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SPANISH VOCABULARY

*Basic Spanish vocabulary
& conversation guide*



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Why learn Spanish vocabulary by topic?

Learning new words and phrases is key to **speaking Spanish quickly**. Whether you're just starting out or are already at an intermediate or advanced level, we've created these vocabulary lists to help you find the most important and useful words for a variety of common situations.

To make it even easier to find the vocabulary that interests you most, we've separated them by topic.

As you know, we at MosaLingua put great stock in the Pareto Principle: focusing on the 20% of information that will pay off 80% of the time.

That's why we've designed this eBook to help you learn basic Spanish vocabulary: the 20% of Spanish words that will be useful to you in 80% of your daily exchanges and the situations you encounter.



Spanish Vocabulary Lists by Topic



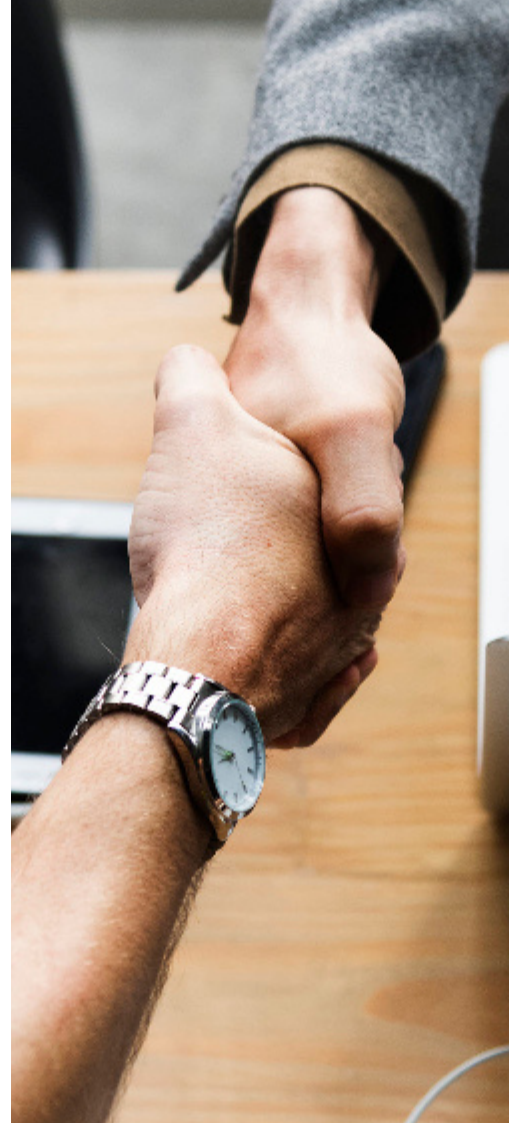
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Greetings & Goodbyes

- Good day : Buenos días
- Good evening : Buenas tardes
- Good night : Buenas noches
- Hi : Hola
- How are you? : ¿Cómo está? (formal) or ¿Qué tal? (informal)
- Very well, thank you : Muy bien, gracias
- What's your name? : ¿Cómo te llamas? (informal)
- My name is... : Me llamo...
- Goodbye : Adiós or Chau (informal)
- See you soon : Hasta pronto
- See you later : Hasta luego
- Yes : Sí
- No : No
- I don't know : No sé

Courtesy & Politeness

- Please : Por favor
- Thank you : Gracias
- You're welcome (no problem) : De nada
- Nice to meet you : Mucho gusto
- Excuse me, pardon : Disculpe, Perdón
- No problem : No importa
- Good luck : Buena suerte
- Excuse me (when passing someone) : Permiso, con permiso (para pasar)
- Please, sit down : Siéntese, por favor
- I agree : Estoy de acuerdo
- It's good : Está bien, está bueno
- I'm very sorry : ¡Lo siento mucho!



Rather than trying to list every single word you might encounter in a conversation, we've put together a list of common conversation starters and phrases to help you with your first conversations in Spanish.

This will also help you avoid any misunderstandings, and help you both understand and make yourself understood.



Your First Conversation

- I'm American/English : Soy americano(a), Soy ingles(a)
- I don't understand : No entiendo
- Do you understand me : ¿Me entiende? (formal)
- Does anybody speak English? : ¿Hay alguien que hable inglés?
- How do you say ... in Spanish ? : ¿Cómo se dice ... en español?
- What's this called? : ¿Cómo se llama esto?
- What does ... mean? : ¿Qué significa ...?
- Can you speak more slowly, please? : Más despacio, por favor
- I don't speak Spanish (very well) : No hablo (muy bien) español
- I speak (a little) Spanish : Hablo un poco de español
- You didn't understand me correctly : No me ha entendido bien
- Could you repeat that, please? : ¿Puedes repetirlo, por favor?
- I'm learning Spanish : Estoy aprendiendo español



Family Members

- parents : los padres
- mother : la madre
- father : el padre
- child : el niño (m) or la niña (f)
- grandfather : el abuelo
- grandmother : la abuela
- daughter : la hija
- son : el hijo
- uncle : el tío
- aunt : la tía
- step-mother / step-father : la madrastra / el padrastro
- mother-in-law / father-in-law : la suegra / el suegro
- brother : el hermano
- sister : la hermana
- cousin : la prima (f) or el primo (m)

Eating & Drinking

- food : la comida
- drinks : las bebidas
- vegetables : las verduras
- to cook : cocinar
- I'm hungry : Tengo hambre
- I'm thirsty : Tengo sed
- breakfast : el desayuno
- lunch : el almuerzo
- dinner/supper : la cena
- What's the special today? : ¿Cuál es el plato del día?
- What would you like to eat? : ¿Qué le gustaría comer?
- May I have the bill, please? : Puedo tener la cuenta, ¿por favor?
- It's very good : Está muy sabroso(a)
- Enjoy your meal : ¡Buen Provecho!
- Cheers! : ¡Salud!
- sweet : dulce
- savory : salado(a)



Clothing

- clothes : la prenda, la ropa
- shoes : los zapatos
- pants : el pantalón
- t-shirt / dress shirt : la camiseta / la camisa
- jacket : la chaqueta
- skirt : la falda
- sweater : el suéter
- dress : el vestido

Date & Time

- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday : lunes, martes, miércoles, jueves, viernes, sábado, domingo
- January : enero
- February : febrero
- March : marzo
- April : abril
- May : mayo
- June : junio
- July : julio
- August : agosto
- September : septiembre
- October : octubre
- November : noviembre
- December : diciembre
- What time is it? : ¿Qué hora es? / ¿Qué horas son?
- hour : la hora
- day : el día
- a week : una semana
- a month : un mes
- a year : un año
- morning : (por) la mañana
- afternoon : la tarde
- evening / night : la noche
- noon : mediodía
- midnight : medianoche



Working

- letter of motivation : carta de motivación
- CV : el CV
- company : la firma, el negocio, la compañía
- boss : el jefe
- employee : el empleado
- to work : trabajar
- to go to work : ir al trabajo
- business hours : el horario de trabajo
- strategy : la estrategia
- freelancer : el freelance / independiente

Traveling

- trip : el viaje
- bags : el equipaje
- departure / arrival : la salida / la llegada
- ID : los documentos de identidad
- plane ticket : el billete de avión
- Where are you going? : ¿A dónde va?
- I'd like to book a room for two : Me gustaría reservar una habitación para dos personas
- a cheap hotel : un hotel económico
- car: coche, carro
- driver's license : el permiso de conducir
- to fill up (a car), get gas : echar gasolina
- Can you show me on the map? : ¿Me puede mostrar en el mapa?
- I'd like to go to ... : Quiero ir a ...
- I'm lost, can you please help me? : Estoy perdido(a), ¿me puede ayudar, por favor?
- Where are we? : ¿Dónde estamos?



Emergencies

- Help me! : ¡Socorro! ¡Ayúdeme!
- I need your help : Necesito su ayuda
- It's an emergency : Es una emergencia
- I lost my passport : He perdido mi pasaporte
- Leave me alone! : ¡Déjeme en paz!
- There's a fire! : ¡Hay un incendio!
- I urgently need a doctor : Necesito un médico urgentemente
- I'm sick : Estoy enfermo(a)
- medication : el medicamento
- Where's the nearest pharmacy? : ¿Dónde está la farmacia más cercana?
- I'm going to the hospital : Voy al hospital
- headache : el dolor de cabeza

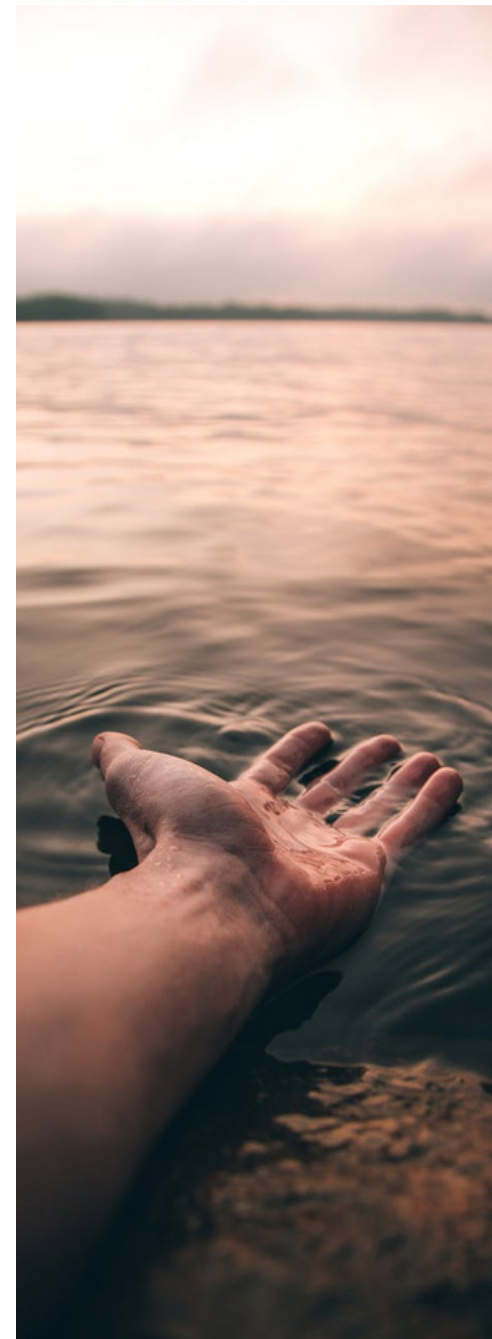


Feelings & Emotions

- happy : contento(a), feliz, alegre
- depressed : deprimido(a)
- worried : preocupado(a)
- excited : emocionado(a), excitado(a)
- peaceful, calm : tranquilo(a), calmado(a)
- upset, nervous : nervioso(a)

Some Useful Adjectives

- new : nuevo(a)
- quick : rápido(a)
- closed : cerrado(a)
- open : abierto(a)
- hot : caliente
- cold : frío
- small : pequeño(a)
- clean : limpio(a)
- easy : fácil
- funny : divertido(a), gracioso(a)
- nice, enjoyable : simpático, agradable



Some Useful Verbs

- to be : estar, ser
- to have : haber (auxiliary verb), tener
- to communicate : comunicar
- to act : actuar
- to live : vivir
- to improve : mejorar
- to reach : alcanzar
- to possess / own : poseer
- to remove / erase : quitar, eliminar
- to drive : conducir
- to refuse / reject : rechazar
- to indicate : indicar
- to pay : pagar
- to extend / spread : expandir(se)
- to deny : negar
- to sneeze : estornudar



How to Learn Spanish Vocabulary

There's no big secret to learning Spanish vocabulary: you just have to memorize it. This is the only way to get to know new words and expressions and to integrate them into your long-term memory. That being said, there's no reason it has to be boring!

It's easy to make learning Spanish vocabulary fun, by pairing it with activities you already enjoy.

Most importantly, you'll need to find a method that works for you, fits your goals, and is enjoyable. These are the principles we've used to build the MosaLingua app. The biggest advantage is that you won't need to spend hours and hours learning to make rapid progress. Five to ten minutes a day is more than enough to get started!

Your app will send you a friendly notification when it's time to review the vocabulary you previously learned, and will automatically detect when it's been added to your long-term memory.

Your only job (if you can call it that!) is to make sure you enhance your language learning with fun activities:

- Write down Spanish vocabulary on post-it notes, and stick them on objects in your house or work environment to boost memorization.
- Watch TV shows or movies in Spanish to enrich your vocabulary, all while improving your listening comprehension.
- Listen to the radio or podcasts, to get yourself used to hearing spoken Spanish.