



# 500+ Spanish Words You Already Know

Essential Words for Spanish Confidence

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# Introduction

## Welcome to your companion guide: 500+ Spanish Words You Already Know!

Whether you're just starting out with Spanish or brushing up on the basics, this list is designed to be a go-to reference for building your confidence in the language. We've carefully chosen **500+ Spanish words you'll already know - even though you might not know it yet**. These are directly extracted from our Short Stories book, and are very close to the English versions.

From now on, you'll know that these words (in English, or close to) also work in Spanish. It's the ultimate cheatsheet to boost your vocabulary.

They're English words that are *very* close to the Spanish equivalent, making them really easy to learn, remember and use. For example:

- abundante - abundant
- acento - accent
- actividad - activity

Having a mental list of these allows you to easily use them in conversations.

### How to Use This Guide

- **Study a few words each day** – don't rush. 10–20 words per session is perfect.
- **Check off words** you've learned (printable or digital).
- **Revisit often** – spaced repetition is key to long-term memory.
- **Write your own sentences** using new words to reinforce learning.
- **Pair it with our physical books on Amazon, or audio practice** if possible (YouTube, podcasts, apps).

This guide is a companion to your Spanish journey – whether you're reading, listening, traveling, or practicing with others. Keep it nearby and come back to it often.

Gracias!

– *The MindSmith Books Team*

## A

- abundante - abundant
- acepta/aceptar - accept
- acento - accent
- actividad - activity
- adaptar - adapt
- achiote - achiote/annatto
- adobe - adobe
- adulto - adult
- afecta - affects
- agrícola - agricultural
- aire - air
- americano - American
- animal - animal
- anota/anotar - annotate
- anuncia - announces
- apartamento - apartment
- apariencia - appearance
- aprecia - appreciates
- área - area
- aroma - aroma
- aromático - aromatic
- arroz - rice (from Arabic, but commonly considered cognate)
- arte - art
- artesanía - artisan craft
- artificial - artificial
- artista - artist
- asiente - assents
- atmósfera - atmosphere
- atención - attention
- auténtico - authentic
- autobús - autobus
- autor - author

## B

- banco - bank/bench
- banda - band
- bar - bar

- base - base
- básico - basic
- bilingüe - bilingual

## C

- café - cafe/coffee
- caimán - caiman
- cálmate - calm (yourself)
- cámara - camera
- canal - canal
- canasta - canasta/basket
- canción - (song - from Latin cantio)
- capital - capital
- capitalino - capital (resident)
- carro - car
- catedral - cathedral
- causa - cause
- central - central
- centro - center
- cerámica - ceramic
- ciclo - cycle
- círculo - circle
- cita - cite/appointment
- clase - class
- cliente - client
- clima - climate
- clínica - clinic
- colonial - colonial
- color - color
- colorido - colorful/colored
- combina - combines
- comenta - comments
- comercial - commercial
- comete - commits
- comino - cumin
- comparte - (com)parts/shares
- completa/completo - complete
- complejidad - complexity
- computadora - computer
- común - common
- comunidad - community
- concentrado - concentrated

- conecta/conectado - connect/connected
- conexión - connection
- confirma - confirms
- confundido - confused
- confusión - confusion
- conserva - conserves
- constantemente - constantly
- construcción - construction
- consulta - consult(ation)
- consultorio - consulting room
- contacto - contact
- contaminación - contamination
- contenta/contento - content
- continúa/continuar - continue
- contrario - contrary
- conversa/conversación - converse/conversation
- cooperación - cooperation
- correcta - correct
- correcto - correct
- crea - creates
- creando - creating
- creatividad - creativity
- crema - cream
- cultura/cultural - culture/cultural
- curiosidad - curiosity

## D

- decidir/decide - decide
- decoración/decorar - decoration/decorate
- delicioso - delicious
- depende - depends
- deporte/deportivo - sport/sportive
- descubrimiento - discovery
- describe - describes
- detalle - detail
- diferente - different
- difícil - difficult
- dinámico - dynamic
- directo - direct
- disciplina - discipline
- diseño - design
- distancia - distance

- distracción - distraction
- diversidad - diversity
- divertido - diverted/fun
- doctora/doctor - doctor
- documento - document
- dólar - dollar

## E

- ecosistema - ecosystem
- educativa - educative
- electricidad - electricity
- elegante - elegant
- emoción/emocionada - emotion/emotional
- empleo - employ(ment)
- energía - energy
- energética - energetic
- enfermera/enfermería - (nurse - similar root)
- entra/entrar - enter
- entusiasmo - enthusiasm
- error - error
- escenario - scenario/stage
- esencia - essence
- especial - special
- especialidad - specialty
- específico - specific
- espina - spine/thorn
- estable - stable
- estado - state
- estación - station
- estetoscopio - stethoscope
- estómago - stomach
- estructura - structure
- estudiante - student
- estudiar - study
- eterno - eternal
- evento - event
- exacto - exact
- examen - exam
- examina/examinar - examine
- excelente - excellent
- excursión - excursion
- experiencia - experience

- experimentado - experimented/experienced
- experimentar - experiment
- experto - expert
- explica/explicar - explain
- explorar - explore
- expresión - expression
- extranjero - (foreigner - similar root)

## F

- familiar - familiar/family(adj)
- familia - family
- famoso - famous
- fantástico - fantastic
- fascinante - fascinating
- fascinada - fascinated
- favorito - favorite
- festival - festival
- festivo - festive
- figura - figure
- final - final
- finalmente - finally
- física/físico - physical
- forma/formar - form
- foto/fotografía - photo/photograph
- fresco - fresh
- frontera - frontier
- fruta - fruit
- frustrado - frustrated
- fuerte - fort/strong
- función - function
- futuro - future

## G

- galería - gallery
- gas - gas
- generación - generation
- general - general
- generoso - generous
- geografía - geography
- global - global
- gobierno - government

- gracias - (grace/thanks)
- grado - grade/degree
- grande - grand
- grave - grave/serious
- grupo - group
- guía - guide

## H

- hábito - habit
- historia - history
- histórico - historic
- honor/honrar - honor
- hora - hour
- horizonte - horizon
- horrible - horrible
- hospital - hospital
- hotel - hotel
- humano - human

## I

- idea - idea
- ideal - ideal
- identidad - identity
- identificación - identification
- ilumina - illuminates
- imagina - imagines
- importancia/importante - importance/important
- imposible - impossible
- impresión - impression
- improvisar - improvise
- incómodo - uncomfortable
- increíble - incredible
- indígena - indigenous
- infancia - infancy
- información - information
- ingrediente - ingredient
- inmediato - immediate
- instrucción - instruction
- inteligente - intelligent
- intención - intention
- intenta - intents/tries

- intercambia - interchanges
- interés/interesante - interest/interesting
- internacional - international
- internet - internet
- interrumpe - interrupts
- íntimo - intimate
- intrincado - intricate
- invita - invites

## J

- jardín - (garden - from French jardin)
- joven - (young - similar root to juvenile)

## L

- lámpara - lamp
- lava - lava/washes
- lección - lesson
- legal - legal
- limón - lemon
- línea - line
- linterna - lantern
- líquido - liquid
- lista - list
- literatura - literature
- local - local

## M

- maestra/maestro - (master/teacher)
- mamá - mama
- manera - manner
- mano - (hand - manus)
- manual - manual
- mapa - map
- marca - mark
- maravilloso - marvelous
- marina/marino - marine
- material - material
- máximo - maximum
- medicina/medicinal - medicine/medicinal
- médico - medic

- mediana - median
- memoria - memory
- mental - mental
- menú - menu
- mercado - market
- mesa - (table - mensa)
- metal - metal
- metro - metro
- mexicano - Mexican
- micrófono - microphone
- militar - military
- mineral - mineral
- mínimo - minimum
- minuto - minute
- misión - mission
- mixto - mixed
- moderno - modern
- momento - moment
- montaña - mountain
- monumento - monument
- motor - motor
- movimiento - movement
- múltiple - multiple
- multitud - multitude
- mundial - (world - mondial)
- municipal - municipal
- museo - museum
- música/musical - music/musical

## N

- nacional - national
- natural - natural
- naturaleza - (nature - naturaleza)
- náusea - nausea
- necesario - necessary
- necesita - necessitates
- nervioso - nervous
- nicaragüense - Nicaraguan
- nocturno - nocturnal
- normal - normal
- norte - north
- nota - note

- noticia - notice/news
- novela - novel
- número - number

## O

- objetivo - objective
- observa - observes
- obstáculo - obstacle
- ocasión - occasion
- océano - ocean
- ocupa/ocupado - occupy/occupied
- oficial - official
- opción - option
- opera - operates
- opinión - opinion
- oportunidad - opportunity
- orden - order
- organiza - organizes
- origen - origin
- original - original

## P

- página - page
- palacio - palace
- pánico - panic
- panorama - panorama
- papá - papa
- papel - paper
- parque - park
- parte - part
- particular - particular
- pasa/pasar - pass
- pasaporte - passport
- pasión - passion
- pasta - pasta
- pastor - pastor
- patio - patio
- patrón - patron/pattern
- pausa - pause
- paz - peace
- pedestal - pedestal

- perfecto - perfect
- perfume - perfume
- período - period
- permanente - permanent
- permiso - permission
- persona/personal - person/personal
- piano - piano
- pieza - piece
- piloto - pilot
- pizza - pizza
- plan - plan
- planeta - planet
- planta - plant
- plástico - plastic
- plato - plate
- plaza - plaza
- poema/poesía - poem/poetry
- poeta - poet
- policía - police
- político - political
- popular - popular
- porción - portion
- posibilidad - possibility
- posible - possible
- posición - position
- práctica - practice
- precio - price
- precioso - precious
- preferencia - preference
- prefiere - prefers
- prepara/preparación - prepare/preparation
- presencia - presence
- presente - present
- presidente - president
- presión - pressure
- principal - principal
- principio - principle
- privado - private
- probable - probable
- problema - problem
- proceso - process
- produce - produces
- producto - product

- profesión/profesional - profession/professional
- profesor/profesora - professor
- programa - program
- programador - programmer
- progreso - progress
- promesa/prometer - promise
- propina - (tip - propina)
- protección - protection
- protesta - protest
- provincia - province
- proyecto - project
- público - public
- puntual - punctual
- puro - pure

## R

- radio - radio
- rancho - ranch
- rápido - rapid
- raro - rare
- razón - reason
- real - real
- realidad - reality
- recepción/recepcionista - reception/receptionist
- receta - recipe/receipt
- reciente - recent
- recomendación - recommendation
- reconoce - recognizes
- recuerdo - (memory - record)
- refleja/reflexión - reflect/reflection
- refresco - refreshment
- región/regional - region/regional
- regla - rule
- regular - regular
- relación - relation
- religión/religioso - religion/religious
- remoto - remote
- repara - repairs
- repite - repeats
- representa - represents
- reptil - reptile
- república - republic

- reserva - reserve
- residencia - residence
- resistencia - resistance
- respeto - respect
- responde - responds
- responsabilidad - responsibility
- respuesta - response
- restaurante - restaurant
- resto - rest
- resultado - result
- reunión - reunion
- revisa - revises
- revista - (magazine - revista)
- revolución - revolution
- rico - rich
- ritmo/rítmico - rhythm/rhythmic
- rival - rival
- romántico - romantic
- rosa - rose
- ruidoso - (noisy - ruidoso)
- ruta - route
- rutina - routine

## S

- sábado - (Saturday - Sabbath)
- sala - sala/hall
- salario - salary
- salón - salon
- salsa - salsa/sauce
- salud - salud/health
- santo - saint
- satisfacción/satisfecho - satisfaction/satisfied
- secreto - secret
- sector - sector
- seguridad - security
- selección - selection
- semana - (week - semana)
- senador - senator
- sencillo - (simple - sencillo)
- sensación - sensation
- sentido - (sense - sentido)
- señal - signal

- serio - serious
- serpiente - serpent
- servicio - service
- sesión - session
- significado - significance
- silencio/silencioso - silence/silent
- similar - similar
- simple - simple
- síntoma - symptom
- sincero - sincere
- sistema - system
- situación - situation
- social - social
- sofá - sofa
- sólido - solid
- solo - solo
- solución - solution
- sonido - sound
- sopa - soup
- sorpresa - surprise
- especial - special
- estación - station
- estadio - stadium
- estado - state
- estilo - style
- estructura - structure
- estudiante - student
- estudio - study
- suficiente - sufficient
- supermercado - supermarket
- supervisor - supervisor

## T

- talento - talent
- taller - (workshop - taller)
- taxi/taxista - taxi/taxi driver
- té - tea
- teatro - theater
- técnica/técnico - technique/technical
- tecnología/tecnológico - technology/technological
- teléfono - telephone
- televisión - television

- tema - theme
- temperatura - temperature
- templo - temple
- temporal - temporal
- tendencia - tendency
- tenis - tennis
- teoría - theory
- terapia - therapy
- terminal - terminal
- terrible - terrible
- territorio - territory
- terror - terror
- texto - text
- textura - texture
- tiempo - time/tempo
- típico - typical
- tipo - type
- título - title
- total - total
- tour - tour
- tradición/tradicional - tradition/traditional
- tráfico - traffic
- tranquilo/tranquilidad - tranquil/tranquility
- transforma - transforms
- transporte - transport
- tren - train
- tribu - tribe
- tropical - tropical
- túnel - tunnel
- turismo/turista - tourism/tourist

## U

- último - ultimate
- único - unique
- unidad - unit
- uniforme - uniform
- unión - union
- universal - universal
- universidad/universitario - university
- urbano - urban
- urgente - urgent
- usa/usar - use

- usual - usual
- útil - utile/useful

## V

- vacación - vacation
- válido - valid
- valor - valor/value
- variedad - variety
- vario - various
- vegetal - vegetal
- vegetariano - vegetarian
- vehículo - vehicle
- vendedor - vendor
- ventaja - (advantage - ventaja)
- versión - version
- vertical - vertical
- victoria - victory
- video - video
- villa - villa
- violencia - violence
- violín - violin
- visa - visa
- visión - vision
- visita - visit
- vista - vista/view
- visual - visual
- vital - vital
- vitamina - vitamin
- vocabulario - vocabulary
- volcán - volcano
- volumen - volume
- voluntario - voluntary/volunteer
- votar/voto - vote

## Z

- zona - zone
- zoológico - zoological/zoo

## Thank You & What's Next?

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