

## Important Spanish words (*Importante palabras españolas*)

### Questions

who (s.) = ¿Quién?  
who (pl.) = ¿Quiénes?  
which (s.) = ¿Cuál?  
which ones = ¿Cuáles?  
what = ¿Qué?\*

when = ¿Cuándo?  
where = ¿Dónde?  
why = ¿Por qué?\*

how = ¿Cómo?\*

how much = ¿Cuánto?  
how much is it = ¿Cuánto es?  
which (s./pl.) = ¿Cuál?/¿Cuáles?  
whose (s./pl.) = ¿Quién?/¿Quiénes?  
what time is it = ¿Qué hora es?  
Raise pitch for a question word.

### Words for is/am/are

#### Health/location/state

*I'm using = Estoy usando*  
be = Estar  
I am = Estoy  
we are = Estamos  
you are = Estas  
he/she/it is = Está\*

#### Identity/quality

*I'm tall = Soy alto*  
be = Ser  
I am = Soy  
we are = Somos  
you are = Eres  
he/she/it is = Es  
they are = Son

### Short phrases

no comprendo = I don't understand  
no hablo español = I don't speak Spanish  
hable más despacio = speak slower  
por favor; gracias = please; thank you  
en el pasado = in the past  
estoy perdido = I am lost  
de hecho = in fact  
¿Cómo te llamas? = how are you named?  
necesito ayuda = I need help  
¿Qué es esto? = what's this?

### Conjunctions

and = y (*say "ee"*)  
or = o  
but = pero  
(dog = perro)  
if/whether = si\*

### Articles

the (s. m/f) = el\*/la\*  
the (pl. m/f) = los/las  
a (m/f) = un/una  
that\* (one) = ese/esa  
this (m/f) = este\*/esta\*  
each/every = cada  
any = cualquier  
only = sólo

### Some-words

someone = alguien  
something = algo  
some (m.) = algunos  
somewhere=en algún lugar  
sometimes = a veces

### Verbs (*verbos*)†

allow/let = dejar (dejo)  
can = poder (I can=puedo)  
feel = sentir (siento)  
get = obtener (obtengo)  
have = tener (tengo)  
know = saber (yo sé)  
(I don't know = no sé)  
learn = aprender (aprendo)  
like\* = gustar (gusto)  
listen = escuchar (escucho)  
need = necesitar (necesito)  
possess = poseer (poseo)  
see = ver (I see = veo)  
seem = parecer (parezco)  
should = deber (debo)  
think/believe = creer (creo)  
understand = comprender  
(I understand = comprendo)  
wait = esperar (espero)  
want = querer (quiero)

### Pronouns

(*Subject*)  
I = yo  
we = nosotros  
you (sir) = usted  
you (informal) = tú\*  
you (pl.) = ustedes  
she/it = ella  
he/it = él\*

### Possessive pronouns

mine = mío/mía  
my = mi\*  
our = mis  
his/her/its = su\*  
their = sus\*

arrive = llegar (llego)

ask for = pedir (pido)  
bring = traer (traigo)  
buy = comprar (compro)  
call = llamar (llamo)  
come = venir (vengo)  
do/make = hacer (hago)  
find=encontrar (encuentro)  
give = dar (doy)  
go = ir (voy)  
put = poner (pongo)  
read = leer (leo)  
run = correr (corro)  
say = decir (digo)  
sell = vender (vendo)  
sleep=dormir (duermo)  
swim = nadar (nado)  
take = tomar (tomo)  
try = tratar (trato)  
use/wear = usar (uso)  
work=trabajar (trabajo)

\* Be careful, this Spanish or English word has multiple meanings

† First person present tense in parenthesis

(*Object*)

me = me  
us = nos  
you (sir) = le\*  
you (inf.) = te  
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her\* = la\*  
him/it = le\*/lo\*

(*Prepositional*)

me = mí\*  
us = nosotros  
you (sir) = usted  
you (informal) = ti  
you (pl.) = ustedes  
her\* = ella  
him = él

### 1 to 12

uno, dos,  
tres, cuatro,  
cinco, seis,  
siete, ocho,  
nueve, diez  
once, doce

\*\* No space for translation

### Prepositions

of/from/by = de  
to/at = a; to the (m) = al  
in = en (dentro de=inside)  
with = con  
without = sin  
by means of = por  
for = para  
on (top of) = sobre (*encima de*)  
between/among = entre  
until = hasta  
from/since = desde  
toward = hacia  
according to = según  
against = contra  
during = durante  
1 hour ago=hace una hora

### Nouns (*sustantivos*)

#### Vehicles (*vehículos*)

airplane = avión  
bicycle = bicicleta  
bus = autobús  
car = carro/coche  
taxi = taxi  
train = tren

#### Buildings (*edificios*)

\*\* = restaurante  
airport=aeropuerto  
bank = banco  
hospital = hospital  
hotel = hotel  
house = casa  
store = tienda  
Rooms (*habitaciones*)  
bathroom = baño  
bedr\*\* = dormitorio  
corridor = pasillo  
kitchen = cocina

#### The body (*el cuerpo*)

eye/mouth = ojo/boca  
foot/leg = pie/pierna  
hair/skin = cabello/piel  
hand/arm = mano/brazo  
head = cabeza

#### More stuff (*más cosas*)

camera = cámara  
clothing = ropa  
day/week = día/semana  
drink/cup = bebida/taza  
money = dinero  
month/year = mes/año  
pain/anger = dolor/enojo  
paper = papel  
pen/feather = pluma  
photo = fotografía  
suitcase = valija  
table/chair = mesa/silla

#### People (*gente*)

boy/girl = niño/niña  
criminal = criminal  
doctor = médico  
maid = criada  
man = hombre  
police = policía  
tourist = turista  
waiter = camarero  
woman = mujer  
worker = obrero

#### Noun categories

amount = monto/cantidad  
concept = concepto  
person = persona  
place = lugar  
reason = razón  
thing = cosa  
time/weather = tiempo  
type/kind = tipo  
way = manera

**Verb conjugation** (sb. = somebody)  
 com.er = eat (infinitive) camin.ar = walk  
 com.iendo = eating camin.ando = walking  
 (e.g. Estoy comiendo/caminando = I am eating/walking)  
**com.o = I eat camin.o = I walk**  
**com.e(s) = you eat camin.a(s) = you walk**  
**com.e = sb. eats camin.a = sb. walks**  
**com.en = they eat camin.an = they walk**  
 com.í = I ate camin.é = I walked  
 com.ió = sb. ate camin.ó = sb. walked  
 com.ieron = they ate camin.aron = they walked  
 com.iere = I will eat camin.are = I will walk  
 com.iere = sb. will eat camin.are = sb. will walk  
 com.ieren = they will eat camin.aren = they will walk  
 com.ería = I would eat camin.aría = I would walk

Voy a comer/caminar = I'm going to eat/walk  
 Vamos a comer/caminar = We are going to eat/walk  
 Vas a comer/caminar = You're going to eat/walk  
 Ellas/ellos van a comer = They are going to eat  
 \_\_\_\_ va a comer = \_\_\_\_ is going to eat

**Note:** *-ir and -er verbs conjugate similarly.*

**Other stuff (otras cosas)** all = todo  
 that\* = que\* (I think that... = creo que...)  
 than = que\* he is like\*... = él es como\*...  
 because = porque\* nothing/zero = nada/cero  
 so that... = para que... no/not/don't = no; sí = yes  
 more/plus = más maybe = quizás  
 the most = la más then = entonces  
 less/minus = menos as fat as... = tan gordo como...

**Courtesy**  
 welcome = bienvenido  
 hello/goodbye = hola/adiós  
 good morning = Buenos días  
 good afternoon = Buenas tardes  
 good evening = Buenas noches  
 excuse me = disculpe (or, perdón)  
 sorry\* = lo siento (roughly, "I feel sorry")  
 you're welcome = de nada ("of nothing")

**Directions (instrucciones)**  
 east = este\* left ← = izquierda  
 west = oeste right → = derecho  
 north = norte forward = adelante  
 south = sur backward = atrás  
 top = cima rise (verb) = subir  
 bottom = pie lower (verb) = reducir  
 turn right = gire a la derecha  
 kilometer = kilómetro

**Adverbs (adverbios)**  
 after now = después  
 again = de nuevo  
 almost/nearly = casi  
 already = ya  
 always = siempre  
 backward = atrás  
 barely = apenas  
 before now = antes  
 forward = adelante  
 happily = felizmente  
 here = aquí  
 late = tarde  
 near = cerca  
 never = nunca  
 now = ahora  
 once (one time) = una vez  
 over there = por ahí  
 quickly = rápidamente  
 rarely = raramente  
 recently = hace poco  
 soon = pronto/luego  
 still\* = todavía  
 there = hay/allá/allí  
 today = hoy  
 tomorrow = mañana  
 usually = en general  
 very = muy  
 well/badly = bien/mal  
 yesterday = ayer

**Adjectives (adjetivos)**  
 (in)correct = correcto/incorrecto  
 better/best = mejor  
 black/white = negro/blanco  
 blue/gray = azul/gris  
 cool/cold = fresco/frío  
 dry/wet = seco/húmedo  
 easy/difficult = fácil/difícil  
 enough = suficiente  
 far/near to = lejano/cerca de  
 fast/slow = rápido/lento  
 first/final = primero/final  
 good/bad = bueno/malo  
 happy/sad = feliz/triste  
 high/low = alto/bajo\*  
 hot (or horny!) = caliente  
 large/small = grande/pequeño  
 long/short = largo/corto  
 new/old = nuevo/anciano  
 nice/pretty = bonito  
 other/another = otro  
 public/private = público/privado  
 red/green = rojo/verde  
 round/square = ronda/cuadrado  
 same/different = mismo/diferente  
 soft/hard = suave/duro  
 straight/curved = recto/curvo  
 strong/weak = fuerte/débil  
 thin/thick = delgado/espeso  
 true/false = verdadero/falso

**Examples (ejemplos)**  
 No hablo bien Español = I don't speak Spanish well  
 ¿Dónde está el baño? = Where is the bathroom?  
 Necesito ir al baño. = I need [to] go to-the bathroom.  
 Él va a leer el libro, ¿no? = He is-going to read the book, no?  
 ¿De dónde eres? = From where you-are? = Where are you from?  
 ¿Cuál es la palabra para esto? = What is the word for this?  
 Quiero que mi refresco a ser dulce. = I-want that my soda to be sweet.

**Pronunciation (pronunciación)**  
 Spanish is phonetic, but unlike English...  
 B and V often sound like each other.  
 C has an "S" sound if followed by E or I  
 otherwise, C has a "K" sound  
 D is more like "th" if it's between vowels  
 G has three sounds: an H sound, a "GW"  
 sound when spelled "GU", and another  
 non-English sound. Never a "J" sound.  
 H is silent. Hacer→'oss-air', hotel→oh-tel  
 J is pronounced H as in "jalapeño".  
 LL is pronounced the same as Y (below)  
 Ñ makes a "NY" sound (niño = ninyo)  
 QU makes a K sound (the U is silent)  
 R is like a short trilled R, or the sound of  
 of dd when "ladder" is spoken quickly.  
 RR (or R at the start of a word) is trilled.  
 Y is like English 'yet', but some Spanish  
 speakers pronounce it like J in "jet".  
 Z makes an S sound.

**Vowels:** (áccénts áré strésséd.)  
 A = a in father, not a as in fat  
 E = resembles e in "bed" and "passé"  
 I = like ee in week, or y in every  
 O = like o in no, never like o in ton/tot  
 U = like u in nuke, or oo in food

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