; ground maize
policía police
policía, el/la police officer
polideportivo sports centre; leisure centre
polígono industrial industrial estate
poliomiélitis, la poliomyelitis
política policy; politics
político/a politician
pollo chicken
poner to put; to lay (an egg)
ponerse to put oneself; to place oneself
ponerse de acuerdo to reach an agreement; to strike a deal
popular popular; of the people; folk
popularidad, la popularity
poquito a little; a bit
por in order to; for; because of
por cierto by the way,
por desgracia unfortunately, regrettably
por eso that's why...; for that reason,
por favor please
por la mañana in the morning
por lo menos at least
por otra parte on the other hand; in addition
por otro lado on the other hand; in addition
¿por qué? Why? What for?
por su cuenta on his/her own initiative; without anyone else
por supuesto of course
por último finally,
por un lado on one hand; firstly
porque because
porqué, el the reason why
portal, el website; hall; doorway
portavoz, el/la spokesperson
portero/a doorman; porter; caretaker
Portugal Portugal

portugués/a Portuguese (person; language & thing)
posada lodging; inn
posibilidad, la chance; possibility
posición, la position; standing; status
positivo/a positive
postal, la postcard
postre, el dessert; sweet
pozo well (noun)
practicar to practise; to do
practicar un deporte to do a sport
precio price
precioso/a beautiful; precious
precisar to need; to require; to determine
preferencia preference
preferido/a favourite; preferred
preferir to prefer
prefijo prefix
pregunta question
preguntar to question; to ask
premio prize; award
prensa press (=media); press (=machine)
preocupación, la (por) concern for; worry about; preoccupation for
preocupado/a concerned; worried; preoccupied
preocuparse (por) to worry; to care; to bother
preparado/a trained; skilled; ready; prepared; cooked
preparar to cook; to prepare; to get ready; to train
preposición, la preposition
presencia presence
presentación, la presentation
presentar to present; to offer
presentarse to present oneself for sth, to introduce oneself
presente, el the present (time)
presidente, el president
presión, la pressure
preso the prisoner
presupuesto budget; quote
pretérito imperfecto *pretérito imperfecto*
pretérito indefinido *pretérito indefinido*
pretérito perfecto *pretérito perfecto*
primavera spring (time)
primer/o/a first
Principado de Andorra Andorra
principal main; principal
principio principle; beginning; start
prioridad, la priority
prisa rush; in a hurry
privado/a private
privilegiado/a privileged; elite
probar to prove; to test; to try on
probarse to try sth. on
probeta test-tube
problema, el problem
producir to produce; to make
producirse to be produced; to be made
producto product
produjeron see verb: *producir*
profesión, el profession
profesional professional (adj)

profesional, el/la professional (noun)
profesor/a teacher; instructor
profe, el/la teacher (informal)
profundo/a deep; profound
programa, el programme; program
programa de radio, radio programme
programa informático news programme
progresar to progress
prohibir to ban, to prohibit
pronombre, el pronoun
pronto soon
pronunciar to pronounce
propio/a own; of one's own
proponer to propose; to suggest
propuesta proposal; suggestion
prostituta prostitute; sex-worker
protagonista, el/la protagonist; star; leading part
proteína protein
provincial provincial
provocar to cause; to tempt; to provoke
próximo/a next; near; close
proyecto project
prueba proof; evidence
psicología psychology
psicólogo/a psychologist
publicar to publish; to publicize
publicidad, la publicity; advertising
público/a public (adj)
pueblecito small village; hamlet
pueblo village
puedes see verb: *poder*
puerta door; gate
puerto port; harbour
pues then; well then; so;
puesto place; position
puesto de trabajo job; post; position
puesto/a elegant, well-dressed
pulmón, el lung
pulpa pulp
pulpo octopus
pulpo a la gallega boiled octopus served with chilli pepper
punto dot; spot
punto de vista viewpoint

Q

que that, which
¿qué? What? Which?
qué va No way!
¿qué tal? How are things?
quedar to arrange to meet
quedar to stay behind
querer to want; to love
querido/a darling; lover; mistress
queso cheese
quien who (relative pronoun)
¿quién? who (question)
quieres see verb: *querer*
quiero see verb: *querer*
quiosco kiosk
quitar to take out; to get rid of

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R

radio, la radio
radiofónico/a radio (adj)
rápido/a quick; fast
raro/a unusual; strange; rare
rato while; period
raza race; breed
razón, la reason; motive
real(mente) really
real real
realidad, la reality
realizador/a filmmaker; director
realizar to attain; to come true; to make
recado message
repcionista receptionist
receta recipe; prescription
recibidor, el entrance hall
recibir to welcome; to receive
reciente recent
recientemente recently
recinto (ferial) enclosure; precinct; area
recomendable recommendable
recomendación, la recommendation
recomendar to recommend
reconocer to recognise
reconstruir to reconstruct
recordar(se) to remember; to recall
recorrer to have recourse to; to have back on; to go across
recreo recreation; play-time; break
recto/a straight (on)
recuerdo memory; recollection
recurso resource
recursos humanos human resources
redactar to write; to compose; to draft
redondo/a round
reducir to reduce
referencia (a) (in/with) reference to
referéndum, el referendum
referido a (in/with) reference to; referred to
referirse (a) to refer to
reflejar to reflect
reflexivo/a reflexive
regalar to give away; to give as a present
regalo gift; present
región, la region
regional regional
regla rule; ruler; period
regresar to go back; to return
regular to regulate
rehabilitado/a rehabilitated
reina queen
relación, la relation; relationship
relacionar to relate
relativo/a relative to; with relation to
relato story; tale
relieve, el relief; embossing
religión, la religion
religioso/a religious
reloj, el watch; clock
relucir to shine; to glitter; to harp on
rellenar to fill in (a form etc)
remitir to remit; to send

remover to stir
remuneración, la remuneration; pay
renovado/a renovated
repasar to do again; to check; to revise
repetido/a repeated
repetir to repeat
reportaje, el report (=media)
representar to represent
representativo/a rep; sales rep
república republic
republicano/a republican
requerido/a send for; sent for
reservar to reserve; to keep
reserva reserve; spare
residencia residence
residencia de ancianos old folks' home
residencial residential
respecto a with respect to
respuesta answer
restaurado/a restored
restaurante, el restaurant
resto the rest
resultado result
resumen, el summary; the highlights
resumir to summarise
retirar to move back; to leave; to withdraw
retirarse to move back; to leave; to withdraw
retiro retirement; quiet place
reunión, la meeting
reunir to meet; to hold a meeting
revés, el the wrong way round; the other way round; inside out etc
revista magazine; review
rey, el king
Reyes Magos the Three Wise Men
rico/a rich; wealthy
riesgo risk, danger
río river
ritmo rhythm
rizo/a curl
rodaja slice
rodar to film, to shoot
rodeado/a de surrounded by
rodear to surround
rodilla knee
rojo/a red
románico/a Romanesque
romántico/a romantic
romper to break
ropa clothes
rosa rose; pink
ruido sound; noise
ruidoso/a noisy
rupia rupee
ruso Russian
ruso/a Russia (person, language, thing)
ruta route
rutina routine

S

sábado Saturday
saber to know

sacar to get sth out; to withdraw; to take out
Sagrada Familia unfinished *art nouveau* basilica by Antonio Gaudí in Barcelona
sal, la salt
sala room; hall
salar to salt; to cure
salario salary
salida exit
salir to go out; to leave
salón, el living room; lounge; trade fair
salsa sauce; salsa music
saltar to jump
salud, la health; state of health
saludar to greet; to say hello
sanidad, la health; healthiness
sanitario/a sanitary; sanitation; health centre
sano/a healthy
santo/a saint
sartén, la frying pan
satisfacción, la satisfaction
sauna sauna
saxofón, el saxophone
se him/her/itself; each other
sé see verb: *saber*
secretario/a secretary
secreto secret
sector, el sector
secuencia sequence; scene
sed, la thirst
sede head office
seguir to follow
según according to
Segunda Guerra Mundial The Second World War
segundo/a a second
segundo (plato) second course
seguramente surely; certainly
seguridad, la security; safety
Seguridad Social Social Security/Welfare
seguro/a safe; sure; secure
seis six
selección, la the selection, the national team; the choice
seleccionar to select; to pick; to choose
selva jungle; rainforest
sello stamp (postage)
semáforo traffic light
semana week
Semana Santa Easter Week
semanal weekly
semitropical sub-tropical
senderismo trekking; tramping
sensación, la sensation; feeling
sensibilidad, la sensitivity
sentar mal a alg. to not suit sb
sentarse to sit; to sit down
sentimiento feeling
sentir to feel
señal, la signal; sign (noun)
señalar to indicate; to signal
señor/a sir; madam; Mr; Ms/Mrs
separado/a (estar) separated
septiembre, el September

ser to be; a being
ser un encanto to be a delight; to be a treasure
serie, la series
seriedad, la seriousness
serio/a serious
servicio service; toilet
servir to serve
sesión, la session
sevillana native of Seville; typical dance/music from there
sí yes
si if
siempre always; forever
siento see verb: *sentir*
sierra sierra; mountain range; saw
siesta siesta; nap; forty winks
sig see verb: *seguir*
siglo century
significar to mean
signo sign
siguiente the following; the next
silencio silence
silla chair
sillón, el armchair
simpático/a nice; friendly
simple simple; mere
simplemente simply
simular to simulate; to feign
sin without
sin duda (alguna) without any doubt
sin embargo nevertheless; however
sin lugar a dudas without any shred of a doubt
sindicato union; trade union
singular, el singular
síntoma, el symptom
(ni) siquiera not even
sirena siren; mermaid
sirve see verb: *servir*
sitio place (noun)
situación, la situation
situado/a located; situated
situ to put sth somewhere; to place;
sobre above; over
sobre todo above all
sobre, el envelope
sobrino/a nephew; niece
sociable sociable
sociedad, la society
sofá, el sofa
sofisticado/a sophisticated
sois see verb: *ser*
sol, el the Sun
solar, el building site; lot
solárium, el solarium
soleado/a sunny
solicitar to ask for; to solicit; to request; to apply for
solicitud, la care; diligence; request; application
solidario/a showing solidarity; showing support for others
solo/a alone; lonely

soltero/a single; unmarried
solución, la solution
solucionar to solve
son sound; pleasant sound
sonar to ring; to play; to sound; to be pronounced
sonido sound (countable)
sorpresa surprise
sorteo draw; lottery
soso/a dull; tasteless; bland; insipid
sótano basement; cellar
souvenir, el souvenir
soy see verb: *ser*
squash, el squash
su/s his/her/its
suave soft; gentle
subir to go up; to rise
subrayar to highlight; to underline
suceder to happen
sucesivamente in succession
suceso event; incident
suc sugar
sudamericano/a South American (person or thing)
suel wages; salary; pay
suelo floor
suen see verb: *sonar*
suerte, la luck; fortune
suficiente enough; sufficient
sufrir to suffer
sugerencia suggestion
suizo/a Swiss (person or thing)
sujeto subject
supe see verb: *saber*
superar to get over sth.; to recover
superficie, la surface area
superior/a superior, better
superioridad, la superiority
supermercado supermarket
suplemento supplement
suponer to suppose
sur, el the south
surrealismo surrealism
surrealista surrealist
sustantivo substantive
suyo/a/os/as yours/his/hers/its

T

tabacalero/a tobacconist's; cigarette factory;
taberna bar; pub; tavern
tabla board; plank; surfboard
tablón, el notice board
talasoterapia thalassotherapy
talla size of clothes
tamaño size
también too; also
tampoco neither
tan (+ adj) como as (adj) as ...
tango tango (dance and music)
tanto/a/os/as (... como) as much/many as ...
tapa tapa; small snack; lid; cover

taquilla ticket office; box office
tardar to be late; to take a long time
tarde, la afternoon/early evening
tarde late
tarea task; job
tarjeta (de crédito) credit card; debit card
tarta cake
taxista, el/la taxi-driver
taza cup (for tea, coffee etc)
teatro theatre
técnica technique; technical
técnico/a technician
tele(visión), la television
telecomunicación, la telecommunications
telefónico/a relating to telephones
teléfono telephone
teléfono móvil mobile phone; cell phone
telenovela soap-opera; TV serial
televisor, el TV set
tema, el subject; theme
temperatura temperature
templado/a cool (temperature); moderate
temporada season (of sport, of tourism)
temporada alta high season (tourism)
temporada baja low season (tourism)
temprano early
tener to have; to have got
tener que to have to
tener razón to be right
tenis, el tennis
tengo see verb: *tener*
tercio a third
termas spa; hot springs
terminación, la ending; termination
terminar to end; to finish
ternera veal (beef slaughtered at about one year)
terrazo terrace; flat roof; balcony
terrazo terrazzo; polished marble floor
terreno piece of land; terrain, ground
terrible terrible; awful
test, el test
test psicotécnico response test
texto text
ti you (informal object pronoun)
ticket de la compra, el receipt
tiempo time; weather
tiempo libre free time; leisure time
tiempo verbal verb tense
tienda, la shop; tent
tienda de campaña camping tent
tienda de ropa clothes shop
tiene see verb: *tener*
timbre, el fiscal stamp; seal; bell
tímido/a shy; timid
tintorería dry cleaner's
típicamente typically
típico/a typical; traditional
tipo type; standard; guy; build
titulado/a superior postgraduate degree or diploma
título (universitario) university degree
tocar to touch; to play an instrument

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tocarle a alguien to be relevant to sb.; to concern sb
todas partes/lados, (por/en...) everywhere
todavía still; yet
todo el mundo everybody
todo/a/os/as all (the people)
todo terreno four-wheel drive
tomar(se) to take; to get
tomar nota(s) to take note
tomate, el tomato
tono tone; way
tono muscular muscle tone
tópico cliché; stereotype; platitude
tortilla omelette
toxicómano/a drug addict
trabajador/a worker
trabajar to work
trabajar en equipo teamwork
trabajar por cuenta propia/ajena self-employed; employee
trabajo work; job
tradición, la tradition
tradicional traditional
traducción, la translation
traducir translate
traductor/a translator
traer to bring; to fetch
tráfico traffic
traje suit (noun)
tranquilidad, la calm; peace and quiet
tranquilo/a calm; relaxed; tranquil
transcurrir (for time) to pass; to go by; to turn out
transferencia bank transfer
transiberiano Trans-Siberian Railway
transmitir to transmit; to tell
transporte, el transport
tras after; behind
trastero storage room; junk room
tratamiento treatment
tratar to deal with; to treat
tratar de tú/usted talking to sb on informal/informal terms
trato con la gente dealing with people
travesti, el trans-sexual; transvestite
travieso/a naughty
tren, el train
tres three
trofeo trophy
tropical tropical
truco trick; device
tu/s your (with singular & plural nouns)
tú you (personal pronoun)
tubo tube; pipe
tumba tomb; grave
tumbarse to lie down
turismo tourism
turístico/a tourist (adj)
tutear talking informally to sb.
tuyo/a/os/as yours (singular & plural nouns)

U
último/a final; last; latest
un poco de a bit of
un/a a/one
únicamente only; just
unidad, la per unit
unifamiliar for one family (detached house)
unir to join; to unite
universidad, la university
universitario/a university student
universo universe
uno one
unos/as some
urbanismo town-planning
urbanización, la housing estate; urban development
urgente urgent
urgentemente urgently
usar to use
uso, el use (noun)
usted/es you (formal)
útil useful
utilizar to use; to utilise; to make use of
uva grape

V
vacaciones, las holidays
vais see verb: *ir*
valer to be worth; to cost
¡vale! okay; all right
valorar to value; to price
vamos a + Inf. let's....
vaqueros, los jeans
variado/a varied
varios/as various; several
vaya see verb: *ir*
vecino/a neighbour
vegetariano/a vegetarian
vehículo vehicle
vejez, la old age
vela sail (noun)
ven see verb: *venir*
vendedor/a shop assistant; salesperson; sales rep
vender to sell
venta a sale; for sale
ventaja advantage
ventana window
ver to see
verano summer
verbo verb
verdad, la truth
verdadero/a true; truthful
verde/s green
verdura vegetable
versión, la version
vestíbulo hall, foyer; vestibule
vestido dressed
vez, la time; occasion; instance
viajar to travel
viaje, el trip; journey
viaje de negocios business trip

viajeorganizado package holiday
víctima victim
vídeo video
viernes, el Friday
vino wine
vino blanco white wine
vino rosado rosé wine
vino tinto red wine
viñeta cartoon; vignette
violencia violence
violento/a violent
víscera guts
visita visit (noun)
visita guiada guided visit
visitante, el/la visitor
vista view
viudo/a widow/widower
vivienda housing, accommodation; dwelling
viviente living
vivir to live
vocal, la vocal; chairperson
volar to fly
voluntad, la will; willpower
voluntario/a volunteer
volver to go back; to return
volver a + Inf. to do sth. again
vosotros/as you (informal plural)
votar to vote
voy see verb: *ir*
voz, la voice
vuelo flight
vuelta return trip; a turn, a walk
vuestro/a/os/as yours (singular and plural nouns)

Y
y and
ya already, yet; now
yen, el yen
yo I
yoga, el yoga
yogur, el yoghurt
yonki junkie; drug addict

Z
zapato, el shoe
zona zone
zona peatonal pedestrian zone
zona verde green area
zumo fruit juice