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## Introduction

The Rough Guide Mexican Spanish phrasebook is a highly practical introduction to the contemporary language. Laid out in clear A-Z style, it uses key-word referencing to lead you straight to the words and phrases you want – so if you need to book a room, just look up ‘room’. The Rough Guide gets straight to the point in every situation, in bars and shops, on trains and buses, and in hotels and banks.

The main part of the Rough Guide is a double dictionary: English-Spanish then Spanish-English. Before that, there’s a section called **Basic Phrases** and to get you involved in two-way communication, the Rough Guide includes, in this new edition, a set of **Scenario** dialogues illustrating questions and responses in key situations such as renting a car and asking directions. You can hear these and then download them free from [www.roughguides.com/phrasebooks](http://www.roughguides.com/phrasebooks) for use on your computer or MP3 player.

Forming the heart of the guide, the **English-Spanish** section gives easy-to-use transliterations of the Spanish words wherever pronunciation might be a problem. Throughout this section, cross-references enable you to pinpoint key facts and phrases, while asterisked words indicate where further information can be found in a section at the end of the book called **How the Language Works**. This section sets out the fundamental rules of the language, with plenty of practical examples. You’ll also find here other essentials like numbers, dates, telling the time and basic phrases. In the **Spanish-English** dictionary, we’ve given you not just the phrases you’ll be likely to hear (starting with a selection of slang and colloquialisms) but also many of the signs, labels, instructions and other basic words you may come across in print or in public places.

Near the back of the book too the Rough Guide offers an extensive **Menu Reader**. Consisting of food and drink sections (each starting with a list of essential terms), it’s indispensable whether you’re eating out, stopping for a quick drink, or browsing through a local food market.

¡buen viaje!

have a good trip!







# Basic Phrases

## BASIC PHRASES

yes  
sí

no  
no

OK  
bueno  
bueno

hello!/hi!  
¡hola!  
ola

good morning  
buenos días  
buenos

good evening  
buenas tardes  
buenas

good night  
buenas noches  
noches

goodbye/see you  
hasta luego  
asta lwegó

please  
por favor  
fabor

yes please  
sí, por favor

thanks, thank you  
gracias  
gras-yas

no thanks, no thank you  
no gracias

thank you very much  
muchas gracias  
moochas

don't mention it  
de nada  
deh

how do you do?  
¡mucho gusto!  
mocho

how are you?  
¿cómo le va?  
leh

fine, thanks  
bien gracias  
b-yen gras-yas

nice to meet you  
encantado de conocerle  
deh konosairleh

excuse me  
(to get past) con permiso  
(to get attention) ¡por favor!  
fabor

(I'm) sorry  
disculpe  
deeskoolpeh

sorry?/pardon (me)?  
(didn't understand) ¿mande?  
mandeh

what did you say?

¿qué dijo?

keh deeHO

I see/I understand

entiendo

ent-yendo

I don't understand

no entiendo

do you speak English?

¿habla inglés?

abla

I don't speak Spanish

no hablo español

ablo espan-yol

could you speak more

slowly?

¿podría hablar mas lento?

ablar

could you repeat that?

¿puede repetir eso?

pwedeh

could you write it down?

¿puede escribirmelo?

I'd like a ...

quisiera un/una ...

kees-yaira

I'd like to ...

me gustaría ...

meh

can I have ...?

¿me da ...?

how much is it?

¿cuánto vale?

kwanto baleh

cheers!

(toast) ¡salud!

saloo

it is ...

es ...; está ...

where is it?

¿dónde está?

dondeh

where are the ...?

¿dónde están los/las ...?

how far is it to ...?

¿cuánto hay de aquí a ...?

kwanto ī deh akee

is it far?

¿queda lejos?

keda leHos

how long does it take?

¿cuánto dura?

kwanto

at what time ...?

¿a qué hora ...?

keh ora

when is ...?

cuándo es ...?

kwando



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# Scenarios



# 1. Accommodation

is there an inexpensive hotel you can recommend?

- ▶ ¿puede recomendarme un hotel que no sea caro?  
[pwedeh rekomendarmeh oon otel keh no seh-a karo]

---

desgraciadamente parece que todos están llenos ◀  
[desgras-yada-menteh pareseh keh todos estan yenos]  
I'm sorry, they all seem to be fully booked

can you give me the name of a good middle-range hotel?

- ▶ ¿me puede dar el nombre de un buen hotel mediano?  
[meh pwedeh dar el nombreh deh un bwen otel med-yano]

---

déjeme ver ¿prefiere estar en el centro? ◀  
[dehnehmeh ber pref-yereh estar en el sentro]  
let me have a look; do you want to be in the centre?

if possible

- ▶ si es posible  
[see es poseehle]

---

¿le importa estar un poco lejos del centro? ◀  
[leh eemporta estar oon poko leHos del sentro]  
do you mind being a little way out of town?

not too far out

- ▶ no demasiado lejos  
[no demas-yado leHos]

where is it on the map?

- ▶ ¿dónde está en el mapa?  
[dondeh esta en el mapa]

can you write the name and address down?

- ▶ ¿puede anotar el nombre y la dirección?  
[pwedeh anotar el nombreh ee la deereks-yon]

I'm looking for a room in a private house

- ▶ busco un cuarto en una casa particular  
[boosko oon kwarto en oona kasa parteekoolar]

## 2. Banks

bank account	la cuenta bancaria	[kwenta bankar-ya]
to change money	cambiar dinero	[kamb-yar deenairo]
cheque	el cheque	[chehkeh]
to deposit	depositar	[deposeetar]
dollar	el dólar	[dolar]
peso	el peso	[peso]
pin number	el pin	[peen]
pound	la libra	[leebra]
to withdraw	retirar	[reteerar]

can you change this into pesos?      ¿cómo quiere el dinero? ◀  
 ▶ ¿puede cambiarme esto por pesos?      [komo k-yaireh el deenairo]  
 [pwedeh kamb-yarmeh esto por pesos]      how would you like the money?

small notes      big notes  
 ▶ billetes pequeños      ▶ billetes grandes  
 [bee-yetes peken-yos]      [bee-yetes grandes]

do you have information in English about opening an account?  
 ▶ ¿tiene información en inglés sobre cómo abrir una cuenta?  
 [t-yeneh eenformas-yon en eengles sobreh komo abreer oona kwenta]

                                         sí ¿qué tipo de cuenta quiere? ◀  
                                          [see keh teepo deh kwenta k-yereh]  
 yes, what sort of account do you want?

I'd like a checking account  
 ▶ quisiera una cuenta corriente  
 [kees-yaira oona kwenta korr-yenteh]

                                         permítame su pasaporte, por favor ◀  
                                          [paimeetameh soo pasaporteh por fabor]  
 your passport, please

can I use this card to draw some cash?  
 ▶ ¿puedo sacar dinero con esta tarjeta?  
 [pwedo sakar deenairo kon esta tarjeta]

                                         tiene que pasar a la caja ◀  
                                          [t-yeneh keh pasar ala kaha]  
 you have to go to the cashier's desk

I want to transfer this to my account at the Banco de Comercio  
 ▶ quisiera hacer una transferencia a mi cuenta en el Banco de Comercio  
 [kees-yaira asair oona transferens-ya a mee kwenta en el banko deh komers-yo]

                                         con todo gusto, pero tendremos que cobrarle la llamada ◀  
                                          [kon todo goosto pero tendremos keh kobrarleh la yamada]  
 OK, but we'll have to charge you for the phonecall



### 3. Booking a room

shower	la regadera	[regadera]
telephone in the room	teléfono en el cuarto	[teléfono en el kwarto]
payphone in the lobby	teléfono público en el vestíbulo	[teléfono pobleeko en el besteebulo]

do you have any rooms?

▶ ¿tiene cuartos libres?

[t-yeneh kwartos leebres]

▶ ¿para cuántas personas?

[para kwantas pairsonas]

for how many people?

for one/for two

▶ para una/para dos

[para oona/para dos]

sí, tenemos cuartos libres ◀

[see tenemos kwartos leebres]

yes, we have rooms

▶ ¿para cuántas noches?

[para kwantas noches]

for how many nights?

just for one night

▶ sólo para una noche

[solo para oona nocheh]

how much is it?

▶ ¿cuánto es?

[kwanto es]

90 pesos con baño y 70 sin baño ◀

[nobehta pesos kon ban-yo ee setenta seen ban-yo ]

90 pesos with bathroom and 70 pesos without bathroom

does that include breakfast?

▶ ¿está incluido el desayuno?

[esta eenkloo-eeo el desa-yoono]

can I see a room with bathroom?

▶ ¿puedo ver un cuarto con baño?

[pwedo bair oon kwarto kon ban-yo]

ok, I'll take it

▶ está bien, lo voy a tomar

[esta b-yen lo boy a tomar]

when do I have to check out?

▶ ¿a qué hora hay que desocupar?

[a keh ora ī keh desokoopar]

is there anywhere I can leave luggage?

▶ ¿tiene dónde dejar el equipaje?

[t-yeneh dondeh deHar el ekeerpaneH ]

## 4. Car hire

automatic	automático	[owtomateeko]
full tank	depósito lleno	[deposeeeto yeno]
manual	manual	[manwal]
rented car	el coche alquilado	[kocheh alkeelado]

I'd like to rent a car

▶ quisiera alquilar un coche  
[kees-yaira alkeelar oon kocheh]

▶ ¿para cuánto tiempo?  
[para kwanto t-yempo]  
for how long?

two days  
▶ dos días  
[dos dee-as]

I'll take the ...

▶ me llevo el ...  
[meh yebbo el ...]

is that with unlimited mileage?

▶ ¿es sin límite de kilómetros?  
[es seen leemeeteh deh keelometros]

sí ◀  
[see]  
yes

¿me permite su licencia? por favor ◀  
[meh pairmeeteh soo leesens-ya por fabor]  
can I see your driving licence, please?

y su pasaporte ◀  
[ee soo pasaporteh]  
and your passport

is insurance included?

▶ ¿está incluido el seguro?  
[esta eenkl-ooeedo el segooro]

sí, pero usted tendría que pagar los primeros cien pesos ◀  
[see paio oosteh tendreea keh pagar los preemairos s-yen pesos]  
yes, but you have to pay the first 100 pesos

¿puede dejar una fianza de cien pesos? ◀  
[pwedeh deHar oona fee-ansa deh s-yen pesos]  
can you leave a deposit of 100 pesos?

and if this office is closed, where do I leave the keys?

▶ y si esta oficina está cerrada ¿dónde dejo las llaves?  
[ee see esta ofeeseena esta serrada dondeh deHo las yabes]

las pone en esa caja ◀  
[las poneh en esa kaHa]  
you drop them in that box

## 5. Communications

<b>ADSL modem</b>	el modem ADSL	[modem a-deh-eseh- <b>eleh</b> ]
<b>at</b>	arroba	[ar <b>roba</b> ]
<b>dial-up modem</b>	el modem de marcador manual	[modem deh markador man <b>wal</b> ]
<b>dot</b>	punto	[p <b>o</b> nto]
<b>Internet</b>	internet	[ <b>e</b> entairnet]
<b>mobile (phone)</b>	el celular	[seloolar]
<b>password</b>	la contraseña	[kontrase <b>n</b> -ya]
<b>telephone</b>	el adaptador para	[adaptador para
<b>socket adaptor</b>	el teléfono	el telef <b>o</b> no]
<b>wireless</b>	el punto de	[p <b>o</b> nto deh akseso
<b>hotspot</b>	acceso inalámbrico	eenalambree <b>ko</b> ]

is there an Internet café around here?

- ▶ ¿hay por aquí un cibercafé?  
[I por a**ke**e oon seebairka**feh**]

can I send email from here?

- ▶ ¿puedo mandar emails desde aquí?  
[p**w**edo mandar eem**ay**ls desde**h** a**ke**e]

where's the at sign on the keyboard?

- ▶ ¿dónde está la arroba en el teclado?  
[d**o**ndeh esta la ar**roba** en el teklado]

can you switch this to a UK keyboard?

- ▶ ¿se puede cambiar a teclado británico?  
[seh p**w**edeh kamb-**yar** a teklado breetane**eko**]

can you help me log on?

- ▶ ¿me puede ayudar a conectarme?  
[meh p**w**edeh a-yoodar a konektarmeh]

I'm not getting a connection, can you help?

- ▶ no está conectando ¿puede ayudarme?  
[no esta konektando p**w**edeh a-yoodarmeh]

where can I get a top-up card for my mobile?

- ▶ ¿dónde puedo comprar tarjeta para el celular?  
[d**o**ndeh p**w**edo komprar tar**je**ta para el seloolar]

can you put me through to ...?

- ▶ ¿puede ponerme con ...?  
[p**w**edeh pon**air**meh kon ...]

<b>zero</b>	<b>five</b>
cero	cinco
[ <b>s</b> ero]	[ <b>s</b> een <b>ko</b> ]

<b>one</b>	<b>six</b>
uno	seis
[ <b>o</b> ono]	[ <b>s</b> ays]

<b>two</b>	<b>seven</b>
dos	siete
[ <b>d</b> os]	[ <b>s</b> -y <b>e</b> teh]

<b>three</b>	<b>eight</b>
tres	ocho
[ <b>t</b> res]	[ <b>o</b> cho]

<b>four</b>	<b>nine</b>
cuatro	nueve
[ <b>k</b> watro]	[ <b>n</b> w <b>e</b> beh]

## 6. Directions

hi, I'm looking for Calle Real

▶ hola, estoy buscando la Calle Real

[**ola** **estoy** **booskando** la **ka-yeh** reh-al]

disculpe, nunca oí hablar de ella ◀  
 [deeskoolpeh **noonka** **oe** ablar deh **eh-ya**]  
 sorry, never heard of it

hi, can you tell me where Calle Real is?

▶ hola, ¿me puede decir dónde queda la Calle Real?

[**ola** meh pwedeh deseer **dondeh** keda la **ka-yeh** reh-al]

yo tampoco soy de aquí ◀  
 [yo **tampoko** soy deh **akee**]  
 I'm a stranger here too

hi, Calle Real, do you know where it is?

hola, la Calle Real, ¿sabe dónde queda?

[**ola** la **ka-yeh** reh-al **sabeh** **dondeh** keda]

where?

¿dónde?

[**dondeh**]

which direction?

¿por dónde?

[**por** **dondeh**]

▶ a la vuelta de la esquina ▶ entonces es la primera calle a la derecha  
 [a la **bwelta** deh la **eskeena**] [entonses es la **preemaira** **ka-yeh** a la **derecha**]  
 around the corner then it's the first street on the right

▶ a la izquierda en el segundo semáforo  
 [a la **eesk-yairda** en el **segoondo** **semaforo**]  
 left at the second traffic lights

a la derecha  
 [a la **derecha**]  
 on the right

calle  
 [**ka-yeh**]  
 street

justo después  
 [**Hoosto** **despwes**]  
 just after

todo derecho  
 [**todo** **derecho**]  
 straight ahead

a la izquierda  
 [a la **eesk-yairda**]  
 on the left

cerca  
 [**sairka**]  
 near

más allá  
 [**mas** **a-ya**]  
 further

voltee  
 [**bolteh-eh**]  
 turn off

allí  
 [**a-ye**]  
 over there

delante de  
 [**delanteh** deh]  
 in front of

pasado el...  
 [**pasado** el...]  
 past the ...  
 siguiente  
 [**seeg-yenteh**]  
 next

atrás  
 [**atras**]  
 back

en frente de  
 [**en** **frenteh** deh]  
 opposite

## 7. Emergencies

accident	el accidente	[akseedenteh]
ambulance	la ambulancia	[amboolans-ya]
consul	el cónsul	[kɔnsool]
embassy	la embajada	[embaɦada]
fire brigade	los bomberos	[bɔmbairos]
police	la policía	[poleese-a]

help!

▶ ¡socorro!  
[sokorro]

can you help me?

▶ ¿puede ayudarme?  
[pweɗeh a-yoodarmeh]

please come with me! it's really very urgent

▶ ¡por favor, venga conmigo! es realmente urgente  
[por fabɔr benga konmeeɢo es reh-almɛnteh oorɦenteh]

I've lost (my keys)

▶ perdí (las llaves)  
[pairɗee (las yabes)]

(my car) is not working

▶ (mi carro) no funciona  
[(mee karro) no foons-yɔna]

(my purse) has been stolen

▶ me robaron (el monedero)  
[meh robaron (el monedairo)]

I've been mugged

▶ me asaltaron  
[meh asaltaron]

¿cómo se llama? ◀  
what's your name?  
[komo seh yama]

¿me permite su pasaporte? ◀  
[meh pairmeɛtɛh soo pasaporteh]  
I need to see your passport

I'm sorry, all my papers have been stolen

▶ disculpe, me robaron todos los documentos  
[deeskoolpeh meh robaron todos los dokoomentos]

## 8. Friends

hi, how're you doing?

▶ hola ¿cómo estás?  
[ola kómo estas]

muy bien ¿y tú? ◀  
[mwee b-yen ee too]  
OK, and you?

yeah, fine

▶ bien  
[b-yen]

not bad

▶ no estoy mal  
[no estoy mal]

d'you know Antonio?

▶ ¿conoces a Antonio?  
[konoses a anton-yo]

and this is Marta

▶ y ésta es Marta  
[ee esta es marta]

si, ya nos conocíamos ◀  
[see ya nos konosee-amos]  
yeah, we know each other

where do you know each other from?

▶ ¿cómo se conocieron?  
[kómo seh konos-yeron]

nos conocimos en casa de Gonzalo ◀  
[nos konoseemos en kasa deh gonsalo]  
we met at Gonzalos's place

that was some party, eh?

▶ estupenda fiesta no  
[estoopeenda f-yeesta no]

▶ fabuloso  
[fabooloso ]  
the best

are you guys coming for a beer?

▶ ¿vienen a tomar una cerveza?  
[b-yenen a tomar oona sairbesa ]

▶ chido, vamos  
[cheedo bamos]  
cool, let's go

▶ no, quedé con Lola  
[no kedeh kon lola]  
no, I'm meeting Lola

see you at Gonzalo's place tonight

▶ nos vemos esta noche en casa de Gonzalo  
[nos bemos esta nocheh en kasa deh gonsalo]

hasta luego ◀  
[asta lweego]  
see you

## 9. Health

I'm not feeling very well

- ▶ no me siento bien  
[no meh s-yento b-yen]

can you get a doctor?

- ▶ ¿puede llamar a un médico?  
[pwedeh yamar a oon medeeko]

¿dónde le duele? ◀  
[dondeh leh dweleh]  
where does it hurt?

it hurts here

- ▶ me duele aquí  
[meh dweleh akee]

▶ ¿es un dolor constante?  
[es oon dolor konstanteh]  
is the pain constant?

it's not a constant pain  
▶ no es un dolor constante  
[no es oon dolor konstanteh]

can I make an appointment?

- ▶ ¿puedo hacer una cita?  
[pwedo aser oona seeta]

can you give me something for ...?

- ▶ ¿puede darme algo para ...?  
[pwedeh darmeh algo para]

yes, I have insurance

- ▶ sí, tengo seguro  
[see tengo segooro]

antibiotics	el antibiótico	[anteeb-yoteeko]
antiseptic ointment	la pomada antiséptica	[pomada anteesepteeka]
cystitis	la cystitis	[seesteetees]
dentist	el dentista	[denteesta]
diarrhoea	la diarrea	[d-yarreh-a]
doctor	el médico	[medeeko]
hospital	el hospital	[ospeeta]
ill	enfermo	[enfairmo]
medicine	la medicina	[medeeseena]
painkillers	analgésicos	[analheseekos]
pharmacy	la farmacia	[farmas-ya]
to prescribe	recetar	[resetar]
thrush	las aftas	[aftas]

## 10. Language difficulties

a few words  
 interpreter  
 to translate

unas palabras  
 el intérprete  
 traducir

[oonas palabras]  
 [eentairpreteh]  
 [tradooseeer]

le rechazaron la tarjeta de crédito ◀  
 [leh rechasaaron la tarjeheta deh kredeeto]  
 your credit card has been refused

what, I don't understand; do you speak English?

▶ ¿cómo? no entiendo; ¿habla usted inglés?  
 [komo no ent-yendo abla oosteh eengles]

esto no es válido ◀  
 [esto no es baleedo]  
 this isn't valid

could you say that again?

▶ ¿puede repetir?  
 [pwedeh repeteer]

slowly  
 ▶ lento  
 [lento]

I understand very little Spanish

▶ entiendo muy poco español  
 [ent-yendo mwee poko espan-yol]

I speak Spanish very badly

▶ hablo español muy mal  
 [ablo espan-yol mwee mal]

no puede pagar con esta tarjeta ◀  
 [no pwedeh pagar kon esta tarjeheta]  
 you can't use this card to pay

▶ ¿entiende?  
 [ent-yendeh]  
 do you understand?

sorry, no  
 ▶ me temo que no  
 [meh temo keh no]

is there someone who speaks English?

▶ ¿hay alguien que hable inglés?  
 [ī alg-yen keh ableh eengles]

oh, now I understand

▶ ah, ahora entiendo  
 [ah a-ora ent-yendo]

is that ok now?

▶ ¿ya está bien?  
 [ya esta b-yen]



# 11. Meeting people

hello

▶ hola

[ola]

hola, me llamo Blanca ◀

[ola meh yamo blanka]

hello, my name's Blanca

Graham, from England, Thirsk

▶ soy Graham, de Thirsk, Inglaterra

[soy graham deh thirsk eenglaterra]

no lo conozco ¿dónde está? ◀

[no lo konosko dondeh esta]

don't know it, where is it?

not far from York, in the North; and where are you from?

▶ no lejos de York, en el norte, ¿y de dónde es usted?

[no lehHos deh york en el norteh ee deh dondeh es oosteh]

soy de Veracruz; ¿está aquí solo? ◀

[soy deh berakroos; esta akee solo]

I'm from Veracruz; here by yourself?

no, I'm with my wife and two kids

▶ no, vengo con mi mujer y mis dos hijos

[no bengo kon mee mooHair ee mees dos eeHos]

what do you do?

▶ ¿a qué se dedica?

[a keh seh dedeeeka]

a la informática ◀

[a la eenformateeka]

I'm in computers

me too

▶ yo también

[yo tamb-yen]

here's my wife now

▶ aquí viene mi mujer

[akee b-yeneh mee mooHair]

encantada de conocerla ◀

[enkantada deh konosairla]

nice to meet you

## 12. Post offices

airmail	correo aéreo	[korreh-o a-airay-o]
post card	la postal	[postal]
post office	Correos	[korreh-os]
stamp	la estampilla	[estampeeya]

what time does the post office close? a las cinco entre semana ◀  
 ▶ ¿a qué hora cierra Correos? [a las seenko entreh semana]  
 [a keh ora s-yera korreh-os] five o'clock weekdays

is the post office open on Saturdays? hasta mediodía ◀  
 ▶ ¿Correos abre los sábados? [asta med-yodee-a]  
 [korreh-os abreh los sabados] till midday

I'd like to send this registered to England  
 ▶ quisiera mandar esto certificado a Inglaterra  
 [kees-yaira mandar esto sairtefeekado a eenglaterra]

sí, claro, serán 10 pesos ◀  
 [see klaro sairan d-yes pesos]  
 certainly, that will cost 10 pesos

and also two stamps for England, please  
 ▶ y también dos estampillas para Inglaterra, por favor  
 [ee tamb-yen dos estampee-yas para eenglaterra por favor]

do you have some airmail stickers?  
 ▶ ¿tiene pegatinas de correo aéreo?  
 [t-yeneh pegateenas deh korreh-o a-airay-o]

do you have any mail for me?  
 ▶ ¿tiene correo para mí?  
 [t-yeneh korreh-o para mee]

cartas	letters
lista de correos	poste restante
paquetes	parcels

# 13. Restaurants

bill	la cuenta	[kwenta]
menu	la carta	[karta]
table	la mesa	[mesa]

can we have a non-smoking table?

▶ ¿nos da una mesa para no fumadores?

[nos da **oona** mesa para no foomad**o**res]

there are two of us

▶ somos dos

[s**o**mos dos]

there are four of us

▶ somos cuatro

[s**o**mos kw**a**tro]

what's this?

▶ ¿qué es esto?

[keh es **e**sto]

es pescado ◀

[es pes**k**ado]

it's fish

es una especialidad de la zona ◀

[es **oona** espes-yaleeda deh la **so**na]

it's a local speciality

pase y se lo enseño ◀

[paseh ee seh lo en**s**en-yo]

come inside and I'll show you

we would like two of these, one of these, and one of those

▶ queremos dos de éstos, uno de éstos y uno de aquéllos

[ker**e**mos dos deh **e**stos **oono** deh **e**stos ee **oono** deh akeh-yos]

▶ ¿y para beber?

[ee para bebair]

and to drink?

red wine

▶ vino tinto

[beeno **t**eento]

white wine

▶ vino blanco

[beeno blanko]

a beer and two orange juices

▶ una cerveza y dos jugos de naranaja

[**oona** sair**e**sa ee dos **Hoog**os deh naran**H**a]

some more bread please

▶ un poco más pan, por favor

[oon **p**oko mas pan por fabor]

▶ ¿cómo estuvo la comida?

[k**o**mo esto**o**bo la kome**e**da]

how was your meal?

excellent!, very nice!

▶ ¡estupenda! ¡muy buena!

[estoo**p**enda mwee **b**vena]

▶ ¿algo más?

[al**g**o mas]

anything else?

just the bill thanks

▶ sólo la cuenta, por favor

[s**o**lo la kwenta por fabor]

# 14. Shopping

¿en qué puedo servirle? ◀  
 [en keh pwedo sairbeerleh]  
 can I help you?

can I just have a look around?      yes, I'm looking for ...  
 ▶ quiero mirar nada más      ▶ sí, estoy buscando ...  
 [k-yairo meerar nada mas]      [see estoy booskando]

how much is this?      treinta y dos pesos ◀  
 ▶ ¿cuánto vale esto?      [traynta ee dos pesos]  
 [kwanto baleh esto]      thirty-two pesos

OK, I think I'll have to leave it; it's a little too expensive for me  
 ▶ está bien, no me lo llevo; es demasiado caro para mí  
 [esta b-yen no meh lo yebo es demas-yado karo para mee]

¿y esto? ◀  
 [ee esto]  
 how about this?

can I pay by credit card?  
 ▶ ¿puedo pagar con tarjeta de crédito?  
 [pwedo pagar kon tarheta deh kredeeto]

it's too big      it's too small  
 ▶ es demasiado grande      ▶ es demasiado pequeño  
 [es demas-yado grandeh]      [es demas-yado peken-yo]

it's for my son – he's about this high  
 ▶ es para mi hijo – es más o menos así de alto  
 [es para mee eeHo es mas o menos asee deh alto]

▶ ¿va a querer algo más?      that's all thanks  
 [ba a kerair algo mas]      ▶ eso es todo, gracias  
 will there be anything else?      [eso es todo gras-yas]

make it twenty pesos and I'll take it  
 ▶ si me lo deja en veinte pesos me lo llevo  
 [see meh lo deHa en baynteh pesos meh lo yebo]

fine, I'll take it  
 ▶ bien, me lo llevo  
 [b-yen meh lo yebo]

abierto  
open

caja  
cash  
desk

cambiar  
to  
exchange

cerrado  
closed

rebajas  
sale

# 15. Sightseeing

art gallery	la galería de arte	[galair <b>ee</b> -a deh art <b>eh</b> ]
bus tour	el tour en camión	[toor en kam- <b>yon</b> ]
city centre	el centro	[s <b>ent</b> ro]
closed	cerrado	[s <b>err</b> ado]
guide	la guía	[g <b>ee</b> -a]
museum	el museo	[moos <b>eh</b> -o]
open	abierto	[ab- <b>yair</b> to]

I'm interested in seeing the old town

▶ quisiera ver el casco antiguo  
[kees-**yair**a bair el kasko ant**ee**gwo]

are there guided tours?

▶ ¿hay visitas guiadas?  
[ī bees**ee**tas gee-**adas**]

disculpe, está completo ◀  
[deek**ool**peh esta kom**ple**to]  
I'm sorry, it's fully booked

how much would you charge to drive us around for four hours?

▶ ¿cuánto nos cobra por un paseo en carro de cuatro horas?  
[kw**an**to nos k**ob**ra por oon pase**h**-o en k**ar**ro deh kw**at**ro **o**ras]

can we book tickets for the concert here?

▶ ¿podemos reservar aquí los boletos para el concierto?  
[po**de**mos resair**bar** a**kee** los bo**le**tos para el kons-**yair**to]

▶ sí ¿a qué nombre?  
[see a keh **nomb**reh]  
yes, in what name?

▶ ¿qué tarjeta de crédito?  
[keh tar**je**ta deh kre**de**eto]  
which credit card?

where do we get the tickets?

▶ ¿dónde nos dan los boletos?  
[do**nde**h nos dan los bo**le**tos]

recójalos en la entrada ◀  
[reko**han**los en la en**tra**da]

just pick them up at the entrance

is it open on Sundays?

▶ ¿abren los domingos?  
[abren los dome**en**gos]

how much is it to get in?

▶ ¿cuánto cuesta la entrada?  
[kw**an**to kw**es**ta la en**tra**da]

are there reductions for groups of 6?

▶ ¿hay rebaja para grupos de 6?  
[ī reb**a**ha para gro**o**pos deh s**ays**]

that was really impressive!

▶ ¡estuvo impresionante!  
[est**oo**bo eempres-**yon**ant**eh**]

## 16. Trains

to change trains	hacer correspondencia	[asair korrespondensee-ya]
platform	la vía	[bee-a]
return	el boleto de ida y vuelta	[boleto deh eeda ee bweita]
single	el boleto de ida	[boleto deh eeda]
station	la estación	[estas-yon]
stop	la parada	[parada]
ticket	el boleto	[boleto]

how much is ...?

▶ ¿cuánto es ...?  
[kwanto es]

a single, second class to ...

▶ un boleto de ida, en clase turista a ...  
[oon boleto deh eeda en klaseh tooreesta a]

two returns, second class to ...

▶ dos boletos de ida y vuelta, en clase turista a ...  
[dos boletos deh eeda ee bweita en klaseh tooreesta a]

for today

▶ para hoy  
[para oy]

for tomorrow

▶ para mañana  
[para man-yana]

for next Tuesday

▶ para el próximo martes  
[para el prokseemo martes]

¿quiere reservar el asiento? ◀  
[k-yaireh resairbar el as-yento]

do you want to make a seat reservation?

tiene que hacer correspondencia en Córdoba ◀  
[t-yeneh keh asair korrespondens-ya en kordoba]  
you have to change at Córdoba

what time is the last train to Puebla?

▶ ¿a qué hora es el último tren para Puebla?  
[a keh ora es el oolteemo tren para pwebla]

is this seat free?

▶ ¿está libre este asiento?  
[esta leebreh esteh as-yento]

excuse me, which station are we at?

▶ disculpe ¿en qué estación estamos?  
[deeskoolpeh en keh estas-yon estamos]

is this where I change for Mérida?

▶ ¿es aquí donde tengo que hacer correspondencia para Mérida?  
[es akee dondeh tengo keh asair korrespondens-ya para mereeda]

**English**



Spanish





## A

- a, an\* **un** [oon], **una** [oona]  
 about: about 20 **unos veinte**  
 it's about 5 o'clock **son aproximadamente las cinco** [aprokseemadamenteh]  
 a film about Mexico **una película sobre México** [sobreh]  
 above ... **arriba de ...** [arreeba deh]  
 abroad **en el extranjero** [estranHairo]  
 absolutely! (I agree) ¡**claro!**  
 accelerator **el acelerador** [aselairador]  
 accept **aceptar** [aseptar]  
 accident **el accidente** [akseedenteh]  
 there's been an accident **hubo un accidente** [oobo]  
 accommodation **alojamiento** [aloham-yento]  
 accurate **exacto**  
 ache **el dolor**  
 my back aches **me duele la espalda** [meh dweleh]  
 across: across the road **al otro lado de la calle** [ka-yeh]  
 adapter **el adaptador**  
 address **la dirección** [deereksyon]  
 what's your address? **¿cuál es su dirección?** [kwahl]  
 address book **la libreta de direcciones** [deh deereksyon-es]  
 admission charge **la entrada**  
 adult **el adulto** [adoolto], **la adulta**  
 advance: in advance **por adelantado**  
 aeroplane **el avión** [ab-yon]  
 after **después (de)** [despwes (deh)]  
 after you **pase Usted** [paseh oosteh]  
 after lunch **después de comer**  
 afternoon **la tarde** [tardeh]  
 in the afternoon **por la tarde**  
 this afternoon **esta tarde**  
 aftershave **el aftershave**  
 aftersun cream **la crema para después del sol** [despwes]  
 afterwards **luego** [lwego]  
 again **otra vez** [bes]  
 against **contra**  
 age **la edad** [eda]  
 ago: a week ago **hace una semana** [aseh]  
 an hour ago **hace una hora**  
 agree: I agree **de acuerdo** [deh akwairdo]  
 AIDS **el SIDA** [seeda]  
 air **el aire** [ireh]  
 by air **en avión** [ab-yon]  
 air-conditioned **con clima artificial** [arteefees-yal]  
 air-conditioning **el aire acondicionado** [ireh akondeesyonado]  
 airmail: by airmail **por avión** [ab-yon]  
 airmail envelope **el sobre aéreo** [sobreh a-aireh-o]  
 airplane **el avión** [ab-yon]

airport **el aeropuerto**  
 [iropwairto]  
 to the airport, please **al**  
**aeropuerto, por favor** [fabor]  
 airport bus **el camión del**  
**aeropuerto** [kam-yon]  
 aisle seat **el asiento de**  
**pasillo** [as-yento deh pasee-yo]  
 alarm clock **el despertador**  
 alcohol **el alcohol** [alkol]

alcoholic **alcohólico**  
 all: all the boys **todos los**  
**chicos**  
 all the girls **todas las chicas**  
 all of it **todo**  
 all of them **todos**  
 that's all, thanks **eso es todo,**  
**gracias** [gras-yas]

allergic: I'm allergic to ...  
**tengo alergia a ...** [alairHee-a]  
 alligator **el caimán** [kíman]  
 allowed: is it allowed? ¿**se**  
**permite?** [seh pairmeeteh]  
 all right! ¡**bueno!** [bwenó]

I'm all right **estoy bien** [b-yen]  
 are you all right? (fam) ¿**estás**  
**bien?**

(pol) ¿**se encuentra bien?** [seh  
 enkwen-tra]

almond **la almendra**  
 almost **casi**  
 alone **solo**  
 alphabet **el alfabeto**

a a            g Heh  
 b beh larga   h ached  
 c seh            i ee  
 ch cheh        j Hota  
 d deh            k ka

e eh            l eleh  
 f efeh          m emeh  
 n eneh          t teh  
 ñ en-yeh        u oo  
 o o              v beh cheeka  
 p peh            w oobeh  
 q koo            x ekees  
 r airreh          y ee gr-yega  
 s eseh            z seta

already **ya**  
 also **también** [tamb-yen]  
 although **aunque** [a-oonkeh]  
 altogether **del todo**  
 always **siempre** [s-yempreh]  
 am\*: I am **soy; estoy**

a.m.: at seven a.m. **a las siete**  
**de la mañana** [deh la man-yana]  
 amazing (surprising) **increíble**  
 [eenkreh-eebleh]

(very good) **extraordinario**  
 [estra-ordeenar-yo]

ambulance **la ambulancia**  
 [amboolans-ya]

call an ambulance! ¡**llame a**  
**una ambulancia!** [yameh]

America **Estados Unidos**

American (adj)

**norteamericano** [norteh-  
 amaireekano]

I'm American (man/woman) **soy**  
**norteamericano/**  
**norteamericana**

among **entre** [entreh]

amount **la cantidad** [kanteeda]  
 (money) **la suma**

amp: a 13-amp fuse **el fusible**  
**de trece amperios** [fooseebleh  
 deh - ampairee-os]

and **y** [ee]  
 angry **enojado** [enohado]  
 animal **el animal**  
 ankle **el tobillo** [tobee-yo]  
 anniversary (wedding) **el aniversario de boda**  
 [aneebairsar-yo deh]  
 annoy: this man's annoying  
**me este hombre me está molestando** [esteh ombreh meh]  
 annoying **molesto**  
 another **otro**  
 can we have another room?  
**¿puede darnos otro cuarto?**  
 [pwedeh – kwarto]  
 another beer, please **otra cerveza, por favor**  
 [fabor]  
 antibiotics **los antibióticos**  
 [anteeb-yoteekos]  
 antifreeze **el anticongelante**  
 [anteekonhelanteh]  
 antihistamines **los antihistamínicos**  
 [antee-eestameeneekos]  
 antique: is it an antique? **¿es antiguo?** [anteegwo]  
 antique shop **la tienda de antigüedades** [t-yenda deh anteegwedad-es]  
 antiseptic **el antiséptico**  
 any: have you got any bread/  
 tomatoes? **¿tiene pan/jitomates?** [t-yeneh]  
 do you have any? **¿tiene?**  
 sorry, I don't have any **lo siento, no tengo** [s-yento]  
 anybody **cualquiera** [kwalk-

**yaira**  
 does anybody speak English? **¿habla alguien inglés?** [abla alg-yen eeng-les]  
 there wasn't anybody there (allí) **no había nadie** [(a-ye) no abee-a nad-yeh]  
 anything **algo**  
 (negative) **nada**

## dialogues

anything else? **¿algo más?**  
 nothing else, thanks **nada más, gracias** [gras-yas]

would you like anything to drink? **¿quiere algo de beber?** [k-yaireh – deh bebair]  
 I don't want anything, thanks **no quiero nada, gracias** [k-yairo]

apart from **aparte de** [aparteh deh]  
 apartment **el departamento, el piso**  
 appendicitis **la apendicitis**  
 [apendeeseetees]  
 appetizer **la botana**  
 aperitif **el aperitivo**  
 [apereetebo]  
 apologize: I apologize **disculpe** [deeskoolpeh]  
 apology **la disculpa**  
 apple **la manzana** [mansana]  
 appointment **la cita** [seeta]

## dialogue

good afternoon, sir, how can I help you? **buenas tardes, señor, ¿en qué puedo servirle?** [bwenas tard-es sen-yor, en keh pwedo sairbeerleh]

I'd like to make an appointment **quisiera hacer cita** [kees-yaira asair seeta]

what time would you like? **¿a qué hora le conviene?** [keh ora leh konb-yeneh]

three o'clock **a las tres**  
I'm afraid that's not possible, is four o'clock all right? **lamento que no será posible, ¿está bien a las cuatro?** [keh no saira poseebleh – b-yen]

yes, that will be fine **sí, está bien**

the name was ...? **¿su nombre ...?** [nombreh]

apricot **el chabacano, el damasco**

April **abril**

are\*: we are **somos; estamos**  
you are (fam) **eres** [air-es];  
**estás**

(pol) **es; está**

they are **son; están**

area **la zona** [sona]

area code **el prefijo** [prefeeHo]

arm **el brazo** [braso]

arrange: will you arrange it for

us? **¿nos lo organiza Usted?**  
[organeesa oosteh]

arrival **la llegada** [yegada]

arrive **llegar** [yegar]

when do we arrive? **¿cuándo llegamos?** [kwando yegamos]

has my fax arrived yet?

**¿llegó ya mi fax?** [yego]

we arrived today **llegamos hoy** [yegamos oy]

art **el arte** [arteh]

art gallery **la galería de arte**  
[galeree-a deh]

artist (man/woman) **el pintor, la pintora**

as: as big as **tan grande como**

as soon as possible **lo más pronto posible** [poseebleh]

ashtray **el cenicero** [seneesairo]

ask **preguntar**

to ask for **pedir**

I didn't ask for this **no pedi esto**

could you ask him to ...?

**¿puede decirle que ...?**

[pwedeh deseerleh keh]

asleep: she's asleep **está dormida**

aspirin **la aspirina**

asthma **el asma**

astonishing **increíble** [eenkreh-eebleh]

at: at the hotel **en el hotel**

at the station **en la estación**

at six o'clock **a las seis**

at Pedro's **en casa de Pedro**  
[deh]

athletics **el atletismo**

Atlantic Ocean **el Océano**

Atlántico [oseh-ano]  
 attractive atractivo [atrakteebo]  
 aubergine la berenjena  
 [berenhena]  
 August agosto  
 aunt la tía  
 Australia Australia [owstral-ya]  
 Australian (adj) australiano  
 I'm Australian (man/woman)  
 soy australiano/australiana  
 automatic automático  
 [owtomateeko]  
 automatic teller el cajero  
 automático [kahairo]  
 autumn el otoño [oton-yo]  
 in the autumn en otoño  
 avenue la avenida [abeneeda]  
 average (ordinary) mediano  
 [med-yano]  
 (not good) regular [regoolar]  
 on average por término  
 medio [tairmeeno med-yo]  
 avocado el aguacate  
 [agwakateh]  
 awake: is he awake? ¿está  
 despierto? [desp-yairto]  
 away: go away! ¡lárguese!  
 [largeseh]  
 he's gone away se ha ido  
 fuera [seh a eedo fwaira]  
 is it far away? ¿está lejos?  
 [lehos]  
 awful horrible [oreebleh]  
 axle el eje [ehéh]  
 Aztec (adj) azteca [asteka]

## B

baby el bebé [beh-beh]  
 baby food la comida de bebé  
 [deh]  
 baby's bottle el biberón  
 [beebairon]  
 baby-sitter la niñera [neen-  
 yaira]  
 back (of body) la espalda  
 (back part) la parte de atrás  
 [parteh deh]  
 at the back en la parte de  
 atrás  
 can I have my money back?  
 ¿me devuelve el dinero?  
 [meh debwelbeh el deenairo]  
 to come/go back regresar  
 backache el dolor de espalda  
 [deh]  
 bacon el jamón [hamon], el  
 tocino [toseeno]  
 bad malo  
 a bad headache un fuerte  
 dolor de cabeza [fwairteh - deh  
 kabesa]  
 badly mal  
 (injured) gravemente  
 [grabementeh]  
 bag la bolsa  
 (handbag) el bolso  
 (suitcase) la maleta, la petaca  
 baggage el equipaje  
 [ekeepaheh]  
 baggage check la consigna  
 [konseegna], la paquetería  
 [paketairee-a]  
 baggage claim la recogida

- de equipajes [rekoHeeda deh ekeepaH-es]  
 bakery la panadería [panadairée-a]  
 balcony el balcón  
 a room with a balcony un cuarto con balcón [kwarto]  
 bald calvo [kalbo]  
 ball (large) la pelota, el balón (small) la bola  
 ballet el ballet  
 banana el plátano  
 band (musical) la orquesta [orkesta]  
 bandage la venda [benda]  
 Bandaid® la tirita  
 bandit el bandido  
 bank (money) el banco  
 bank account la cuenta bancaria [kwenta]  
 bar el bar  
 a bar of chocolate una barra de chocolate [deh chokolateh]  
 barber's la peluquería [pelookairee-a]  
 bargain regatear [regateh-ar]

## dialogue

how much is this? ¿a cómo está?  
 100 pesos a cien pesos  
 that's too expensive, how about 50? es muy caro, ¿me lo deja en cincuenta?  
 [mwee - deHa]  
 I'll let you have it for 80 se lo dejo en ochenta [seh

lo deHo]  
 can't you reduce it a bit more, to 70 ? ¿me lo rebaja un poco más, en setenta? [rebaha]  
 that's the lowest I'll go es lo último  
 OK de acuerdo [deh akwairdo]

- baseball el béisbol [baysbol]  
 basement el sótano  
 basket la canasta (in shop) la cesta [sesta]  
 bath el baño [ban-yo], la tina  
 can I have a bath? ¿puedo bañarme? [pwedo ban-yarmeh]  
 bathroom el cuarto de baño [kwarto]  
 with a private bathroom con baño privado [preebado]  
 bath towel la toalla de baño [to-a-ya deh]  
 battery la pila (car) la batería [batairée-a]  
 bay la bahía [ba-ee-a]  
 be\* ser [sair]; estar  
 beach la playa [plī-ya]  
 on the beach en la playa  
 beach umbrella la sombrilla [sombree-ya]  
 beans los frijoles [freehol-es]  
 runner beans los ejotes [ehot-es]  
 broad beans las habas [abas]  
 beard la barba  
 beautiful lindo  
 because porque [porkeh]  
 because of ... debido a ...

bed **la cama**

I'm going to bed now **me voy a acostar ahora** [meh boy – a-ora]

bed and breakfast **cuarto y desayuno** [kwarto ee desi-yoono]

bedroom **la recámara**

beef **la carne de res** [karneh deh]

beer **la cerveza** [sairbesa]

two beers, please **dos cervezas, por favor** [fabor]

before **antes**

begin **empezar** [empesar]  
when does it begin? **¿cuándo empieza?** [kwando emp-yesa]

beginner **el/la principiante**  
[preenseep-yanteh]

beginning: at the beginning **al principio** [preenseep-yo]

behind **atrás**

behind me **detrás de mí** [deh]

beige **beige** [baysh]

believe **creer** [kreh-air]

Belize **Belice** [beleeseh]

below **abajo** [abaHo]

belt **el cinturón** [seentooron]

bend (in road) **la curva** [koorba]

berth (on ship) **el camarote**  
[kamaroteh]

beside: beside the ... **al lado de la ...** [deh]

best **el mejor** [meHor]

better **mejor**

are you feeling better? **¿se siente mejor?** [seh s-yenteh]

between **entre** [entreh]

beyond **más allá** [a-ya]

bicycle **la bicicleta**

[beeseekleta]

big **grande** [grandeh]

too big **demasiado grande**  
[demas-yado]

it's not big enough **no es lo suficientemente grande**  
[soofees-yentementeh]

big game fishing **la pesca mayor** [mī-yor]

bike **la bicicleta** [beeseekleta]  
(motorbike) **la moto**

bikini **el bikini**

bill **la cuenta** [kwenta]  
(US: banknote) **el billete** [bee-yeteh]

could I have the bill, please? **me pasa la cuenta, por favor**  
[meh – fabor]

bin **el bote de la basura** [boteh deh]

bin liners **las bolsas de basura**

binding (ski) **la atadura**

bird **el pájaro** [paharo]

biro® **el bolígrafo**

birthday **el cumpleaños**  
[koompleh-an-yos]

happy birthday! **¡feliz cumpleaños!** [felees]

biscuit **la galleta** [ga-yeta]

bit: a little bit **un poquito**  
[pokeeto]

a big bit **un pedazo grande**  
[pedaso grandeh]

a bit of ... **un pedazo de ...**  
[deh]

a bit expensive **un poco caro**

bite (by insect) **la picadura**  
(by dog) **la mordedura**

bitter (taste etc) **amargo**

black negro [neh-gro]  
 black coffee el café  
     americano [kafeh]  
     (strong) el café solo  
 blanket la cobija [kobeeha], la  
     frazada [frasada]  
 bleach (for toilet) la lejía [leheeh-a]  
 bless you! ¡Jesús! [hesoos]  
 blind ciego [s-yego]  
 blinds las persianas [pers-yanas]  
 blister la ampolla [ampo-ya]  
 blocked (road, pipe) bloqueado  
     [blokeh-ado]  
     (sink) atascado  
 block (city) la cuadra [kwadra]  
 block of flats el edificio de  
     departamentos [edeefees-yo  
     deh]  
 blond güero [gwairo]  
 blood la sangre [sangreh]  
     high blood pressure la  
     tensión alta [tens-yon]  
 blouse la blusa  
 blow-dry (verb) secar a mano  
     I'd like a cut and blow-dry  
     quisiera un corte y un  
     marcado [kees-yaira oon korteh  
     ee]  
 blue azul [asool]  
 blusher el colorete [koloretteh]  
 boarding house la pensión  
     [pens-yon], la hostería  
     [ostaireeh-a]  
 boarding pass la tarjeta  
     de embarque [tarheta deh  
     embarkeh]  
 boat el barco  
 body el cuerpo [kwairpo]  
 boiled egg el huevo pasado

(por agua) [webo pasado por  
 agwa]  
 boiler la caldera [kaldaira]  
 bone el hueso [wesoo]  
 bonnet (of car) el capó, el cofre  
     [kofreh]  
 book el libro  
     (verb) reservar [resairbar]  
 can I book a seat? ¿puedo  
     reservar un asiento? [pwedo  
     – as-yento]

## dialogue

I'd like to book a table for  
 two quisiera reservar una  
 mesa para dos personas  
 [kees-yaira]  
 what time would you like  
 it booked for? ¿para qué  
 hora la quiere? [keh ora la  
 k-yaireh]  
 half past seven las siete y  
 media  
 that's fine de acuerdo [deh  
 akwairdo]  
 and your name? ¿y  
 su nombre ...? [ee soo  
 nombreh]

bookshop, bookstore la  
 librería [leebraireeh-a]  
 boot (footwear) la bota  
 (of car) la maleta, la cajuela  
 [kahwela]  
 border (of country) la frontera  
 [frontaira]  
 bored: I'm bored (said by  
 man/woman) estoy aburrido/



aburrida  
 boring aburrido, pesado  
 born: I was born in  
 Manchester nació en  
 Manchester [nasee]  
 I was born in 1960 nació en  
 mil novecientos sesenta  
 borrow pedir prestado  
 may I borrow ...? ¿puede  
 prestarme ...? [pwedeh  
 prestarmeh]  
 both los dos  
 both... and... tanto ...  
 como ...  
 bother: sorry to bother you  
 siento molestarlo [s-yento]  
 bottle la botella [boteh-ya], el  
 frasco  
 a bottle of house red una  
 botella de tinto de la casa  
 [deh]  
 bottle-opener el abrebotellas  
 [abreboteh-yas]  
 bottom (of person) el trasero  
 [trasairo], el culo  
 at the bottom of the ... (hill/  
 road) al pie del/de la ... [p-yeh  
 del/deh]  
 (sea) al fondo de ...  
 box la caja [kaHa]  
 box office la taquilla [takee-  
 ya], la boletería [boletairee-a]  
 boy el chico, el joven [Hoven],  
 el chavo [chabo]  
 boyfriend el novio [nob-yo]  
 bra el brassiere [bras-yair]  
 bracelet la pulsera [poolsaira]  
 brake el freno  
 brandy el coñac [kon-yak]

bread el pan  
 white bread el pan blanco  
 brown bread el pan de  
 centeno [deh senteno]  
 wholemeal bread el pan  
 integral [eentegral]  
 break (verb) romper [rompair]  
 I've broken the ... rompí el ...  
 I think I've broken my ... creo  
 que me he roto el ... [kreh-o  
 keh meh eh]  
 break down descomponerse  
 [deskomponairseh]  
 I've broken down se me ha  
 descompuesto el carro [seh  
 meh a deskompwesto]  
 breakdown (mechanical) la  
 descompostura  
 breakdown service el  
 servicio de grúa [serbees-yo  
 deh groo-a]  
 breakfast el desayuno [desi-  
 yoono]  
 break-in: I've had a break-in  
 entraron en mi casa a robar  
 breast el pecho  
 breathe respirar  
 breeze la brisa  
 bribe la mordida  
 bridge (over river) el puente  
 [pwenteh]  
 brief breve [brebeh]  
 briefcase la cartera [kartaira]  
 bright (light etc) brillante [bree-  
 yanteh]  
 bright red rojo vivo [roHo  
 beebo]  
 brilliant (idea, person) brillante  
 [bree-yanteh]

bring **traer** [tra-air]  
 I'll bring it back later **lo devolveré luego** [debolbaireh lwego]  
 Britain **Gran Bretaña** [bretan-ya]  
 British **británico**  
 I'm British (man/woman) **soy británico/británica**  
 brochure **el folleto** [fo-yeto]  
 broken **roto**  
 bronchitis **la bronquitis** [broneetees]  
 brooch **el broche** [brocheh]  
 broom **la escoba**  
 brother **el hermano** [airmano]  
 brother-in-law **el cuñado** [koon-yado]  
 brown **color café** [kafeh]  
 brown hair **el pelo castaño** [kastan-yo]  
 brown eyes **los ojos castaños** [OHOS]  
 bruise **el moretón**  
 brush (for hair, cleaning) **el cepillo** [sepee-yo]  
 (artist's) **el pincel** [peense]  
 bucket **el cubo** [koobo], **el balde** [baldeh]  
 buffet car **el vagón-restaurante** [bagon-restowranteh]  
 buggy (for child) **el carrito de niño** [deh neen-yo]  
 building **el edificio** [edeefees-yo]  
 bulb (light bulb) **el foco**  
 bull **el toro**  
 bullfight **la corrida**  
 bullring **la plaza de toros** [plasa deh]

bumper **la defensa**  
 bunk **la litera** [leetaira]  
 bureau de change **el cambio** [kamb-yo], **la casa de cambio** [deh]  
 burglary **el robo con allanamiento de morada** [a-yanam-yento]  
 burn **la quemadura** [kemadoora]  
 (verb) **quemar** [kemar]  
 burnt: this is burnt **está quemado** [kemado]  
 burst: a burst pipe **la cañería rota** [kan-yairee-a]  
 bus **el camión** [kam-yon]  
 (long-distance) **el autobús** [owtoboos]  
 what number bus is it to ...?  
 ¿qué número **tomo para** ...?  
 [keh noomairo]  
 when is the next bus to ...?  
 ¿cuándo sale el **próximo camión/autobús para** ...?  
 [kwando saleh]  
 what time is the last bus?  
 ¿a qué hora sale el **último camión?** [keh ora – oolteemo]  
 could you let me know **when we get there?** ¿puede avisarme cuando llegamos  
 [pwedeh abeesarmeh kwando yegamos]

## dialogue

does this bus go to ...?  
 ¿este camión va a ...?  
 [esteh kam-yon ba]

no, you need a number ...  
no, tiene que tomar el ...  
[t-yeneh keh]

business el negocio [negos-yo]  
bus station la central  
camionera [sentral kam-yonaira], la estación de autobuses [estas-yon deh owtoobos-es]  
bus stop la parada de camión [kam-yon]  
bust el pecho  
busy (restaurant etc) concurrido  
I'm busy tomorrow (said by man/woman) estoy ocupado/ocupada mañana [man-yana]  
but pero [paíro]  
butcher's la carnicería [karneesairee-a]  
butter la mantequilla [mantekee-ya]  
button el botón  
buy (verb) comprar  
where can I buy ...? ¿dónde puedo comprar ...? [dondeh pwedo]  
buzzard el buitre [bweetreh]  
by: by bus/car en camión/carro  
written by ... escrito por ...  
by the window junto a la ventana [Hoonto]  
by the sea a orillas del mar [oree-yas]  
by Thursday para el jueves  
bye! ¡hasta luego! [asta lwegó]

## C

cabbage el repollo [repo-yo]  
cabin (on ship) el camarote [kamaroteh]  
cable car el teleférico [telefaireeko], el funicular [fooneekoolar]  
cactus el cacto  
café la cafetería [kafetairee-a]  
cagoule el chubasquero [choobaskairo]  
cake el pastel  
cake shop la pastelería [pastelairee-a]  
call (verb) llamar [yamar] (to phone) llamar (por teléfono)  
what's it called? ¿cómo se llama? [seh yama]  
he/she is called ... se llama ...  
please call the doctor llame al médico, por favor [yameh - fabor]  
please give me a call at 7.30 a.m. tomorrow por favor, llámeme mañana a las siete y media de la mañana [yamameh man-yana]  
please ask him to call me por favor, dígame que me llame [deegaleh keh meh yameh]  
call back: I'll call back later regresaré más tarde [regesareh mas tardeh] (phone back) volveré a llamar [bolbaireh a yamar]

call round: I'll call round tomorrow **mañana** **paso**  
 camcorder **la videocámara** [beedeh-o-kamara]  
 camera **la cámara**  
 camera shop **la tienda fotográfica** [t-yenda]  
 camp (verb) **acampar**  
 can we camp here? ¿se puede acampar aquí? [seh pwedeh – akee]  
 camping gas canister **la bomba de butano** [deh bootano]  
 campsite **el camping**  
 can **la lata**  
 a can of beer **una lata de cerveza** [deh sairbesa]  
 can\*: can you ...? ¿puede ...? [pwedeh]  
 can I have ...? ¿me da ...? [meh]  
 I can't ... no puedo ... [pwedo]  
 Canada **el Canadá**  
 Canadian (adj) **canadiense** [kanad-yenseh]  
 I'm Canadian **soy canadiense**  
 canal **el canal**  
 cancel **cancelar** [kanselar]  
 candies **los dulces** [dool-ses]  
 candle **la vela** [bela]  
 canoe **la canoa**  
 canoeing **el piragüismo** [peeragweesmo]  
 can-opener **el abrelatas**  
 canyon **el cañón** [kan-yon], **la cañada** [kan-yada]  
 cap (hat) **la gorra**  
 (of bottle) **el tapón**

car **el carro**, **el auto** [owto], **el automóvil**  
 by car **en carro**  
 caravan **la caravana** [karabana]  
 caravan site **el camping**  
 carburettor **el carburador**  
 card (birthday etc) **la tarjeta** [tarHeta]  
 here's my (business) card **aquí tiene mi tarjeta (de visita)** [akee t-yeneh – deh beeseeta]  
 cardigan **la chamarra**  
 cardphone **el teléfono de tarjeta** [deh tarHeta]  
 careful **cauteloso** [kowloloso]  
 be careful! ¡cuidado! [kweedado]  
 caretaker **el portero** [portairo]  
 car ferry **el ferry**, **el transbordador de carros** [deh]  
 car hire **el alquiler de carros** [alkeelair deh]  
 car park **el estacionamiento** [estas-yonam-yento]  
 carpet **la alfombra**, **el tapete** [tapeteh]  
 car rental **el alquiler de carros** [alkeelair deh]  
 carriage (of train) **el vagón** [bagon]  
 carrier bag **la bolsa de plástico** [deh]  
 carrot **la zanahoria** [sana-or-ya]  
 carry **llevar** [yebar]  
 carry-cot **el capazo** [kapaso]  
 carton **la caja** [kaHa]  
 carwash **el lavado de carros** [labado deh]

case (suitcase) la **maleta**  
 cash el dinero [deenairo], la **plata**  
 to pay (in) cash **pagar en efectivo** [efekteebo], **pagar al contado**  
 will you cash this for me? ¿podría hacerme efectivo un cheque? [asaimeh – chekeh]  
 cash desk la **caja** [kaHa]  
 cash dispenser el **cajero automático** [kaHairo owtomateeko]  
 cassette la **cassette** [kaset]  
 cassette recorder el **cassette**  
 castle el **castillo** [kastee-yo]  
 casualty department **emergencias** [emairHens-yas]  
 cat el **gato**  
 catch (verb) **agarrar**  
 where do we catch the bus to ...? ¿dónde se **toma el camión** para ...? [dondeh seh]  
 cathedral la **catedral**  
 Catholic (adj) **católico**  
 cauliflower el **coliflor**  
 cave la **cueva** [kweba]  
 ceiling el **techo**  
 celery el **apio** [ap-yo]  
 cellar (for wine) la **bodega**  
 cellular phone el **teléfono celular** [seloolar]  
 cemetery el **cementerio** [sementair-yo], el **panteón** [panteh-on]  
 centigrade\* **centígrado** [senteegrado]

centimetre\* el **centímetro** [sentee metro]  
 central **central** [sentral]  
 Central America **Centroamérica** [sentro-amaireeka]  
 Central American (adj) **centroamericano**  
 central heating la **calefacción central** [kalefaks-yon sentral]  
 centre el **centro** [sentro]  
 how do we get to the city centre? ¿cómo se llega al centro? [seh yega]  
 cereals **los cereales** [sereh-al-es]  
 certainly **por supuesto** [soopwesto]  
 certainly not **de ninguna manera** [deh neengoona manaira]  
 chair la **silla** [see-ya]  
 champagne el **champán**  
 change (loose) el **suelto** [swelto]  
 (after payment) el **vuelto** [bwelto]  
 (verb) **cambiar** [kamb-yar]  
 can I change this for ...? ¿puedo cambiar **esto** por ...? [pwedo]  
 I don't have any change **no tengo suelto**  
 can you give me change for a 1,000 peso note? ¿puede cambiarme un billete de **mil**? [pwedeh kamb-yarmeh oon bee-yeteh deh meel]

## dialogue

do we have to change (trains)? ¿tenemos que hacer correspondencia? [keh aser korrespondens-ya]  
 yes, change at Xalapa/no it's a direct train sí, haga trasbordo en Xalapa/no, es directo [aga – Halapa]

changed: to get changed cambiarse [kamb-yarseh]  
 chapel la capilla [kapee-ya]  
 charge (verb) cobrar  
 cheap barato  
 do you have anything cheaper? ¿tiene algo más barato? [t-yeneh]  
 check (US) el cheque [chekeh]  
 (US: bill) la cuenta [kwenta]  
 check (verb) revisar [rebeesar]  
 could you check the ..., please? ¿puede revisar el ..., por favor? [pwedeh – fabor]  
 check book el libro de cheques [deh chek-es]  
 check-in la facturación [faktooras-yon]  
 check in facturar  
 where do we have to check in? ¿dónde se factura? [dondesh seh]  
 cheek la mejilla [mehee-ya]  
 cheerio! ¡hasta luego! [asta lwegó]  
 cheers! (toast) ¡salud! [saloo]  
 cheese el queso [keso]

cheesecake el pay de queso [pī deh keso]  
 chemist's la farmacia [farmas-ya]  
 cheque el cheque [chekeh]  
 do you take cheques? ¿aceptan cheques? [aseptan chek-es]  
 cheque book la chequera [chekaira]  
 cheque card la tarjeta de banco [tarjeta deh]  
 cherry la cereza [sairesá]  
 (black) la guinda [geenda]  
 chess el ajedrez [ahed-res]  
 chest el pecho  
 chewing gum el chicle [cheekleh]  
 chicken el pollo [po-yo], la gallina [ga-yeena]  
 chickenpox la varicela [bareesela]  
 child (male/female) el niño [neen-yo], la niña  
 child minder la niñera [neen-yaira]  
 children los niños  
 children's pool la alberca infantil [albaikra eenfanteel]  
 children's portion la ración pequeña (para niños) [ras-yon peken-ya – neen-yos]  
 chilli el chile [cheehel]  
 chin la barba  
 china la porcelana [porselana]  
 Chinese (adj) chino [cheeno]  
 chips las papas fritas  
 chocolate el chocolate [chokolateh]

milk chocolate **el chocolate con leche** [lecheh]  
 plain chocolate **el chocolate negro** [neh-gro]  
 a hot chocolate **una taza de chocolate** [tasa deh]  
 choose **elegir** [eleHeer], **escoger** [eskoHair]  
 Christian name **el nombre de pila** [nombreh deh]  
 Christmas **Navidad** [nabeeda]  
 Christmas Eve **Nochebuena** [nocheh-bwena]  
 merry Christmas! **¡Felices Pascuas!** [feles-es paskwas]  
 church **la iglesia** [eegles-ya]  
 cider **la sidra**  
 cigar **el puro** [pooro]  
 cigarette **el cigarro** [seegarro]  
 cigarette lighter **el mechero** [mechairo]  
 cinema **el cine** [seeneh]  
 circle **el círculo** [seerkoolo] (in theatre) **el anfiteatro** [anfeeteh-atro]  
 city **la ciudad** [s-yooda]  
 city centre **el centro de la ciudad** [sentro deh]  
 clean (adj) **limpio** [leemp-yo]  
 can you clean these for me? **¿puede limpiarme estos?** [pwedeh leemp-yarmeh]  
 cleaning solution (for contact lenses) **el líquido limpiador para las lentillas** [leekeedo leemp-yador – lente-yas]  
 cleansing lotion **la crema limpiadora**  
 clear **claro**

clever **listo**  
 cliff **el acantilado**  
 cliff-diving **el clavado de acantilado** [deh]  
 climbing **el montañismo** [montan-yeesmo]  
 cling film **el plástico de envolver** [deh embolbair]  
 clinic **la clínica**  
 cloakroom **el guardarropa** [gwardarropa]  
 clock **el reloj** [reloh]  
 close (verb) **cerrar** [serrar]

## dialogue

what time do you close?  
**¿a qué hora cierran?** [keh ora s-yairran]  
 we close at 8 p.m. on weekdays and 1.30 p.m. on Saturdays **cerramos a las ocho de la tarde entre semana y a la una y media los sábados** [serramos – deh la tardeh entreh]  
 do you close for lunch?  
**¿cierra a mediodía?** [s-yairra]  
 yes, between 1 and 3.30 p.m. **sí, de la una hasta las tres y media de la tarde** [deh – asta]

closed **cerrado** [sairrado]  
 cloth (fabric) **la tela** (for cleaning etc) **el trapo**  
 clothes **la ropa**  
 clothes line **la cuerda para**

tender [kwairda para tendair]  
 clothes peg la pinza de la  
 ropa [peensa deh]  
 cloud la nube [noobeh]  
 cloudy nublado  
 clutch el embrague [embrageh]  
 coach (bus) el autobús  
 [owtoboos]  
 (on train) el vagón [bagon]  
 coach station la estación de  
 camiones [estas-yon deh kam-  
 yon-es]  
 coach trip la excursión (en  
 autobús) [eskoors-yon]  
 coast la costa  
 on the coast en la costa  
 coat (long coat) el abrigo  
 (jacket) el saco  
 coathanger la percha [paircha]  
 cockroach la cucaracha  
 [kookaracha]  
 cocoa el cacao [kaka-o]  
 coconut el coco  
 code (for phoning) el prefijo  
 [prefeeHo], el código  
 what's the (dialling) code for  
 Veracruz? ¿cuál es el prefijo  
 de Veracruz? [kwal – deh  
 bairakroos]  
 coffee el café [kafeh]  
 two coffees, please dos  
 cafés, por favor [fabor]  
 coin la moneda  
 Coke® la Coca-Cola  
 cold frío  
 I'm cold tengo frío  
 I have a cold tengo resfriado  
 [resfr-yado]  
 collapse: he's collapsed se

desmayó [seh desmī-yo]  
 collar el cuello [kweh-yo]  
 collect recoger [rekoHair]  
 I've come to collect ... vine a  
 recoger ... [beeneh]  
 collect call la llamada por  
 cobrar [yamada]  
 college la Universidad  
 [ooneebairseeda]  
 colour el color  
 do you have this in other  
 colours? ¿tiene otros  
 colores? [t-yeneh – kolor-es]  
 colour film la película en color  
 comb el peine [payneh]  
 come venir [beneer]

## dialogue

where do you come from?  
 ¿de dónde es? [deh dondeh]  
 I come from Edinburgh soy  
 de Edimburgo

come back regresar  
 I'll come back tomorrow  
 regreso mañana  
 come in entrar  
 come in! ¡pase! [paseh]  
 comfortable cómodo  
 compact disc el compact disc  
 company (business) la  
 compañía [kompan-yee-a]  
 compartment (on train) el  
 compartimento  
 compass la brújula [brooHoola]  
 complain quejarse [keh-Harseh]  
 complaint la queja [keHa]  
 I have a complaint tengo



queja  
 completely **completamente**  
 [kompletamenteh]  
 computer **la computadora**  
 concert **el concierto** [kons-  
 yairto]  
 concussion **la conmoción**  
 cerebral [konmos-yon sairebral]  
 conditioner (for hair) **el**  
**acondicionador de pelo**  
 [akondees-yonador deh]  
 condom **el condón**  
 condor **el cóndor**  
 conference **el congreso**  
 confirm **confirmar**  
 congratulations! ¡felicidades!  
 [feleeseedad-es]  
 connecting flight **el vuelo de**  
**conexión** [bwelo deh koneks-  
 yon]  
 connection **el enlace** [enlaseh]  
 conscious **consciente** [kons-  
 yenteh]  
 constipation **el estreñimiento**  
 [estren-yeem-yento]  
 consulate **el consulado**  
 contact (verb) **ponerse en**  
**contacto con** [ponairseh]  
 contact lenses **las lentes de**  
**contacto** [lent-es deh], **las**  
**lentillas** [lentee-yas]  
 contraceptive **el**  
**anticonceptivo**  
 [anteekonsepteebo]  
 convenient **a mano**  
 that's not convenient **no**  
**conviene** [konb-yeneh]  
 cook (verb) **cocinar** [koseenar]  
 not cooked **poco hecho**

[echo]  
 cooker **el horno** [orno]  
 cookie **la galleta** [ga-yeta]  
 cooking utensils **los**  
**utensilios de cocina**  
 [ootenseel-yos deh koseena]  
 cool **fresco**  
 cork **el corcho**  
 corkscrew **el sacacorchos**  
 corner: on the corner **en la**  
**esquina** [eskeena]  
 in the corner **en el rincón**  
 cornflakes **los cornflakes**  
 correct (right) **correcto**  
 corridor **el pasillo** [pasee-yo]  
 cosmetics **los cosméticos**  
 cost (verb) **costar, valer** [balair]  
 how much does it cost?  
 ¿cuánto vale? [kwanto baleh]  
 cot **la cuna**  
 cotton **el algodón**  
 cotton wool **el algodón**  
 couch (sofa) **el sofá**  
 couchette **la litera** [leetaira]  
 cough **la tos**  
 cough medicine **la medicina**  
**para la tos** [medeeseena]  
 could: could you ...?  
 ¿podría ...?  
 could I have ...? ¿quisiera ...?  
 [kees-yaira]  
 I couldn't ... **no podría ...**  
 country (nation) **el país** [pa-ees]  
 (countryside) **el campo**  
 countryside **el campo**  
 couple (two people) **la pareja**  
 [pareHa]  
 a couple of ... **un par de ...**  
 [deh]

courgette la calabacita  
[kalabaseeta], el calabacín  
[kalabaseen]  
courier el/la guía turístico  
[gee-a]  
course (main course etc) el plato  
of course por supuesto  
[soopwesto]  
of course not! ¡claro que no!  
[keh]  
cousin (male/female) el primo,  
la prima  
cow la vaca [baka]  
crab la jaiba [híba]  
cracker (biscuit) la galleta  
salada [ga-yeta]  
craft shop la tienda de  
artesanías [t-yenda deh]  
crash el accidente  
[akseedenteh]  
(verb) chocar  
I've had a crash tuve un  
accidente [toobeh]  
crazy loco  
cream la crema  
(colour) color crema  
creche la guardería infantil  
[gwardairee-a]  
credit card la tarjeta de  
crédito [tarHeta deh kredeeto]

## dialogue

can I pay by credit card?  
¿puedo pagar con  
tarjeta? [pwedo – kon tarHeta]  
which card do you want to  
use? ¿qué tarjeta quiere  
usar? [keh – k-yaireh oosar]

yes, sir sí, señor [sen-yor]  
what's the number? ¿qué  
número tiene? [noomairo  
t-yeneh]  
and the expiry date? ¿y la  
fecha de caducidad? [deh  
kadooseeda]

crisps las patatas fritas (de  
bolsa)  
crockery la loza [losa]  
crocodile el caimán [kíman]  
crossing (by sea) la travesía  
[trabesee-a]  
crossroads el cruce  
[krooseh]  
crowd la muchedumbre  
[moocheh-doombreh]  
crowded atestado  
crown (on tooth) la funda  
[foonda]  
cruise el crucero [kroosairo]  
crutches las muletas  
cry (verb) llorar [yorar]  
Cuban (adj) cubano  
cucumber el pepino  
cup la taza [tasa]  
a cup of ..., please una taza  
de ..., por favor [deh – fabor]  
cupboard el armario  
[amar-yo]  
cure la cura [koora]  
curly rizado [reesado]  
current la corriente  
[korr-yenteh]  
curtains las cortinas  
cushion el cojín [koHeen]  
custom la costumbre  
[kostoombreh]

Customs **la aduana** [adwana]  
 cut **el corte** [korteħ]  
 (verb) **cortar**  
 I've cut myself **me corté** [meh  
 korteħ]  
 cutlery **los cubiertos** [koob-  
 yairtos]  
 cycling **el ciclismo**  
 [seekleesmo]  
 cyclist **el/la ciclista** [seekleesta]

## D

dad **el papá**  
 daily **cada día** [dee-a], **todos**  
**los días**  
 (adj) **diario** [d-yar-yo], **de cada**  
**día** [deh]  
 damage: damaged **dañado**  
 [dan-yado]  
 damn! **¡caramba!**  
 damp (adj) **húmedo** [oomedo]  
 dance **el baile** [bāleh]  
 (verb) **bailar** [bīlar]  
 would you like to dance?  
 ¿quiere bailar? [k-yaireħ]  
 dangerous **peligroso**  
 Danish **danés** [dan-es]  
 dark (adj: colour) **oscuro**  
 [oskooro]  
 (hair) **moreno**  
 it's getting dark **está**  
**oscureciendo** [oskoores-yendo]  
 date\* **la fecha**  
 what's the date today? ¿qué  
**fecha es hoy?** [keh – oy]  
 let's make a date for next  
 Monday **quedamos para**  
**el próximo lunes** [kedamos  
 – prokseemo]  
 dates (fruit) **los dátiles**  
 daughter **la hija** [eeħa]  
 daughter-in-law **la nuera**  
 [nwaira]  
 dawn **el amanecer**  
 [amanesair]  
 at dawn **al amanecer**  
 day **el día**  
 the day after **el día siguiente**  
 [seeg-yenteh]  
 the day after tomorrow  
**pasado mañana** [man-yana]  
 the day before **el día**  
**anterior** [antair-yor]  
 the day before yesterday  
**anteayer** [anteh-ī-yair]  
 every day **todos los días**  
 all day **todo el día**  
 in two days' time **dentro de**  
**dos días** [deh]  
 have a nice day! **¡que pase**  
**buen día!** [keh paseħ bwen]  
 day trip **la excursión** [ekskoors-  
 yon]  
 dead **muerto** [mwairto]  
 deaf **sordo**  
 deal (business) **el negocio**  
 [negos-yo]  
 it's a deal **trato hecho** [eħo]  
 death **la muerte** [mwairteh]  
 decaffeinated coffee **el café**  
**descafeinado** [kafeh deskafay-  
 eenado]  
 December **diciembre** [dees-  
 yembreh]  
 decide **decidir** [deseedeer]  
 we haven't decided yet

todavía no hemos decidido  
 [todabee-a no emos deseedeedo]  
 decision la decisión [desees-  
 yon]  
 deck (on ship) la cubierta [koob-  
 yairta]  
 deckchair la tumbona  
 deduct descontar  
 deep profundo  
 definitely (certainly) sin duda  
 definitely not ni hablar [ablar]  
 degree (qualification) el título  
 delay la demora  
 the train was delayed se  
 demoró el tren [seh]  
 deliberately a propósito  
 delicatessen la charcutería  
 [charkootairee-a]  
 delicious delicioso [delees-  
 yoso]  
 deliver entregar  
 delivery (of mail) el reparto  
 Denmark Dinamarca  
 dental floss el hilo dental  
 [eelo]  
 dentist el/la dentista

DG

dialogue

it's this one here es ésta de  
 aquí [deh akee]  
 this one? ¿ésta?  
 no, that one no, aquella  
 [akeh-ya]  
 here? ¿aquí?  
 yes sí

dentures la dentadura postiza  
 [posteesa]

deodorant el desodorante  
 [desodoranteh]  
 department el departamento  
 department store la tienda de  
 departamentos [t-yenda deh]  
 departure la salida  
 departure lounge la sala de  
 embarque [deh embarkeh]  
 depend: it depends depende  
 [dependeh]  
 it depends when según  
 cuándo [kwando]  
 it depends on ... depende de  
 ... [deh]  
 deposit (as security) la fianza  
 [fee-ansa]  
 (as part payment) el enganche  
 [engancheh]  
 description la descripción  
 [deskreeps-yon]  
 desert el desierto [des-yairto]  
 dessert el postre [postreh]  
 destination el destino  
 develop (photos) revelar [rebelar]

dialogue

could you develop these  
 films? ¿puede revelar  
 estos carretes? [pwedeh  
 – karret-es]  
 when will they be ready?  
 ¿cuándo estarán listos?  
 [kwando]  
 tomorrow afternoon  
 mañana por la tarde [man-  
 yana – tardeh]  
 how much is the four-hour  
 service? ¿cuánto es el

servicio de cuatro horas?  
 [kwanto – sairbees-yo deh  
 kwatro oras]

diabetic (man/woman) el  
 diabético [dee-abeteeko], la  
 diabética  
 diabetic foods la comida  
 para diabéticos  
 dial (verb) marcar  
 dialling code el prefijo  
 [prefeeHo], el código  
 diamond el diamante  
 [d-yamanteh]  
 diaper el pañal [pan-yal]  
 diarrhoea la diarrea  
 [d-yarreh-a]  
 diary (business etc) la agenda  
 [ahenda]  
 (for personal experiences) el  
 diario [d-yar-yo]  
 dictionary el diccionario  
 [deeks-yonar-yo]  
 didn't see not  
 die morir  
 diesel el gasoil, el diesel [deesel]  
 diet la dieta [d-yeta]  
 I'm on a diet estoy a régimen  
 [reHeemen]  
 I have to follow a special diet  
 tengo que seguir una dieta  
 especial [keh segeer – spes-yal]  
 difference la diferencia  
 [deefairens-ya]  
 what's the difference? ¿cuál  
 es la diferencia? [kwal]  
 different distinto  
 this one is different éste es  
 distinto [esteh]

a different table otra mesa  
 difficult difícil [deefeeseel]  
 difficulty la dificultad  
 [deefeekoolta]  
 dinghy el bote [boteh]  
 dining room el comedor  
 dinner (evening) la cena [senar]  
 to have dinner cenar [senar]  
 direct (adj) directo  
 is there a direct train? ¿hay  
 un tren directo? [ɪ]  
 direction la dirección [deereks-  
 yon], el sentido  
 which direction is it? ¿en qué  
 dirección está? [keh]  
 is it in this direction? ¿es por  
 aquí? [akee]  
 directory enquiries  
 información [eenformas-yon]  
 dirt la suciedad [soos-yeda], la  
 mugre [moogreh]  
 dirty sucio [soos-yo]  
 disabled minusválido  
 [meenoosbaleedo]  
 is there access for the  
 disabled? ¿hay acceso para  
 minusválidos? [ɪ akseso]  
 disappear desaparecer  
 [desaparesair]  
 it's disappeared desapareció  
 [desapares-yo]  
 disappointed decepcionado  
 [deseeps-yonado]  
 disappointing decepcionante  
 [deseeps-yonanteh]  
 disaster el desastre [desastreh]  
 disco la discoteca  
 discount el descuento  
 [deskwento]

is there a discount? ¿hay descuento? [i]  
 disease la enfermedad [enfairmeda]  
 disgusting repugnante [repoognanteh]  
 dish (meal) el plato  
 dishcloth el trapo de cocina [deh koseena]  
 disinfectant el desinfectante [deseenfektanteh]  
 disk (for computer) la disqueta [deesketa]  
 disposable diapers/nappies los pañales desechables [panyal-es desechab-les]  
 distance la distancia [deestans-ya]  
 in the distance a lo lejos [leHos]  
 distilled water el agua destilada [agwa]  
 district el barrio  
 disturb molestar, estorbar  
 diversion (detour) el desvío [desbee-o]  
 diving board el trampolín  
 divorced divorciado [deebors-yado]  
 dizzy: I feel dizzy (said by man/woman) estoy mareado/mareada [mareh-ado]  
 do hacer [asair]  
 what shall we do? ¿qué hacemos? [keh aseamos]  
 how do you do it? ¿cómo se hace? [seh aseh]  
 will you do it for me? ¿me lo

puede hacer Usted? [meh lo pwedeh asair oosteh]

## dialogues

how do you do? ¿cómo está? [komo]  
 nice to meet you encantado de conocerle [deh konosairleh]  
 what do you do? (work) ¿a qué se dedica? [keh seh]  
 I'm a teacher, and you? soy profesor, ¿y Usted? [ee oosteh]  
 I'm a student soy estudiante [estood-yanteh]  
 what are you doing this evening? ¿qué hace esta tarde? [aseh]  
 we're going out for a drink; do you want to join us? salimos a tomar una copa, ¿nos acompaña? [akompanya]  
 do you want cream? ¿quiere crema? [k-yaireh]  
 I do, but she doesn't yo sí, pero ella no [paíro eh-ya]

doctor el/la médico  
 we need a doctor necesitamos un médico [neseseetamos]  
 please call a doctor por favor, llame a un médico [fabor yameh]

## dialogue

where does it hurt?  
 ¿dónde le duele? [dondéh  
 leh dweleh]  
 right here justo aquí  
 [hoosto akeé]  
 does that hurt now? ¿le  
 duele ahora? [leh dweleh  
 a-ora]  
 yes sí  
 take this to the chemist's  
 lleve esto a la farmacia  
 [yebéh – farmas-ya]

document el documento  
 [dokoomento]  
 dog el perro [pairro]  
 doll la muñeca [moon-yeka]  
 domestic flight el vuelo  
 nacional [bwelo nas-yonal]  
 donkey el burro [boorro]  
 don't! ¡no lo haga! [aga]  
 don't do that! ¡no haga eso!  
 see not  
 door la puerta [pwairta]  
 doorman el portero [portairo]  
 double doble [dobleh]  
 double bed la cama  
 matrimonial [matreemon-ya]  
 double room el cuarto doble  
 [kwarto dobleh]  
 doughnut la dona  
 down: down here aquí abajo  
 [akeé abaho]  
 downwards hacia abajo [as-  
 ya]  
 put it down over there déjelo  
 ahí [deh-Helo a-ee]

it's down there on the right  
 está ahí a la derecha [dairécha]  
 it's further down the road está  
 bajando la calle  
 [bahando la ka-yeh]  
 downhill skiing el esquí alpino  
 [eskee alpeeno]  
 downmarket (restaurant etc)  
 popular [popoolar]  
 downstairs abajo [abaho]  
 dozen la docena [dosena]  
 half a dozen media docena  
 [med-ya]  
 drain (in sink, road) el desagüe  
 [desagweh]  
 draught beer la cerveza de  
 barril [sairbesa deh]  
 draughty: it's draughty hay  
 corriente [ī korr-yenteh]  
 drawer el cajón [kahon]  
 drawing el dibujo [deebooho]  
 dreadful horrible [orrebleh]  
 dream el sueño [swen-yo]  
 dress el vestido [besteedo]  
 dressed: to get dressed  
 vestirse [besteerseh]  
 dressing (for cut) el vendaje  
 [bendaheh]  
 salad dressing el aliño [aleen-  
 yo]  
 dressing gown la bata  
 drink (alcoholic) la copa  
 (non-alcoholic) la bebida  
 (verb) beber [bebair]  
 a cold drink una bebida fría  
 can I get you a drink?  
 ¿quiere beber algo?  
 [k-yaireh]  
 what would you like (to

drink)? ¿qué le apetece beber? [keh leh apeteseh]  
 no thanks, I don't drink no gracias, no bebo alcohol [gras-yas – alkol]  
 I'll just have a drink of water sólo agua [agwa]  
 drinking water agua potable [agwa potableh]  
 is this drinking water? ¿esto es agua potable?  
 drive (verb) manejar [manehar]  
 we drove here vinimos en carro [beeneemos]  
 I'll drive you home te llevaré a casa en carro [teh yebareh]  
 driver (man/woman) el/la chofer [chofair]  
 driving licence el carnet de chofer [karneh deh chofair]  
 drop: just a drop, please (of drink) un poquito nada más [pokeeto]  
 drug la medicina [medeeseena]  
 drugs (narcotics) la droga  
 drunk (adj) borracho  
 drunken driving manejar en estado de embriaguez [manehar – deh embr-yag-es]  
 dry (adj) seco  
 dry-cleaner la tintorería [teentorairee-a]  
 duck el pato  
 due: he was due to arrive yesterday tenía que llegar ayer [keh yegar i-yair]  
 when is the train due? ¿a qué hora llega el tren? [ora yega]  
 dull (pain) sordo

(weather) gris [grees]  
 dummy (baby's) el chupete [choopeteh]  
 during durante [dooranteh]  
 dust el polvo [polbo]  
 dustbin el bote de la basura [boteh deh]  
 dusty polvoriento [polbor-yento]  
 duty-free (goods) (los productos) sin impuestos [seen eempwestos]  
 duty-free shop el duty free  
 duvet el edredón

## E

each cada  
 how much are they each? ¿a cómo está cada uno?  
 ear el oído [o-eedo]  
 earache: I have earache tengo dolor de oídos [deh]  
 early pronto  
 early in the morning de madrugada  
 I called by earlier pasé antes [paseh ant-es]  
 earring el arete [areteh]  
 earthquake el temblor  
 east oriente [or-yenteh]  
 in the east en el oriente  
 Easter la Semana Santa  
 easy fácil [faseel]  
 eat comer [komair]  
 we've already eaten, thanks ya comimos, gracias [gras-yas]



eau de toilette el agua de  
baño [agwa deh ban-yo]  
economy class la clase turista  
[klaseh]  
Edinburgh Edimburgo  
[edeemboorgo]  
egg el huevo [webo], el  
blanquillo [blanke-yo]  
eggplant la berenjena  
[berenhena]  
either: either ... or ... o ... o ...  
either of them cualquiera de  
los dos [kwalk-yaira deh]  
elastic el elástico  
elastic band la gomita  
elbow el codo  
electric eléctrico  
electrical appliances los  
electrodomésticos  
electric fire la estufa eléctrica  
electrician el electricista  
[elektreesesta]  
electricity la electricidad  
[elektreeseda]  
elevator el ascensor [asensor]  
else: something else otra cosa  
somewhere else en otra parte  
[parteh]

## dialogue

would you like anything  
else? ¿algo más?  
no, nothing else, thanks  
nada más, gracias [gras-  
yas]

embassy la embajada  
[embaHada]

emergency la emergencia  
[emairHens-ya]  
this is an emergency! ¡es una  
emergencia!  
emergency exit la salida de  
emergencia [deh]  
empty vacío [basee-o]  
end el final [feenal]  
(verb) terminar [tairmeenar]  
at the end of the street al  
final de la calle [deh la ka-yeh]  
when does it end? ¿cuándo  
termina? [kwando]  
engaged (toilet) ocupado  
(telephone) comunicando  
(to be married) prometido  
engine (car) el motor  
England Inglaterra  
[eenglatairra]  
English inglés [eeng-les]  
I'm English (man/woman) soy  
inglés/inglesa  
do you speak English?  
¿habla inglés? [abla]  
enjoy disfrutar  
to enjoy oneself divertirse  
[deebairteerseh]

## dialogue

how did you like the film?  
¿le gustó la película? [leh  
goosto]  
I enjoyed it very much, did  
you enjoy it? me gustó  
mucho, ¿le gustó a Usted?  
[meh – moocho – leh –  
oosteh]

enjoyable **divertido**  
 [deebairteedo]  
 enlargement (of photo) **la ampliación** [ampl-yas-yon]  
 enormous **enorme** [enormeh]  
 enough **bastante** [bastanteh]  
 there's not enough **no hay bastante** [ɪ]  
 it's not big enough **no es lo suficientemente grande**  
 [soofees-yentementeh]  
 that's enough **bastante**  
 entrance **la entrada**  
 envelope **el sobre** [sobreh]  
 epileptic (adj) **epiléptico**  
 equipment **el equipo**  
 [ekkeepo]  
 error **el error**  
 especially **sobre todo** [sobreh]  
 essential **imprescindible**  
 [eempreseendebleh]  
 it is essential that ... **es imprescindible que ...** [keh]  
 Europe **Europa** [eh-ooropa]  
 European **europeo**  
 [eh-ooropeh-o]  
 even **incluso** [eenklooso]  
 even if ... **incluso si ...**  
 evening (early evening) **la tarde**  
 [tardeh]  
 (after nightfall) **la noche**  
 [nocheh]  
 this evening **esta tarde/noche**  
 in the evening **por la tarde/noche**  
 evening meal **la cena** [sena]  
 eventually **finalmente**  
 [feenalmenteh], **por fin** [feen]  
 ever **alguna vez** [bes]

## dialogue

have you ever been to Monterrey? **¿estuvo alguna vez en Monterrey?**  
 [estoobo – montairray]  
 yes, I was there two years ago **sí, estuve allí hace dos años**  
 [estoobeh a-yea aseh – an-yos]

every **cada**  
 every day **todos los días** [deedas]  
 everyone **todos**  
 everything **todo**  
 everywhere **en todas partes**  
 [part-es]  
 exactly! **¡exactamente!**  
 [eksaktamenteh]  
 exam **el examen**  
 example **el ejemplo** [ehemplo]  
 for example **por ejemplo**  
 excellent **excelente** [ekselenteh]  
 excellent! **¡estupendo!**  
 except **excepto** [eksepto]  
 excess baggage **el exceso de equipaje**  
 [ekseso deh ekkeepahéh]  
 exchange rate **el tipo de cambio**  
 [teepo deh kamb-yo]  
 exciting **emocionante** [emosyonanteh]  
 excuse me (to get past) **con permiso**  
 (to get attention) **¡por favor!**  
 [fabor]  
 (to say sorry) **disculpe**  
 [deeskoolpeh]  
 exhaust (pipe) **el tubo de**

escape **[toobo deh eskapeh]**  
 exhausted (tired) **agotado**  
 exhibition **la exposición**  
**[eksposurees-yon]**  
 exit **la salida**  
 where's the nearest exit?  
 ¿cuál es la salida más  
 cercana? **[kwal – sairkana]**  
 expect **esperar [espairar]**  
 expensive **caro**  
 experienced **con experiencia**  
**[espair-yens-ya]**  
 explain **explicar [espleekar]**  
 can you explain that? ¿puede  
 explicármelo? **[pwedeh]**  
 express (mail) **urgente**  
**[oorhenteh]**  
 (train) **el exprés**  
 extension (phone) **extensión**  
**[estens-yon]**, **interno**  
**[eentairno]**  
 extension 221, please  
 extensión doscientos  
 veintiuno, por favor **[fabor]**  
 extension lead **el alargador**  
 extra: can we have an extra  
 one? ¿nos puede dar otro?  
**[pwedeh]**  
 do you charge extra for that?  
 ¿cobra extra para esto?  
 extraordinary **extraordinario**  
**[ekstra-ordeenar-yo]**  
 extremely **extremadamente**  
**[estremadamenteh]**  
 eye **el ojo [oho]**  
 will you keep an eye on my  
 suitcase for me? ¿me cuida  
 la maleta? **[meh kweeda]**  
 eyebrow pencil **el lápiz de**

cejas **[lapees deh seHas]**  
 eye drops **el colirio [koleer-yo]**  
 eyeglasses **las gafas**  
 eyeliner **el lápiz de ojos [lapees**  
**deh oHos]**  
 eye make-up remover **el**  
**desmaquillador de ojos**  
**[desmakee-yador]**  
 eye shadow **la sombra de ojos**

## F

face **la cara**  
 factory **la fábrica**  
 Fahrenheit\* **Fahrenheit**  
 faint (verb) **desmayarse [desmī-**  
**yarseh]**  
 she's fainted **se desmayó [seh**  
**desmī-yo]**  
 I feel faint (said by man/woman)  
**estoy mareado/mareada**  
**[mareh-ado]**  
 fair **la feria [fair-ya]**  
 (adj: just) **justo [Hoosto]**  
 fairly **bastante [bastanteh]**  
 fake (thing) **la imitación**  
**[eemeetas-yon]**  
 (adj) **falsificado**  
 fake fur **el piel de imitación**  
**[p-yel]**  
 fall (verb) **caerse [ka-airseh]**  
 she's had a fall **se cayó [seh**  
**kī-yo]**  
 fall (US: noun) **el otoño [oton-yo]**  
 in the fall **en otoño**  
 false **falso [fal-so]**  
 family **la familia [fameel-ya]**  
 famous **famoso**

fan (electrical) **el ventilador**  
 [benteelador]  
 (handheld) **el abanico**  
 (sports) **el/la hincha** [eencha]  
 fan belt **la correa del ventilador** [korreh-a del benteelador]  
 fantastic **fantástico**  
 far **lejos** [lehos]

## dialogue

is it far from here? **¿está lejos de aquí?** [deh akee]  
 no, not very far **no, no muy lejos** [mwee]  
 well how far? **bueno, ¿qué tan lejos?** [bweno keh]  
 it's about 20 kilometres **son unos veinte kilómetros**

fare **el pasaje** [pasaheh]  
 farm (large) **la hacienda** [as-yenda]  
 (small) **la finca**  
 fashionable **de moda** [deh]  
 fast **rápido**  
 fat (person) **gordo**  
 (on meat) **la grasa**  
 father **el padre** [padreh]  
 father-in-law **el suegro** [swegro]  
 faucet **la llave** [la yabeh]  
 fault **el defecto**  
 sorry, it was my fault **disculpe, fue culpa mía**  
 [deeskoolpeh fweh]  
 it's not my fault **no es mi**

**culpa**  
 faulty **defectuoso** [defektwoso]  
 favourite **preferido** [prefaireedo]  
 fax **el fax**  
 (verb: person) **mandar un fax a**  
 (document) **mandar por fax**  
 February **febrero** [febrairo]  
 feel **sentir**  
 I feel hot **tengo calor**  
 I feel unwell **no me siento bien** [meh s-yento b-yen]  
 I feel like going for a walk **se me antoja un paseo** [seh meh antoha]  
 how are you feeling today? **¿cómo se encuentra hoy?**  
 [enkwenra oy]  
 I'm feeling better **me siento mejor** [mehor]  
 felt-tip (pen) **el rotulador**  
 fence **la cerca** [sairka]  
 fender **la defensa**  
 ferry **el ferry**  
 festival **el festival** [festeebal],  
**la fiesta**  
 fetch: I'll fetch him **lo pasaré a recoger** [pasareh a rekohair]  
 will you come and fetch me later? **¿vendrás a buscarme más tarde?** [bendras a booskarmeh mas tardeh]  
 feverish **con fiebre** [f-yebreh]  
 few: a few **unos pocos**  
 a few days **unos días**  
 fiancé **el novio** [nob-yo]  
 fiancée **la novia** [nob-ya]  
 field **el campo**  
 fight **la pelea** [peleh-a]

figs los higos [eegos]  
 fill (verb) llenar [yengar]  
 fill in rellenar [reh-yengar]  
 do I have to fill this in?  
 ¿tengo que rellenar esto?  
 [keh]

fill up llenar [yengar]  
 fill it up, please lleno, por favor [yeno por fabor]

filling (in cake, sandwich) el relleno [reh-yeno]  
 (in tooth) el empaste [empasteh]

film (movie, for camera) la película

## dialogue

do you have this kind of film? ¿tiene películas de este tipo? [t-yeneh – deh esteh teepo]  
 yes, how many exposures? sí, ¿de cuántas fotos? [kwantas]  
 36 treinta y seis

film processing el revelado [rebelado]

filter coffee el café de filtro [kafeh deh feeltro]

filter papers los papeles de filtro [papel-es]

filthy muy sucio [mwee soos-yo]

find (verb) encontrar  
 I can't find it no lo encuentro [enkwentro]  
 I've found it ya lo encontré [enkontreh]

find out enterarse [enterarseh]  
 could you find out for me?  
 ¿me lo puede averiguar?  
 [meh lo pwedeh abaireegwar]

fine (noun) la multa [moolta]  
 it's fine today hoy hace buen tiempo [oy aseh bwen t-yempo]

## dialogues

how are you? ¿cómo estás?  
 I'm fine, thanks bien, gracias [b-yen gras-yas]

is that OK? ¿va bien así?  
 [ba]

that's fine, thanks está bien, gracias

finger el dedo

finish (verb) terminar [tairmeenar], acabar

I haven't finished yet no he terminado todavía [eh tairmeenado todabee-a]

when does it finish? ¿cuándo termina? [kwando tairmeena]

fire el fuego [fwego]

(blaze) el incendio [eenseend-yo]  
 fire! ¡fuego!

can we light a fire here? ¿se puede prender fuego aquí?  
 [seh pwedeh prendair – akee]

it's on fire está ardiendo [ard-yendo]

fire alarm la alarma de incendios [deh eenseend-yos]

fire brigade los bomberos

**[bombairos]**  
 fire escape **la salida de incendios** [deh eensend-yos]  
 fire extinguisher **el extintor** [esteentor]  
 first **primero** [preemairo]  
 I was first (said by man/woman) **fui el primero/la primera** [fwee]  
 at first **al principio** [preenseep-yo]  
 the first time **la primera vez** [bes]  
 first on the left **la primera a la izquierda** [eesk-yairda]  
 first aid **primeros auxilios** [owkseel-yos]  
 first aid kit **el botiquín** [botekeen]  
 first class (travel etc) **de primera (clase)** [preemaira (klaseh)]  
 first floor **la primera planta (US) la planta baja** [baha]  
 first name **el nombre de pila** [nombreh deh]  
 fish **el pez** [pes]  
 (food) **el pescado**  
 (verb) **pescar**  
 fishing village **el pueblo de pescadores** [pweblo deh peskad-or-es]  
 fishmonger's **la pescadería** [peskadairee-a]  
 fit (attack) **el ataque** [atakeh]  
 fit: it doesn't fit me **no me viene bien** [b-yeneh b-yen]  
 fitting room **el probador**  
 fix (repair) **arreglar**

(arrange) **fijar** [feehar]  
 can you fix this? **¿puede arreglar esto?** [pwedeh]  
 fizzy **con gas**  
 flag **la bandera** [bandaira]  
 flannel **la manopla**  
 flash (for camera) **el flash**  
 flat (noun: apartment) **el departamento**  
 (adj) **llano** [yano]  
 I've got a flat tyre **se me ponchó la llanta** [seh meh -yanta]  
 flavour **el sabor**  
 flea **la pulga**  
 flight **el vuelo** [bwelo]  
 flight number **el número de vuelo** [noomairo deh]  
 flippers **las aletas**  
 flood **la inundación** [eenoondas-yon]  
 floor **el piso**  
 florist **la florería** [florairee-a]  
 flour **la harina** [areena]  
 flower **la flor**  
 flu **el gripe** [greepeh]  
 fluent: he speaks fluent Spanish **domina el español** [espan-yol]  
 fly **la mosca**  
 (verb) **volar** [bolar]  
 can we fly there? **¿podemos ir en avión?** [eer en ab-yon]  
 fly in **llegar en avión** [yegar]  
 fly out **irse en avión** [eerseh]  
 fog **la niebla** [n-yeblla]  
 foggy: it's foggy **hay niebla** [í]  
 folk dancing **el baile tradicional** [bileh tradees-yonal]

folk music **la música folklórica** [mooseeka]  
 follow **seguir** [segeer]  
 follow me **sígame** [seegameh]  
 food **la comida**  
 food poisoning **la intoxicación alimenticia**  
 [eentokseekas-yon aleementees-ya]  
 food shop/store **la tienda de alimentos** [t-yenda deh], **el ultramarinos** [ooltramareenos]  
 foot\* (of person, measurement) **el pie** [p-yeh]  
 on foot **a pie**  
 football (game) **el fútbol** (ball) **el balón**  
 football match **el partido de fútbol**  
 for **para, por**  
 do you have something for ...? (headache/diarrhoea etc)  
**¿tiene algo para ...?** [t-yeneh]

## dialogues

who's the mole **poblano** for? **¿para quién es el mole poblano?** [k-yen]  
 that's for me **es para mí** and this one? **¿y éste?** [ee esteh]  
 that's for her **ése es para ella** [eseh – eh-ya]

where do I get the bus for Puebla? **¿dónde se toma el autobús para Puebla?** [dondeh seh – pwebla]

the bus for Puebla leaves from the Zócalo **el autobús para Puebla sale del Zócalo** [saleh del sokalo]

how long have you been here for? **¿cuánto tiempo lleva aquí?** [kwanto t-yempo yeba akee]

I've been here for two days, how about you?

**llevo aquí dos días, ¿y Usted?** [yebó – ee oosteh]

I've been here for a week **llevo aquí una semana**

forehead **la frente** [frenteh]  
 foreign **extranjero** [estranhairo]  
 foreigner (man/woman) **el extranjero, la extranjera**  
 forest **el bosque** [boskeh]  
 forget **olvidar** [olbeedar]  
 I forget **no me acuerdo** [meh akwairdo]

I've forgotten **se me olvidó** [seh meh olbeedo]

fork **el tenedor** (in road) **la bifurcación** [beefoorkas-yon]

form (document) **el formulario** [formoolar-yo]

formal (dress) **de etiqueta** [deh eteeketa]

fortnight **quince días** [keenseh dee-as], **la quincena** [keenseña]

fortunately **por suerte** [swairteh]

forward: could you forward my mail? **¿puede enviarme el correo?** [pwedeh emb-yarmeh]

el **korreh-o**  
 forwarding address **la nueva dirección** [nweba deereks-yon]  
 foundation (make-up) **la crema base** [baseh]  
 fountain **la fuente** [fwenteh]  
 foyer **el vestíbulo** [besteeboolo]  
 fracture **la fractura** [fraktoora]  
 France **Francia** [frans-ya]  
 free **libre** [leebreh]  
 (no charge) **gratuito** [gratweeto]  
 is it free (of charge)? **¿es gratis?**  
 freeway **la autopista** [owtopeesta]  
 freezer **el congelador** [konhelador]  
 French **francés** [frans-es]  
 French fries **las papas fritas**  
 frequent **frecuente** [frekwenteh]  
 how frequent is the bus to Monterrey? **¿cada cuánto tiempo hay autobús a Monterrey** [kwanto t-yempo ī - montairray]  
 fresh **fresco**  
 fresh orange **el jugo de naranja** [Hoogo de naranHa]  
 Friday **viernes** [b-yairn-es]  
 fridge **la refrigeradora** [refreehairadora]  
 fried **frito**  
 fried egg **el huevo frito** [webo]  
 friend (male/female) **el amigo, la amiga**  
 friendly **simpático**  
 from **de** [deh], **desde** [desdeh]  
 when does the next train from Guadalajara arrive?

¿cuándo llega el **próximo** tren de Guadalajara?  
 [kwando yega - deh gwadalaHara]  
 from Monday to Friday **de lunes a viernes** [deh]  
 from next Thursday **a partir del próximo jueves** [parteer]

## dialogue

where are you from? **¿de dónde es Usted?** [dondeh es oosteh]  
 I'm from Los Angeles **soy de Los Angeles** [anHel-es]

front **la parte delantera** [parteh delantaira]  
 in front **delante** [delanteh]  
 in front of the hotel **delante del hotel**  
 at the front **en la parte de delante** [deh]  
 frost **la escarcha**  
 frozen **congelado** [konhelado]  
 frozen food **los congelados**  
 fruit **la fruta**  
 fruit juice **el jugo de frutas** [Hoogo deh]  
 fry **freír** [freh-eer]  
 frying pan **la sartén**  
 full **lleno** [yeno]  
 it's full of ... **está lleno de ...** [deh]  
 I'm full (said by man/woman) **estoy lleno/llena**  
 full board **pensión completa** [pens-yon]  
 fun: it was fun **fue muy**



**divertido** [fweh mwee deebairteedo]  
**funeral** **el funeral** [foonairal]  
**funny** (strange) **raro**  
 (amusing) **divertido**  
 [deebairteedo]  
**furniture** **los muebles** [mweb-les]  
**further** **más allá** [a-ya]  
 it's further down the road **está más adelante** [adelanteh]

## dialogue

how much further is it to Cuernavaca? ¿cuánto falta para Cuernavaca? [kwanto – kwairnabaka]  
 about 5 kilometres **unos cinco kilómetros**

**fuse** **el fusible** [fooseebleh]  
 the lights have fused **se fundieron los plomos** [seh foond-yairon]  
**fuse box** **la caja de fusibles**  
 [kaHa deh fooseeb-les]  
**fuse wire** **el plomo**  
**future** **el futuro** [footooro]  
 in the future **en el futuro**

## G

**gallon\*** **el galón**  
**game** (cards etc) **el juego**  
 [Hwego]  
 (match) **el partido**  
 (meat) **la caza** [casa]

**garage** (for fuel) **la gasolinera**  
 [gasoleenaira]  
 (for repairs) **el taller** (de reparaciones) [ta-yair (deh reparas-yon-es)]  
 (for parking) **el garaje** [garaHeh],  
**la cochera** [kochaira]  
**garden** **el jardín** [Hardeen]  
**garlic** **el ajo** [aHo]  
**gas** **el gas**  
 (US) **la gasolina**  
**gas cylinder** (camping gas) **la bomba de gas**  
**gasoline** **la gasolina**  
**gas permeable lenses** **las lentillas porosas** [lentee-yas]  
**gas station** **la gasolinera**  
 [gasoleenaira]  
**gate** **la puerta** [pwairta]  
 (at airport) **la puerta de embarque** [deh embarkeh]  
**gay** **gay**  
**gay bar** **el bar gay**  
**gearbox** **la caja de cambios**  
 [kaHa deh kamb-yos]  
**gear lever** **el cambio**  
**gears** **la marcha**  
**general** **general** [Heneral]  
**gents** (toilet) **el servicio de señores** [sairbees-yo deh sen-yor-es]  
**genuine** (antique etc) **auténtico**  
 [owtenteeko]  
**German** (adj, language) **alemán**  
**German measles** **la rubeola**  
 [roobeh-ola]  
**Germany** **Alemania** [aleman-ya]  
**get** (fetch) **traer** [tra-air]  
 will you get me another one,

please? me trae **otro**, por favor [meh tra-eh – fabor]  
 how do you get to ...? ¿cómo se va a ...? [seh ba]  
 do you know where I can get them? ¿sabe dónde las puedo conseguir? [sabah dondeh las pwedo konsegeer]

## dialogue

can I get you a drink?  
 ¿puedo ofrecerle algo de beber? [pwedo ofresairleh – deh bebair]  
 no, I'll get this one – what would you like? no, yo invito – ¿qué se le antoja?  
 [eenbeeto keh seh leh antoHa]  
 a glass of red wine una copa de vino tinto [deh]

get back (return) regresar  
 get in (arrive) llegar [yegar]  
 get off bajarse [baHarseh]  
 where do I get off? ¿dónde tengo que bajarme? [dondesh – keh baHarmeh]  
 get on (to train etc) subirse [soobeerseh]  
 get out (of car etc) bajarse [baHarseh]  
 get up (in the morning) levantarse [lebantarseh]  
 gift el regalo  
 gift shop la tienda de regalos [t-yenda]  
 gin la ginebra [Heenebra]  
 a gin and tonic, please un

gintónico, por favor [jeentoneek – fabor]  
 girl la chica [cheeka], la joven [Hoben], la chava [chaba]  
 girlfriend la novia [nob-ya]  
 give dar  
 can you give me some change? ¿me da suelto? [meh]  
 I gave it to him se lo dí (a él) [seh]  
 will you give this to ...?  
 ¿podría entregarle esto a ...? [entregarleh]

## dialogue

how much do you want for this? ¿cuánto vale esto?  
 [kwanto baleh]  
 1,000 pesos mil pesos  
 I'll give you 800 le doy ochocientos [leh]

give back devolver [debolbair]  
 glad feliz [felees]  
 glass (material) el vidrio [beedroyo]  
 (tumbler) el vaso [baso]  
 (wine glass) la copa  
 a glass of wine una copa de vino [deh]  
 glasses las gafas  
 gloves los guantes [gwant-es]  
 glue el pegamento  
 go (verb) ir [eer]  
 we'd like to go to the swimming-pool nos gustaría ir a la alberca  
 where are you going?

¿adónde va? [adondeh ba]  
 where does this bus go?  
 ¿adónde va este autobús?  
 [esteh]  
 let's go! ¡vamos! [bamos]  
 she's gone (left) se fue [seh  
 fweh]  
 where has he gone? ¿dónde  
 se ha ido? [dondesh seh a]  
 I went there last week estuve  
 la semana pasada [estoobeh]  
 go away irse [eerseh]  
 go away! ¡lárguese! [largeh-  
 seh]  
 go back (return) regresar  
 go down (the stairs etc) bajar  
 [bahar]  
 go in entrar  
 go out (in the evening) salir  
 do you want to go out  
 tonight? ¿quiere salir esta  
 noche? [k-yaireh - nocheh]  
 go through pasar por  
 go up (the stairs etc) subir  
 goat la cabra  
 God Dios [d-yos]  
 goggles las gafas protectoras  
 gold el oro  
 golf el golf  
 golf course el campo de golf  
 [deh]  
 good bueno [bweno]  
 good! ¡muy bien! [mwee  
 b-yen]  
 it's no good es inútil  
 [eenooteel]  
 goodbye hasta luego [asta  
 lwegó]  
 good evening buenas tardes

[bwenas tard-es]  
 Good Friday el Viernes Santo  
 [b-yairn-es]  
 good morning buenos días  
 [bwenos]  
 good night buenas noches  
 [bwenas noch-es]  
 goose el ganso  
 got: we've got to ... tenemos  
 que ... [keh]  
 have you got any apples?  
 ¿tiene manzanas? [t-yeneh]  
 government el gobierno [gob-  
 yairno]  
 gradually poco a poco  
 grammar la gramática  
 gram(me) el gramo  
 granddaughter la nieta [n-yeta]  
 grandfather el abuelo [abwelo]  
 grandmother la abuela  
 [abwela]  
 grandson el nieto [n-yeto]  
 grapefruit la toronja [toronHa]  
 grapefruit juice el jugo de  
 toronja [Hoogo deh]  
 grapes las uvas [oobas]  
 grass el pasto, el césped  
 [sesped]  
 grateful agradecido  
 [agradeseedo]  
 gravy la salsa  
 great (excellent) muy bueno  
 [mwee bweno]  
 that's great! ¡estupendo!  
 [estoopendo]  
 a great success un gran  
 éxito [ekseeto]  
 Great Britain Gran Bretaña  
 [bretan-ya]

greedy **guloso**  
 green **verde** [bairdeh]  
 green card (car insurance) **la tarjeta verde** [tarHeta]  
 greengrocer's **la frutería** [frootairee-a]  
 grey **gris** [grees]  
 grill **la parrilla** [parree-ya]  
 grilled **a la parrilla, a la plancha**  
 grocer's (la tienda de) **abarrotes** [(t-yenda deh) abarot-es]  
 ground **el piso**  
   on the ground **en el piso**  
 ground floor **la planta baja** [baHa]  
 group **el grupo**  
 guarantee **la garantía**  
 is it guaranteed? ¿**lleva garantía?** [yeva]  
 Guatemalan (adj) **guatemalteco** [gwatemalaHeko]  
 guest (man/woman) **el invitado** [eembeetado], **la invitada**  
 guesthouse **la pensión** [pens-yon]  
 guide **el/la guía** [gee-a]  
 guidebook **la guía**  
 guided tour **la visita con guía** [beeseeta]  
 guitar **la guitarra** [geetarra]  
 Gulf of Mexico **el Golfo**  
 gum (in mouth) **la encía** [ensee-a]  
 gun **la pistola**  
 gym **el gimnasio** [Heemnas-yo]

## H

hair **el pelo**  
 hairbrush **el cepillo para el pelo** [sepee-yo]  
 haircut **el corte de pelo** [korteH deh]  
 hairdresser's **la peluquería** [pelookairee-a]  
 hairdryer **el secador de pelo** [deH]  
 hair gel **el fijador (para el pelo)** [feeHador]  
 hairgrip **la horquilla** [orkee-ya]  
 hair spray **la laca**  
 half\* **la mitad** [meeta]  
 half an hour **media hora** [med-ya ora]  
 half a litre **medio litro** [med-yo]  
 about half that **aproximadamente la mitad de eso** [aprokseemadamenteh – deh]  
 half board **media pensión** [med-ya pens-yon]  
 half fare **el medio boleto** [med-yo], **el boleto con descuento** [deskwento]  
 half price **a mitad del precio** [meeta del pres-yo]  
 ham **el jamón** [Hamon]  
 hamburger **la hamburguesa** [amboorgesa]  
 hammer **el martillo** [martee-yo]  
 hammock **la hamaca** [amaka]  
 hand **la mano**  
 handbag **el bolso**

handbrake **el freno de mano**  
[deh]  
handkerchief **el pañuelo** [pan-  
ywaylo]  
handle (on door) **el mango**  
(on suitcase etc) **el asa**  
hand luggage **el equipaje de**  
**mano** [ekeepah-eh]  
hang-glider **el ala delta**  
hangover **la cruda** [krooda]  
I've got a hangover **tengo**  
**cruda**  
happen **suced** [soosedair]  
what's happening? ¿qué  
**pasa?** [keh]  
what has happened? ¿qué  
**pasó?**  
happy **contento**  
I'm not happy about this **esto**  
**no me convence** [meh  
konbenseh]  
harbour **el puerto** [pwairto]  
hard **duro** [doro]  
(difficult) **difícil** [deefeeseel]  
hard-boiled egg **el huevo**  
**duro** [webo]  
hard lenses **las lentillas duras**  
[lente-yas]  
hardly **apenas**  
hardly ever **casi nunca**  
hardware shop **la ferretería**  
[fairretairee-a], **la tlapalería**  
[tlapalairee-a]  
hat **el sombrero** [sombrairo]  
hate (verb) **odiar** [od-yar]  
have\* **tener** [tenair]  
can I have a ...? ¿**me da ...?**  
[meh]  
do you have ...? ¿**tiene ...?** [t-

yeneh]  
what'll you have? ¿**qué va a**  
**tomar?** [keh ba]  
I have to leave now **tengo**  
**que irme ahora** [eermeh  
a-ora]  
do I have to ...? ¿**tengo**  
**que ...?**  
can we have some ...? ¿**nos**  
**pone ...?** [poneh]  
hayfever **la fiebre del heno** [f-  
yebreh del eno]  
hazelnut **la avellana** [abeh-  
yana]  
he\* **él**  
head **la cabeza** [kabesa]  
headache **el dolor de cabeza**  
[deh], **la jaqueca** [hakeka]  
headlights **las luces de cruce**  
[loos-es de krooseh]  
headphones **los auriculares**  
[owreekoolar-es]  
health food shop **la tienda**  
**naturista** [t-yenda natooreesta]  
healthy **sano**  
hear **escuchar** [eskoochar]

## dialogue

can you hear me? ¿**me**  
**escuchas?** [meh eskoochas]  
I can't hear you, could  
you repeat that? **no**  
**le escucho, ¿podría**  
**repetirlo?** [leh]

hearing aid **el audífono**  
[owdeefono]  
heart **el corazón** [korason]

heart attack el infarto  
 heat el calor  
 heater (in room) la estufa  
 (in car) la calefacción  
 [kalefaks-yon]  
 heating la calefacción  
 heavy pesado  
 heel (of foot) el talón  
 (of shoe) el tacón  
 could you heel these?  
 ¿podría cambiar los tacones?  
 [kamb-yar – takon-es]  
 heelbar el zapatero [sapatairo]  
 height la altura  
 helicopter el helicóptero  
 hello! ¡hola! [ola]  
 (answer on phone) ¡bueno!  
 [bweno]  
 helmet el casco  
 help la ayuda [i-yooda]  
 (verb) ayudar [i-yoodar]  
 help! ¡socorro!  
 can you help me? ¿puede  
 ayudarme? [pwedeh  
 i-yoodarmeh]  
 thank you very much for your  
 help muchas gracias por su  
 ayuda [moochas gras-yas]  
 helpful amable [amableh]  
 hepatitis la hepatitis  
 [epateetes]  
 her\*: I haven't seen her no la  
 he visto [eh beesto]  
 to her a ella [eh-ya]  
 with her con ella  
 for her para ella  
 that's her ella es  
 that's her towel ésa es su  
 toalla

herbal tea el té de hierbas [teh  
 deh yairbas]  
 herbs las hierbas  
 here aquí [akee]  
 here is/are ... aquí está/  
 están ...  
 here you are (offering) aquí  
 tiene [t-yeneh]  
 hers\* (el) suyo [soo-yo], (la)  
 suya  
 that's hers es de ella [deh eh-  
 ya], es suyo/suya  
 hey! ¡oiga! [oyga]  
 hi! (hello) ¡hola! [ola]  
 hide (verb) esconder [eskondair]  
 high alto  
 highchair la silla alta para  
 bebés [see-ya – beh-bes]  
 highway (US) la autopista  
 [owtopeesta]  
 hill el cerro [sairro]  
 him\*: I haven't seen him no lo  
 he visto [eh beesto]  
 to him a él  
 with him con él  
 for him para él  
 that's him él es  
 hip la cadera [kadaira]  
 hire (verb) alquilar [alkeelar],  
 arrendar  
 for hire de alquiler [deh  
 alkeelair]  
 where can I hire a bike?  
 ¿dónde puedo alquilar una  
 bicicleta? [dondeh pwedo]  
 his\*: it's his car es su carro  
 that's his eso es de él [deh],  
 eso es suyo [soo-yo]  
 history la historia [eestor-ya]

hit (verb) **golpear** [golpeh-ar]  
 hitch-hike **pedir aventón**  
 [abenton], **hacer autostop**  
 [asair owtostop], **pedir ráid** [ríd]  
 hobby **el pasatiempo** [pasat-  
 yempo]  
 hold (verb) **tener en la mano**  
 [tenair]  
 hole **el agujero** [agooHairo], **el**  
**hoyo** [oy-o]  
 holiday **las vacaciones** [bakas-  
 yon-es]  
 on holiday **de vacaciones**  
 [deh]  
 home **la casa**  
 at home (in my house) **en casa**  
 (in my country) **en mi país**  
 [pa-ees]  
 we go home tomorrow  
**regresamos a casa mañana**  
 honest **honrado** [onrado]  
 honey **la miel** [m-yel]  
 honeymoon **la luna de miel**  
 [loona deh]  
 hood (US) **el capó, el capote**  
 [kapoteh], **el cofre** [kofreh]  
 hope **la esperanza** [espairansa]  
 I hope so **espero que sí**  
 [espairo keh]  
 I hope not **espero que no**  
 hopefully it won't rain **no**  
**lloverá, eso espero** [yobaira]  
 horn (of car) **el klaxon**  
 horrible **horrible** [orrebleh]  
 horse **el caballo** [kaba-yo]  
 horse racing **las carreras de**  
**caballos** [karrairas deh kaba-yos]  
 horse riding **la equitación**  
 [ekeetas-yon]

I like horse riding **me gusta**  
**montar a caballo** [meh – kaba-  
 yo]  
 hospital **el hospital** [ospeetal]  
 hospitality **la hospitalidad**  
 [ospeetaleeda]  
 thank you for your hospitality  
**gracias por su hospitalidad**  
 [gras-yas]  
 hot **caliente** [kal-yenteh]  
 (spicy) **picante** [peekanteh],  
**picoso**  
 I'm hot **tengo calor**  
 it's hot today **hoy hace calor**  
 [oy aseh]  
 hotel **el hotel** [otel]  
 hotel room **el cuarto de hotel**  
 [kwarto deh otel]  
 hour **la hora** [ora]  
 house **la casa**  
 house wine **el vino de la casa**  
 [beeno deh]  
 hovercraft **el aerodeslizador**  
 [a-airodesleesador]  
 how **cómo**  
 how many? **¿cuántos?**  
 [kwantos]  
 how do you do? **¿mucho**  
**gusto! [mocho goosto]**

## dialogues

how are you? **¿cómo le va?**  
 [leh ba]  
 fine, thanks, and you?  
**bien gracias, ¿y Usted?** [b-  
 yen gras-yas ee oosteh]  
 how much is it? **¿cuánto**

vale? [kwanto baleh]  
 1,000 pesos mil pesos  
 [pesos]  
 I'll take it me lo quedo  
 [meh lo kedo]

humid húmedo [oomedo]  
 humour el humor [oomor]  
 hungry hambriento [ambr-  
 yento]  
 I'm hungry tengo hambre  
 [ambreh]  
 are you hungry? ¿tiene  
 hambre? [t-yeneh]  
 hurry (verb) apurarse  
 [apoorarseh]  
 I'm in a hurry tengo prisa  
 there's no hurry no hay prisa  
 [i]  
 hurry up! ¡apúrese!  
 [apooreseh]  
 hurt doler [dolair]  
 it really hurts me duele  
 mucho [meh dweleh moocho]  
 husband el marido  
 hydrofoil la hidroala [eedro-ala]  
 hypermarket el  
 hipermercado [eepairmairkado]

I  
 ■

I yo  
 ice el hielo [yelo]  
 with ice con hielo  
 no ice, thanks sin hielo, por  
 favor [seen – fabor]  
 ice cream el helado [elado]  
 ice-cream cone el cucurucho

[kookooroochoo]  
 iced coffee el café helado  
 [kafeh elado]  
 ice lolly la paleta  
 idea la idea [eedeh-a]  
 idiot el/la idiota [eed-yota]  
 if si  
 ignition el encendido  
 [ensendeedo]  
 ill enfermo [enfairmo]  
 I feel ill me encuentro mal  
 [meh enkwentro]  
 illness la enfermedad  
 [enfairmeda]  
 imitation (leather etc) de  
 imitación [deh eemeetas-yon]  
 immediately en seguida  
 [segeeda]  
 important importante  
 [eemportanteh]  
 it's very important es muy  
 importante [mwee]  
 it's not important no  
 tiene importancia [t-yeneh  
 eemportans-ya]  
 impossible imposible  
 [eemposeebleh]  
 impressive impresionante  
 [eempres-yonanteh]  
 improve mejorar [meHorar]  
 I want to improve my  
 Spanish quiero mejorar mi  
 español [k-yairo – espan-yo!]  
 in: it's in the centre está en el  
 centro  
 in my car en mi carro  
 in Xalapa en Xalapa [Halapa]  
 in two days from now en dos  
 días más



in five minutes **dentro de cinco minutos** [deh]  
 in May **en mayo**  
 in English **en inglés** [eeng-les]  
 in Spanish **en español** [espanyol]  
 is he in? **¿se encuentra?** [seh enkwen-tra]  
 inch\* **la pulgada**  
 include **incluir** [eenkloo-eer]  
 does that include meals? **¿están incluidas las comidas?** [eenkloo-ee-das]  
 is that included? **¿está incluido en el precio?** [eenkloo-ee-do en el pres-yo]  
 inconvenient **inoportuno** [eenoportoo-no]  
 incredible **increíble** [eenkreh-ee-bleh]  
 Indian (adj: from India) **indio** [eend-yo]  
 (South American: adj) **indígena** [eendeehena]  
 (man/woman) **el/la indígena**  
 indicator **el intermitente** [eentairmeetenteh]  
 indigestion **la indigestión** [eendeehest-yon]  
 indoor pool **la alberca cubierta** [albairka koob-yairta]  
 indoors **dentro de la casa** [deh]  
 inexpensive **económico**  
 infection **la infección** [eenfeks-yon]  
 infectious **contagioso** [kontah-yoso]  
 inflammation **la inflamación** [eenflamas-yon]

informal (occasion, meeting) **informal** [eenformal]  
 (dress) **de sport** [deh]  
 information **la información** [eenformas-yon]  
 do you have any information about ...? **¿tiene información sobre ...?** [t-yeneh – sobreh]  
 information desk **la información**  
 injection **la inyección** [een-yeks-yon]  
 injured **herido** [ereedo]  
 she's been injured **está herida**  
 in-laws **la familia política** [fameel-ya]  
 inner tube (for tyre) **la cámara de aire** [deh a-ereeh]  
 innocent **inocente** [eenosenteh]  
 insect **el insecto** [eensekto]  
 insect bite **la picadura de insecto** [deh]  
 do you have anything for insect bites? **¿tiene algo para la picadura de insectos?** [t-yeneh]  
 insect repellent **el repelente de insectos** [repelenteh deh]  
 inside **dentro de** [deh]  
 inside the hotel **dentro del hotel**  
 let's sit inside **vamos a sentarnos adentro** [bamos]  
 insist **insistir** [eenseester]  
 I insist **insisto**  
 insomnia **el insomnio** [eensomn-yo]

instant coffee **el café instantáneo** [kafeh eenstantaneh-o]  
 instead: give me that one  
 instead **deme ese otro** [demeh eseh]  
 instead of ... **en lugar de ...** [deh]  
 intersection **el cruce** [krooseh]  
 insulin **la insulina** [eensooleena]  
 insurance **el seguro** [segooro]  
 intelligent **inteligente** [eenteleeHenteh]  
 interested: I'm interested in ...  
**me interesa ...** [meh eentairesa]  
 interesting **interesante** [eenteresanteh]  
 that's very interesting **es muy interesante** [mwee]  
 international **internacional** [eentairnas-yonal]  
 interpret **actuar de intérprete** [actoo-ar deh eentairpreteh]  
 interpreter **el/la intérprete**  
 interval (at theatre) **el intermedio** [eentairmed-yo]  
 into **en**  
 I'm not into ... **no me gusta ...** [meh goosta]  
 introduce **presentar**  
 may I introduce ...? **le presento a ...** [leh]  
 invitation **la invitación** [eembeetas-yon]  
 invite **invitar** [eembeetar]  
 Ireland **Irlanda** [eerlanda]  
 Irish **irlandés** [eerland-es]  
 I'm Irish (man/woman) **soy irlandés/irlandesa**

iron (for ironing) **la plancha** (metal) **el hierro** [yairro]  
 can you iron these for me?  
 ¿puede **planchármelos?** [pwedeh]  
 is\* **es, está**  
 island **la isla** [eesla]  
 it **ello, lo** [eh-yo]  
 it is ... **es ...; está ...**  
 is it ...? **¿es ...?; ¿está ...?**  
 where is it? **¿dónde está?** [dondeh]  
 it's him **es él**  
 it was ... **era ...** [aira]; **estaba ...**  
 Italian (adj) **italiano** [eetal-yano]  
 Italy **Italia**  
 itch **el comezón** [komeson]  
 it itches **me pica** [meh]

## J

jack (for car) **el gato**  
 jacket **el saco**  
 jam **la mermelada** [mairmelada]  
 jammed: it's jammed **se atoró** [seh]  
 January **enero** [enairo]  
 jar **el pote** [poteh]  
 jaw **la mandíbula**  
 jazz **el jazz**  
 jealous **celoso** [seloso]  
 jeans **los vaqueros** [bakairos]  
 jellyfish **la medusa** [medoosa]  
 jersey **el jersey** [Hairseh]  
 jetty **el muelle** [mweh-yeh]  
 jeweller's shop **la joyería** [Ho-yairee-a]

jewellery las joyas [Ho-yas]  
 Jewish judío [Hoo-dee-o]  
 job el trabajo [trabaHo], el  
 puesto [pwesto]  
 jogging el footing  
 to go jogging hacer footing  
 [asair]  
 joke el chiste [cheesteh]  
 journey el viaje [b-yaHeh]  
 have a good journey! ¡buen  
 viaje! [bwen]  
 jug la jarra [harra]  
 a jug of water una jarra de  
 agua [deh]  
 juice el jugo [Hoogo]  
 July julio [Hool-yo]  
 jump (verb) brincar  
 jumper el jersey [Hairseh]  
 jump leads las pinzas (para  
 la batería) [peensas (para la  
 batairee-a)]  
 junction el cruce [krooseh]  
 June junio [Hoon-yo]  
 jungle la selva  
 just (only) solamente  
 [solamenteh]  
 just two sólo dos  
 just for me sólo para mí  
 just here aquí mismo [akee  
 meesmo], aquí mero [mairo]  
 not just now ahora no [a-ora]  
 we've just arrived acabamos  
 de llegar [deh yegar]

## K

kayak el kayak  
 keep quedarse [kedarseh]

keep the change quédese  
 con el cambio [kedeseh  
 – kamb-yo]  
 can I keep it? ¿puedo  
 quedármelo? [pwedo  
 kedarmelo]  
 please keep it por favor,  
 quédese [fabor kedeseh]  
 ketchup el catsup [katsoop]  
 kettle el hervidor [airbeedor]  
 key la llave [yabeh]  
 the key for room 201, please  
 la llave del doscientos uno,  
 por favor [fabor]  
 keyring el llavero [yabairo]  
 kidneys los riñones [reen-  
 yon-es]  
 kill matar  
 kilo\* el kilo  
 kilometre\* el kilómetro  
 how many kilometres is it  
 to ...? ¿cuántos kilómetros  
 hay a ...? [kwantos – i]  
 kind (nice) amable [amableh]  
 that's very kind es muy  
 amable [mwee]

## dialogue

which kind do you want?  
 ¿qué tipo quiere? [keh  
 teepo k-yaireh]  
 I want this/that kind  
 quiero este/aquel tipo [k-  
 yairo esteh/akel]

king el rey [ray]  
 kiosk el quiosco [kee-osko]  
 kiss el beso

(verb) besarse [besarseh]  
 kitchen la cocina [koseena]  
 kitchenette la cocina pequeña  
 [pekwen-ya]  
 Kleenex® el klínex  
 knee la rodilla [rodee-ya]  
 knickers los pantis  
 knife el cuchillo  
 [koochee-yo]  
 knock (verb: on door) llamar  
 [yamar]  
 knock down atropellar  
 [atropeh-yar]  
 he's been knocked down lo  
 atropellaron [atropeh-yaron]  
 knock over (object) volcar  
 [bolkar]  
 (pedestrian) atropellar [atropeh-  
 yar]  
 know (somebody, a place)  
 conocer [konosair]  
 (something) saber [sabair]  
 I don't know no sé [seh]  
 I didn't know that no lo sabía  
 do you know where I can  
 find ...? ¿sabe dónde puedo  
 encontrar ...? [sabah dondeh  
 pweo]

## dialogue

do you know how this  
 works? ¿sabe cómo  
 funciona esto? [foons-yona]  
 sorry, I don't know lo  
 siento, no sé [s-yento no  
 seh]

## L

label la etiqueta [eteeketa]  
 ladies' room, ladies' (toilet) el  
 servicio de señoras [sairbees-  
 yo deh sen-yoras]  
 ladies' wear la ropa de señoras  
 lady la señora [sen-yora]  
 lager la cerveza clara [sairbesa]  
 lagoon la laguna  
 lake el lago  
 lamb (meat) el cordero  
 [kordairo]  
 lamp la lámpara  
 land la tierra [t-yairra]  
 (verb) aterrizar [aterreesar]  
 lane (motorway) el carril  
 (small road) la callejuela [ka-  
 yeh-Hwela]  
 language el idioma [eed-yoma]  
 language course el curso de  
 idiomas [kooorso deh]  
 large grande [grandeh]  
 last último [oolteemo]  
 last week la semana pasada  
 last Friday el viernes pasado  
 last night anoche [anocheh]  
 what time is the last train to  
 Veracruz? ¿a qué hora es el  
 último tren para Veracruz?  
 [keh ora – bairakroos]  
 late tarde [tardeh]  
 sorry I'm late disculpe,  
 me retrasé [deeskoolpeh meh  
 retraseh]  
 the train was late el tren se  
 demoró  
 we must go – we'll be late

debemos irnos – llegaremos tarde [eernos – yegaremos]  
 it's getting late se está haciendo tarde [seh – asyendo]  
 later más tarde [tardeh]  
 I'll come back later regresaré más tarde [regresareh]  
 see you later hasta luego [asta lwego]  
 later on más tarde  
 latest lo último [oolteemo]  
 by Wednesday at the latest para el miércoles a más tardar  
 Latin America América [amaireeka]  
 Latin American (adj) americano [amaireekano]  
 (man) el (latino) americano  
 (woman) la (latino) americana  
 laugh (verb) reirse [reh-eerseh]  
 launderette/laundromat la lavandería automática [labandairee-a owtomateeka]  
 laundry (clothes) la ropa sucia [soos-ya]  
 (place) la lavandería [labandairee-a]  
 lavatory el baño [ban-yo]  
 law la ley [lay]  
 lawn el césped [sesped]  
 lawyer (man/woman) el abogado, la abogada  
 laxative el laxante [laksanteh]  
 lazy flojo [floho]  
 lead (electrical) el cable [kableh]  
 lead (verb) llevar [yeyar]  
 where does this lead to?

¿adónde va esto? [adondeh ba]  
 leaf la hoja [oha]  
 leaflet el folleto [fo-yeto]  
 leak (in roof) la gotera [gotaira]  
 (gas, water) el escape [eskapeh]  
 (verb) filtrar [feeltrar]  
 the roof leaks el tejado tiene goteras [tehadó t-yeneh gotairas]  
 learn aprender [aprendair]  
 least: not in the least de ninguna manera [deh – manaira]  
 at least al menos  
 leather (fine) la piel [p-yel]  
 (heavy) el cuero [kwairo]  
 leave (verb) irse [eerseh]  
 I am leaving tomorrow me voy mañana [meh]  
 he left yesterday se fue ayer [seh fweh]  
 may I leave this here? ¿puedo dejar esto aquí? [pwedo deh-Har esto akee]  
 I left my coat in the bar dejé el abrigo en el bar [deh-Heh]

## dialogue

when does the bus for Taxco leave? ¿cuándo sale el autobús para Taxco? [kwando saleh – tasko]  
 it leaves at 9 o'clock sale a las nueve

leek el puerro [pwairro]  
 left izquierda [eesk-yairda]

on the left a la izquierda  
 to the left hacia la izquierda  
 [as-ya]  
 turn left dé vuelta a la izquierda [deh bwelta]  
 there's none left no queda ninguno [keda]  
 left-handed zurdo [soordo]  
 left luggage (office) la consigna [konseegna], la paquetería [paketairee-a]  
 leg la pierna [p-yairna]  
 lemon el limón  
 lemonade la limonada  
 lemon tea el té con limón [teh]  
 lend prestar  
 will you lend me your ... ?  
 ¿podría prestarme su ... ?  
 [prestarmeh]  
 lens (of camera) el objetivo [obheteebo]  
 lesbian la lesbiana [lesb-yana]  
 less menos  
 less expensive menos caro  
 less than 10 menos de diez [deh]  
 less than you menos que tú [keh too]  
 lesson la lección [leks-yon]  
 let (allow) dejar [deh-Har]  
 will you let me know? ¿me tendrás al corriente? [meh – korr-yenteh]  
 I'll let you know le avisaré [leh abeesareh]  
 let's go for something to eat vamos a comer algo [bamos a komair]

let off: will you let me off at ...? ¿me deja en...? [meh deh-Ha]  
 letter la carta  
 do you have any letters for me? ¿tiene cartas para mí? [t-yeneh]  
 letterbox el buzón [booson]  
 lettuce la lechuga [lechooga]  
 lever la palanca  
 library la biblioteca [beeblyoteka]  
 licence el permiso  
 lid la tapa  
 lie (verb: tell untruth) mentir  
 lie down acostarse [akostarseh], echarse [echarseh]  
 life la vida [beeda]  
 lifebelt el salvavidas [salbabeedas]  
 lifeguard el/la socorrista  
 life jacket el chaleco salvavidas [salbabeedas]  
 lift (in building) el ascensor [asensor]  
 could you give me a lift? ¿me podría llevar? [meh – yebar]  
 would you like a lift? ¿quiere que lo lleve? [k-yaireh keh lo yebeh]  
 light la luz [loos]  
 (not heavy) ligero [leeHairo]  
 do you have a light? (for cigarette) ¿tiene fuego? [t-yeneh fwego]  
 light green verde claro [bairdeh]  
 light bulb el foco

I need a new light bulb  
**necesito un foco nuevo**  
 [neseseeto – nwebo]  
 lighter (cigarette) el  
**encendedor** [ensendedor]  
 lightning el relámpago  
 like (verb) **gustar** [goostar]  
 I like it **me gusta** [meh]  
 I like going for walks **me gusta pasear**  
 I like you **me gustas**  
 I don't like it **no me gusta**  
 do you like ...? **¿le gusta ...?**  
 [leh]  
 I'd like a beer **quisiera una**  
**cerveza** [kees-yaira]  
 I'd like to go swimming **me**  
**gustaría ir a bañarme**  
 would you like a drink?  
**¿quiere beber algo?** [k-yaireh]  
 would you like to go for a  
 walk? **¿quieres dar un paseo?**  
 [k-yair-es]  
 what's it like? **¿cómo es?**  
 I want one like this **quiero**  
**uno como éste** [k-yairo – esteh]  
 lime la lima [leema]  
 lime cordial el jarabe de lima  
 [Harabeh deh]  
 line la línea [leneh-a]  
 could you give me an outside  
 line? **¿puede darme línea?**  
 [pwedeh darmeh]  
 lips los labios [lab-yos]  
 lip salve la crema de labios  
 [deh]  
 lipstick el lápiz de labios  
 [lapees]  
 liqueur el licor

listen oír [o-eer]  
 litre\* el litro  
 a litre of white wine **un litro**  
**de vino blanco** [deh]  
 little chico  
 just a little, thanks **un**  
**poquito, gracias** [pokeeto gras-  
 yas]  
 a little milk **un poco de leche**  
 a little bit more **un poquito**  
**más**  
 live (verb) **vivir** [beebeer]  
 we live together **vivimos**  
**juntos** [beebeemos hoontos]

## dialogue

where do you live? **¿dónde**  
**vive?** [dondeh  
 beebeh]  
 I live in London **vivo en**  
**Londres** [beebo en lond-res]

lively alegre [alegreh],  
 animado  
 liver el hígado [eegado]  
 lizard la lagartija [lagarteeHa]  
 loaf el pan  
 lobby (in hotel) el vestíbulo  
 [besteeboolo]  
 lobster la langosta  
 local local  
 can you recommend a local  
 wine/restaurant? **¿puede**  
**recomendarme un vino/un**  
**restaurante local?** [pwedeh  
 rekomendarmeh]  
 lock la cerradura [sairradoora]  
 (verb) cerrar [sairrar]

- it's locked **está cerrado con llave** [sairrado kon yabeh]  
 lock in **dejar encerrado** [deh-Har ensairrado]  
 lock out: I've locked myself out **he cerrado la puerta con las llaves dentro** [eh sairrado la pwairta – yab-es]  
 locker (for luggage etc) **la consigna automática** [konseegna owtomateeka]  
 lollipop **la paleta**  
 London **Londres** [lond-res]  
 long **largo**  
 how long will it take to fix it?  
 ¿cuánto tiempo tardará en arreglarlo? [kwanto t-yempo]  
 how long does it take?  
 ¿cuánto tiempo lleva? [yeba]  
 a long time **mucho tiempo** [mocho]  
 one day/two days longer **un día/dos días más**  
 long distance call **la llamada de larga distancia** [yamada deh – deestans-ya]  
 look: I'm just looking, thanks **sólo estoy mirando, gracias** [gras-yas]  
 you don't look well **tienes cara de enfermo** [t-yen-es kara deh enfairmo]  
 look out! **¡cuidado!** [kweedado]  
 can I have a look? **¿me deja ver?** [meh deh-Ha bair]  
 look after **cuidar** [kweedar]  
 look at **mirar**  
 look for **buscar**  
 I'm looking for ... **estoy buscando ...**  
 look forward to: I'm looking forward to seeing it **tengo muchas ganas de verlo** [moochas – deh bairlo]  
 loose (handle etc) **suelto** [swelto]  
 lorry **el camión** [kam-yon], **el tráiler** [trilair]  
 lose **perder** [paidair], **extraviarse** [estrab-yarseh]  
 I've lost my way **me extravié** [estrab-yeh]  
 I'm lost, I want to get to ... **me perdí, quiero ir a ...** [k-yairo eer]  
 I've lost my bag **perdí el bolso**  
 lost property (office) (la oficina de) **objetos perdidos** [(ofeeseena deh) obHetos pairdeedos]  
 lot: a lot, lots **mucho, muchos** [mocho]  
 not a lot **no mucho**  
 a lot of people **mucha gente**  
 a lot bigger **mucho mayor**  
 I like it a lot **me gusta mucho** [meh goosta]  
 lotion **la loción** [los-yon]  
 loud **fuerte** [fwairteh]  
 lounge (in house, hotel) **el salón** (in airport) **la sala de espera** [deh espaira]  
 love **el amor** (verb) **querer** [kairair]  
 I love Mexico **me encanta México** [meh – mehheeko]  
 lovely **encantador**



low **bajo** [baHo]  
 luck **la suerte** [swairteh]  
 good luck! ¡buena suerte!  
 [bwena]  
 luggage **el equipaje**  
 [ekeepaH-eh]  
 luggage trolley **el carrito**  
 portaequipajes [porta-ekeepaH-  
 es]  
 lump (on body) **la hinchazón**  
 [eenchason]  
 lunch **el almuerzo** [almwairso]  
 lungs **los pulmones**  
 [poolmon-es]  
 luxurious (hotel, furnishings) **de**  
**lujo** [deh looHo]  
 luxury **el lujo**

## M

machine **la máquina** [makeena]  
 mad (insane) **loco**  
 (angry) **furioso** [foor-yoso]  
 magazine **la revista** [rebeesta]  
 maid (in hotel) **la camarera**  
 [kamaraira]  
 maiden name **el nombre de**  
**soltera** [nombreh deh soltaira]  
 mail **el correo** [korreh-o]  
 is there any mail for me?  
 ¿hay correspondencia para  
 mí? [I korrespondens-ya]  
 see post  
 mailbox **el buzón** [booson]  
 main **principal** [preenseepal]  
 main course **el plato**  
**principal**  
 main post office **la oficina**  
**central de correos** [ofeeseena  
 sentral deh korreh-os]  
 main road (in town) **la calle**  
**principal** [ka-yeh preenseepal]  
 (in country) **la carretera**  
**principal** [karretaira]  
 mains (for water) **la llave de**  
**paso** [yabeh deh]  
 mains switch (for electricity)  
**el interruptor de la red**  
**eléctrica** [eentairrooptor deh  
 la reh]  
 make (brand name) **la marca**  
 (verb) **hacer** [asair]  
 I make it 500 pesos **son**  
**quinientos pesos en total**  
 what is it made of? ¿de qué  
 está hecho? [deh keh esta echo]  
 make-up **el maquillaje** [makee-  
 yaHeh]  
 man **el hombre** [ombreh]  
 manager **el gerente** [Hairenteh]  
 I'd like to speak to the  
 manager **quisiera hablar con**  
**el gerente** [kees-yaira ablar]  
 manageress **la gerente**  
 manual (car with manual gears) **el**  
**carro de marchas** [deh]  
 many **muchos** [moochos]  
 not many **pocos**  
 map (city plan) **el plano**  
 (road map, geographical) **el mapa**  
 March **marzo** [marso]  
 margarine **la margarina**  
 market **el mercado** [mairkado],  
**el tianguis** [t-yangees]  
 marmalade **la mermelada**  
**de naranja** [mairmelada deh  
 naranHa]

married: I'm married (said by a man/woman) **estoy casado/casada**

are you married? (to a man/woman) ¿**está casado/casada?**

mask **el rímel**

match (football etc) **el partido**

matches **las cerillas** [sairee-yas]

material (fabric) **el tejido**  
[teHeedo]

matter: it doesn't matter **no importa**

what's the matter? ¿**qué pasa?** [keh]

mattress **el colchón**

May **mayo** [mī-yo]

may: may I have another one?

¿**me da otro?** [meh]

may I come in? ¿**se puede?**

[seh pwedeh]

may I see it? ¿**puedo verlo?**

[pwedo bairlo]

may I sit here? ¿**puedo**

**sentarme aquí?** [sentarmeh

akee]

maybe **quizás** [keesas]

mayonnaise **la mayonesa** [mī-yonesa]

me\*: that's for me **ése es para mí** [eseh]

send it to me **mándemelo**

me too **yo también** [tamb-yen]

meal **la comida**

## dialogue

did you enjoy your meal? ¿**te gustó la comida?** [teh goosto]  
it was excellent, thank you

**estuvo riquísima, gracias**  
[reekeeseema gras-yas]

mean (verb) **querer decir**

[kairair deseer]

what do you mean? ¿**qué quiere decir?** [keh k-yaireh]

## dialogue

what does this word mean? ¿**qué significa esta palabra?**

it means ... in English **significa ... en inglés**

[eeng-les]

measles **el sarampión** [sarampyon]

meat **la carne** [karneh]

mechanic **el mecánico**

medicine **la medicina**

[medeeseena]

medium (adj: size) **medio**

[med-yo]

medium-dry **semi-seco**

medium-rare **poco hecho**

[echo]

medium-sized **de tamaño**

**medio** [taman-yo med-yo]

meet **encontrarse** [encontrarseh]

(for the first time) **conocerse**

[konosairseh]

nice to meet you **encantado**

**de conocerle** [deh konosairleh]

where shall I meet you?

¿**dónde nos vemos?** [dondeh

nos bemos]

meeting **la reunión** [reh-oon-yon]

meeting place el lugar de  
encuentro [loogar deh  
enkwentro]

melon el melón

men los hombres [omb-res]

mend (clothes) remendar  
could you mend this for me?  
¿puede arreglarme esto?  
[pwedeh arreglarmeh]

men's toilet el servicio de  
hombres [sairbees-yo deh  
omb-res]

menswear la ropa de  
hombre [deh ombreh]

mention (verb) mencionar  
[mens-yonar]

don't mention it de nada  
[deh]

menu la carta  
may I see the menu, please?  
¿me deja ver la carta? [meh  
deh-Ha bair]

see menu reader page 214

message: are there any  
messages for me? ¿hay  
algún recado para mí? [ʔ]

I want to leave a message  
for ... quisiera dejar un  
recado para ... [kees-yaira deh-  
har]

metal el metal

metre\* el metro

Mexican (adj) mexicano  
[meheekano]

(man) el mexicano

(woman) la mexicana

the Mexicans los mexicanos

Mexico México [meheeko]

Mexico City la ciudad de

México [s-yooda deh], el  
Distrito Federal [fedairal], el  
D.F. [deh efeh]

microwave (oven) el (horno)  
microondas [(orno) meekro-  
ondas]

midday el mediodía [med-  
yodee-a]

at midday a mediodía

middle: in the middle en el  
centro [sentro]

in the middle of the night en  
las altas horas de la noche  
[oras deh la nocheh]

the middle one el de en  
medio

midnight la medianoche [med-  
yanocheh]

at midnight a medianoche

might: I might es posible  
[poseebleh]

I might not go puede que no  
vaya [pwedeh keh no bī-ya]

I might want to stay another  
day quizás decida quedarme  
otro día [keesas deseeda  
kedarmeh]

migraine la jaqueca [Hakeka]

mild (taste) suave [swabeh]

(weather) templado

mile\* la milla [mee-ya]

milk la leche [lecheh]

milkshake el licuado  
[leekwado]

millimetre\* el milímetro

minced meat el picadillo  
[peekadee-yo]

mind: never mind! ¡no  
importa!

I've changed my mind  
cambié de idea [kamb-yeh deh  
eedeh-a]

## dialogue

do you mind if I open  
the window? ¿le importa  
que abra la ventana? [leh  
eemporta keh – bentana]  
no, I don't mind no, no me  
importa [meh]

mine\*: it's mine es mío  
mineral water el agua  
mineral [agwa meenairal], el  
Tehuacán® [teh-wakan]  
mint-flavoured con sabor a  
menta  
mints las pastillas de menta  
[pastee-yas deh]  
minute el minuto [meenooto]  
in a minute ahorita  
[a-oreeta]  
just a minute un momento  
mirror el espejo [espeho]  
Miss Señorita [sen-yoreeta]  
miss: I missed the bus perdí  
el autobús [pairdee]  
missing: one of my ... is  
missing falta uno de mis ...  
[deh]  
there's a suitcase missing  
falta una maleta  
mist la neblina  
mistake el error  
I think there's a mistake  
me parece que hay una  
equivocación [meh pareseh keh

ī oona ekeebokas-yon]  
sorry, I've made a mistake  
perdón, me equivoqué [meh  
ekeebokah]

misunderstanding el  
malentendido

mix-up: sorry, there's been  
a mix-up perdón hubo una  
confusión [oobo oona konfoos-  
yon]

modern moderno [modairno]

modern art gallery la galería  
de arte moderno [galairre-a  
deh arteh]

moisturizer la crema  
hidratante [eedratanteh]

moment: I won't be a moment  
no me tarde [meh]

monastery el monasterio  
[monastair-yo]

Monday lunes [loon-es]

money el dinero [deenairo]

month el mes

monument el monumento  
[monoomento]

(statue) la estatua [estatwa]

moon la luna

moped el ciclomotor  
[seeklomotor]

more\* más

can I have some more water,  
please? me da más agua, por  
favor [meh – fabor]

more expensive/interesting  
más caro/interesante

more than 50 más de  
cincuenta [deh]

more than that más que eso  
[keh]

a lot more **mucho más**  
[moocho]

## dialogue

would you like some more? ¿quiere más?  
[k-yaireh]  
no, no more for me, thanks  
no, **para mí no, gracias**  
[gras-yas]  
how about you? ¿y Usted?  
[ee oosteh]  
I don't want any more,  
thanks **nada más, gracias**

morning **la mañana** [man-yana]  
this morning **esta mañana**  
in the morning **por la mañana**  
mosquito **el mosquito, el zancudo** [sankoodo]  
mosquito coil **el espiral antimosquitos**  
mosquito net **la red antimosquitos**  
mosquito repellent **el repelente de mosquitos** [repelenteh deh]  
most: I like this one most of all **éste es el que más me gusta** [esteh – keh mas meh goosta]  
most of the time **la mayor parte del tiempo** [mī-yor parteh del t-yempo]  
most tourists **la mayoría de los turistas** [mī-yoree-a deh]  
mostly **generalmente** [henairamenteh]

mother **la madre** [madreh]  
motorbike **la moto**  
motorboat **la (lancha) motora**  
motorway **la autopista** [owtopeesta]  
mountain **la montaña** [montan-ya]  
in the mountains **en la sierra** [s-yaira]  
mountaineering **el montañismo** [montan-yeesmo]  
mountain range **la sierra**  
mouse **el ratón**  
moustache **el bigote** [beegoteh]  
mouth **la boca**  
mouth ulcer **la llaga** [yaga]  
move: he's moved to another room **se trasladó a otro cuarto** [seh – kwarto]  
could you move your car? ¿podría cambiar de lugar **el carro?** [kamb-yar deh]  
could you move up a little? ¿puede correrse un **poco?** [pwedeh korrairseh]  
where has it moved to? ¿adónde se trasladó? [adondeh seh]  
movie **la película** [peleekoola]  
movie theater **el cine** [seeneh]  
Mr Señor [sen-yor]  
Mrs Señora [sen-yora]  
Ms Señorita [sen-yoreeta]  
much **mucho** [moocho]  
much better/worse **mucho mejor/peor** [mī-yor/peh-or]  
much hotter **mucho más caliente** [kal-yenteh]  
not (very) much **no mucho**

I don't want very much **un poco nada más**  
 mud **el barro, el lodo**  
 mug (for drinking) **la taza [tasa]**  
 I've been mugged **me asaltaron**  
 mum **la mamá**  
 mumps **las paperas [papairas]**  
 museum **el museo [mooseh-o]**  
 mushrooms **los champiñones [champeen-yon-es]**  
 music **la música [mooseeka]**  
 musician **el/la músico [mooseeko]**  
 Muslim (adj) **musulmán [moosoolman]**  
 mussels **los mejillones [meHee-yon-es]**  
 must: I must **tengo que [keh]**  
 I mustn't drink alcohol **no debo beber alcohol [bebair alko-ol]**  
 mustard **la mostaza [mostasa]**  
 my\* **mi; (pl) mis**  
 myself: I'll do it myself (said by man/woman) **lo haré yo mismo/misma [areh]**  
 by myself (said by man/woman) **yo solo/sola**

## N

nail (finger) **la uña [oon-ya]**  
 (metal) **el clavo [klabo]**  
 nailbrush **el cepillo para las uñas [sepee-yo - oon-yas]**  
 nail varnish **el esmalte para uñas [esmalteh]**

name **el nombre [nombreh]**  
 my name's John **me llamo John [meh yamo]**  
 what's your name? **¿cómo se llama? [seh yama], ¿cuál es su nombre? [kwál - nombreh]**  
 what is the name of this street? **¿cómo se llama esta calle?**  
 napkin **la servilleta [sairbee-yeta]**  
 nappy **el pañal [pan-yal]**  
 narrow (street) **estrecho [estrecho]**  
 nasty (person) **desagradable [desagradableh]**  
 (weather, accident) **mallo**  
 national **nacional [nas-yonal]**  
 nationality **la nacionalidad [nas-yonaleeda]**  
 natural **natural [natooral]**  
 nausea **la náusea [nowseh-a]**  
 navy (blue) **azul marino [asool]**  
 near **cerca [sairka]**  
 is it near the city centre?  
**¿está cerca del centro? [sentro]**  
 do you go near the Zócalo?  
**¿pasa Usted cerca del Zócalo? [oosteh - socalo]**  
 where is the nearest ...?  
**¿dónde está el ... más cercano? [dondeh - sairkano]**  
 nearby **por aquí cerca [akee]**  
 nearly **casi**  
 necessary **necesario [nesesar-yo]**  
 neck **el cuello [kweh-yo]**  
 necklace **el collar [ko-yar]**  
 necktie **la corbata**

need: I need ... **necesito un ...**

[neseseeto]

do I need to pay? ¿**necesito pagar?**

needle **la aguja** [agooHa]

negative (film) **el negativo**

[negateebo]

neither: neither (one) of them **ninguno** (de ellos)

[neengoono (deh eh-yos)]

neither ... nor ... **ni ... ni ...**

nephew **el sobrino**

net (in sport) **la red**

Netherlands **Los Países Bajos**

[pa-ees-es baHos]

network map **el mapa**

never **nunca, jamás** [Hamas]

## dialogue

have you ever been to Mérida? ¿**ha estado alguna vez en Merida?** [bes]

no, never, I've never been there **no, nunca estuve** [estoobeh]

new **nuevo** [nwebo]

news (radio, TV etc) **las noticias** [notees-yas]

newspaper **el periódico** [pair-yoodeko]

newspaper kiosk **el puesto de periódicos** [pwesto deh]

New Year **el Año Nuevo** [an-yo nwebo]

Happy New Year! ¡**Feliz Año Nuevo!** [felees]

New Year's Eve **Nochevieja**

[nocheh-b-yeHa]

New Zealand **Nueva Zelanda**

[nweba selanda]

New Zealander: I'm a New Zealander (man/woman) **soy neozelandés/neozelandesa**

[neh-o-seland-es]

next **próximo**

the next street on the left **la próxima calle a la izquierda**

[ka-yeh a la eesk-yairda]

at the next stop **en la siguiente parada** [seeg-yenteh]

next week **la semana que viene** [keh b-yeneh]

next to **al lado de** [deh]

Nicaraguan (adj) **nicaraguense** [neekaragwenseh]

nice (food) **bueno** [bweno]

(looks, view etc) **lindo**

(person) **simpático**

niece **la sobrina**

night **la noche** [nocheh]

at night **de noche** [deh], por la noche

good night **buenas noches** [bwenas noch-es]

## dialogue

do you have a single room for one night? ¿**tiene un cuarto individual para una noche?** [t-yeneh oon kwarto eendebeedwal]

yes, madam **sí, señora** [sen-yora]

how much is it per night? ¿**cuánto es la noche?**

[kwanto]  
 it's 3,000 pesos for one  
 night **son tres mil pesos**  
 la noche  
 thank you, I'll take it  
**gracias, me la quedo** [gras-  
 yas meh la kedo]

nightclub **la discoteca**  
 [deeskoteka]  
 nightdress **el camión**  
 night porter **el portero**  
 [portairo]  
 no **no**  
 I've no change **no tengo**  
 cambio [kamb-yo]  
 there's no ... left **no queda ...**  
 [keda]  
 no way! **¡ni hablar!** [ablar]  
 oh no! (upset, annoyed) **¡Dios**  
**mío!** [d-yos]  
 nobody **nadie** [nad-yeh]  
 there's nobody there **no hay**  
**nadie** [ɪ]  
 noise **el ruido** [rweedo]  
 noisy: it's too noisy **hay**  
**demasiado ruido** [ɪ demas-  
 yado]  
 non-alcoholic **sin alcohol**  
 [seen alko-ol]  
 none **ninguno**  
 non-smoking compartment **no**  
**fumadores** [foomad-or-es]  
 noon **el mediodía** [med-  
 yodee-a]  
 no-one **nadie** [nad-yeh]  
 nor: nor do I **yo tampoco**  
 normal **normal** [nor-mal]  
 north **norte** [norteh]

in the north **en el norte**  
 north of Taxco **al norte de**  
 Taxco [deh tasko]  
 North America **América del**  
**norte** [amaireeka del norteh]  
 North American (man) **el**  
**norteamericano**  
 (woman) **la norteamericana**  
 (adj) **norteamericano**  
 northeast **nordeste** [nordesteh]  
 northern **del norte** [norteh]  
 Northern Ireland **Irlanda del**  
**Norte** [eerlanda del norteh]  
 northwest **noroeste** [noro-esteh]  
 Norway **Noruega** [norwega]  
 Norwegian (adj) **noruego**  
 nose **la nariz** [narees]  
 nosebleed **la hemorragia**  
**nasal** [emorrah-ya]  
 not\* **no**  
 no, I'm not hungry **no, no**  
**tengo hambre** [ambreh]  
 I don't want any, thank you  
**no quiero, gracias** [k-yairo  
 gras-yas]  
 it's not necessary **no es**  
**necesario** [nesesar-yo]  
 I didn't know that **no lo sabía**  
 not that one – this one **ése no**  
**– éste** [eseh – esteh]  
 note (banknote) **el billete** [bee-  
 yeteh]  
 notebook **el cuaderno**  
 [kwadairno]  
 notepaper (for letters) **el papel**  
**de carta** [deh]  
 nothing **nada**  
 nothing for me, thanks **para**  
**mí nada, gracias** [gras-yas]



nothing else **nada más**  
 novel **la novela** [nobela]  
 November **noviembre** [nob-yembreh]  
 now **ahora** [a-ora]  
 number **el número** [noomairo]  
 I've got the wrong number  
**me equivoqué de número**  
 [meh ekeebokéh deh]  
 what is your phone number?  
**¿cuál es su número de**  
**teléfono?** [kwai]  
 number plate **la placa**  
 nurse (man/woman) **el**  
**enfermero** [enfairmairo], **la**  
**enfermera**  
 nursery slope **la pista de**  
**principiantes** [deh preenseep-  
 yant-es]  
 nut (for bolt) **la tuerca** [twairka]  
 nuts **las nueces** [nwes-es]

## O

o'clock: at two o'clock **a las**  
**dos**  
 occupied (US: toilet etc)  
**ocupado** [okoopado]  
 October **octubre** [oktoobreh]  
 odd (strange) **extraño** [ekstran-  
 yo]  
 of **de** [deh]  
 off (lights) **apagado**  
 it's just off calle Corredera  
**está cerca de calle Corredera**  
 [saírka deh ka-yeh]  
 we're off tomorrow **nos**  
**vamos mañana** [bamos]

offensive (language, behaviour)  
**ofensivo** [ofenseebo]  
 office (place of work) **la oficina**  
**[ofeeseena]**  
 officer (said to policeman) **señor**  
**oficial** [sen-yor ofee-syal]  
 often **a menudo**  
 not often **pocas veces** [bes-es]  
 how often are the buses?  
**¿cada cuándo pasa el**  
**camión?** [kwando]  
 oil **el aceite** [asayteh]  
 ointment **la pomada**  
 OK **bueno** [bweno]  
 are you OK? **¿está bien?**  
**[b-yen]**  
 is that OK with you? **¿le**  
**parece bien?** [leh pareseh]  
 is it OK to ...? **¿se puede ...?**  
**[seh pwedeh]**  
 that's OK thanks (it doesn't  
 matter) **está bien, gracias** [gras-  
 yas]  
 I'm OK (nothing for me) **para mí**  
**nada**  
 (I feel OK) **me siento bien** [meh  
 s-yento]  
 is this train OK for ...? **¿este**  
**tren va a...?** [esteh - ba]  
 I said I'm sorry, OK? **ya pedí**  
**disculpas ¿okay?** [deeskoolpas  
 okay]  
 old **viejo** [b-yeho]

## dialogue

how old are you?  
**¿cuántos años tiene?**  
**[kwantos an-yos t-yeneh]**

I'm twenty-five **tengo**  
veinticinco años  
and you? ¿y Usted? [ee  
oosteh]

old-fashioned **pasado de**  
**moda** [deh]  
old town (old part of town)  
el barrio antiguo [barr-yo  
anteegwo]  
in the old town **en el barrio**  
**antiguo**  
olive **la aceituna** [asaytoona], **la**  
**oliva** [oleeba]  
black/green olives **las**  
**aceitunas negras/verdes**  
[baird-es]  
olive oil **el aceite de oliva**  
[asayteh deh oleeba]  
omelette **la tortilla de huevo**  
[tortee-ya deh webo]  
on **en**  
on the street/beach **en la**  
**calle/playa**  
is it on this road? ¿está **en**  
**esta calle?**  
on the plane **en el avión**  
on Saturday **el sábado**  
on television **en la tele**  
I haven't got it on me **no lo**  
**traigo** [trigo]  
this one's on me (drink) **ésta**  
**me toca a mí** [meh]  
the light wasn't on **la luz no**  
**estaba prendida**  
what's on tonight? ¿qué  
**ponen esta noche?** [keh]  
once (one time) **una vez**  
[bes]

at once (immediately) **en**  
**seguida** [segeeda]  
one\* **uno** [oono], **una**  
the white one **el blanco, la**  
**blanca**  
one-way: a one-way ticket  
to ... **un boleto de ida para ...**  
[deh eeda]  
onion **la cebolla** [sebo-ya]  
only **sólo**  
only one **sólo uno**  
it's only 6 o'clock **son sólo las**  
**seis**  
I've only just got here **acabo**  
**de llegar** [deh yegar]  
on/off switch **el interruptor**  
[eentairroptor]  
open (adj) **abierto** [ab-yairto]  
(verb) **abrir** [abreer]  
when do you open? ¿a qué  
**hora abre?** [keh ora abreh]  
I can't get it open **no puedo**  
**abrirlo** [pwe-do]  
in the open air **al aire libre**  
[ireh leebreh]  
opening times **el horario**  
[orar-yo]  
open ticket **el boleto abierto**  
[ab-yairto]  
opera **la ópera**  
operation (medical) **la**  
**operación** [opairas-yon]  
operator (telephone: man/woman)  
**el operador, la operadora**  
opposite: the opposite  
direction **el sentido**  
**contrario**  
the bar opposite **el bar de**  
**enfrente** [deh enfrenteh]

opposite my hotel **enfrente de mi hotel**  
 optician **el óptico**  
 or **o**  
 orange (fruit) **la naranja**  
 [naranHa]  
 (colour) (color) **naranja**  
 orange juice (fresh) **el jugo de naranja** [Hoogo deh]  
 (fizzy, diluted) **el refresco de naranja**  
 orchestra **la orquesta**  
 [orkesta]  
 order: can we order now? (in restaurant) **¿podemos pedir ya?**  
 I've already ordered, thanks **ya pedí, gracias** [gras-yas]  
 I didn't order this **no pedí esto**  
 out of order **averiado** [abair-yado], **fuera de servicio**  
 [fwaira deh sairbees-yo]  
 ordinary **corriente** [korr-yenteh]  
 other **otro**  
 the other one **el otro**  
 the other day **el otro día**  
 I'm waiting for the others **estoy esperando a los demás**  
 do you have any others?  
**¿tiene otros?** [t-yeneh]  
 otherwise **de otra manera** [deh – manaira]  
 our\* **nuestro** [nwestro], **nuestra**; (pl) **nuestros, nuestras**  
 ours\* (el) **nuestro**, (la) **nuestra**  
 out: he's out **no está**  
 three kilometres out of town **a tres kilómetros de la ciudad**

outdoors **fuera de casa** [fwaira deh]  
 outside ... **fuera de ...**  
 can we sit outside?  
**¿podemos sentarnos fuera?**  
 oven **el horno** [orno]  
 over: over here **por aquí**  
 [akee]  
 over there **por allá** [a-ya]  
 over 500 **más de quinientos**  
 [deh]  
 it's over **se acabó** [seh]  
 overcharge: you've overcharged me **me cobró de más** [meh – deh]  
 overcoat **el abrigo**  
 overlook: I'd like a room overlooking the courtyard **quiero un cuarto que da al patio**  
 [k-yairo oon kwarto keh da]  
 overnight (travel) **toda la noche**  
 [nocheh]  
 overtake **adelantarse a**  
 [adelantarseh]  
 owe: how much do I owe you? **¿cuánto le debo?**  
 [kwanto leh]  
 own: my own ... **mi propio ...**  
 [prop-yo]  
 are you on your own? (to a man/woman) **¿está solo/sola?**  
 I'm on my own (said by man/woman) **estoy solo/sola**  
 owner (man/woman) **el propietario** [prop-yetar-yo], **la propietaria**

## P

Pacific Ocean **el Océano Pacífico** [oseh-ano]  
 pack: a pack of ... **un paquete de ...** [paketeĥ deh]  
 (verb) **hacer las maletas** [asair]  
 a pack of cigarettes **una cajetilla de cigarros** [kaĥeteĥ-ya deh seegarros]  
 package (parcel) **el paquete** [paketeĥ]  
 package holiday **el paquete**  
 packed lunch **la bolsa con la comida**  
 packet: a packet of cigarettes **una cajetilla de cigarros** [kaĥeteĥ-ya deh seegarros]  
 padlock **el candado**  
 page (of book) **la página** [paĥeena]  
 could you page Mr ...?  
 ¿podría llamar al Señor ...  
 (por altavoz)? [yamar – altabos]  
 pain **el dolor**  
 I have a pain here **me duele aquí** [meh dweleh akee]  
 painful **doloroso**  
 painkillers **los analgésicos** [analĥeseekos]  
 paint **la pintura**  
 painting **el cuadro** [kwadro]  
 pair: a pair of ... **un par de ...** [deĥ]  
 Pakistani (adj) **paquistaní** [pakeestaneĥ]  
 palace **el palacio** [palas-yo]  
 pale **pálido**

pale blue **azul claro** [asool]  
 pan **la olla** [o-ya]  
 panties (underwear: women's) **las bragas, los pantis**  
 pants (underwear: men's) **los calzones** [kalson-es]  
 (women's) **las bragas**  
 (US: trousers) **los pantalones** [pantalon-es]  
 pantyhose **las pantimedias** [panteemed-yas]  
 paper **el papel**  
 (newspaper) **el periódico** [pair-yodeeko]  
 a piece of paper **un pedazo de papel** [pedaso deh]  
 paper handkerchiefs **los klínex®**  
 parcel **el paquete** [paketeĥ]  
 pardon (me)? (didn't understand/ hear) **¿mande?** [mandeh]  
 parents: my parents **mis padres** [pad-res]  
 parents-in-law **los suegros** [swegros]  
 park **el parque** [parkeh]  
 (verb) **estacionar** [estas-yonar]  
 can I park here? **¿puedo estacionarme aquí?** [pwedo estas-yonarmeh akee]  
 parking lot **el estacionamiento** [estas-yonamyento]  
 part **la parte** [parteh]  
 partner (boyfriend, girlfriend etc) **el compañero** [kompan-yairo], **la compañera**  
 party (group) **el grupo**

(political) el partido  
 (celebration) la fiesta  
 pass (in mountains) el paso  
 passenger (man/woman) el pasajero [pasaHairo], la pasajera  
 passport el pasaporte [pasaporteh]  
 past\*: in the past antiguamente [anteegwamenteh]  
 just past the information office justo después de la oficina de información [Hoosto despwes deh]  
 path el camino  
 pattern el dibujo [deebOOHo]  
 pavement la acera [asaira]  
 on the pavement en la acera  
 pavement café el café terraza [kafeh terrasa]  
 pay (verb) pagar  
 can I pay, please? me pasa la cuenta, por favor [meh – kwenta por fabor]  
 it's already paid for ya está pagado

## dialogue

who's paying? ¿quién paga? [k-yen]  
 I'll pay pago yo  
 no, you paid last time,  
 I'll pay no, Usted pagó la última vez, pago yo [oosteh – ooiteema bes]

pay phone el teléfono público [poobleeko], la caseta telefónica  
 peaceful tranquilo [trankeelo]  
 peach el durazno [doorasno]  
 peanuts los cacahuates [kakawat-es]  
 pear la pera [paira]  
 peas los chícharos [cheecharos]  
 peculiar extraño [ekstran-yo]  
 pedestrian crossing el paso de peatones [peh-aton-es]  
 pedestrian precinct la calle peatonal [ka-yeh peh-atonal]  
 peg (for washing) la pinza [peensa]  
 (for tent) la estaca  
 pen la pluma [plooma]  
 pencil el lápiz [lapees]  
 penfriend (male/female) el amigo/la amiga por correspondencia [korrespondens-ya]  
 penicillin la penicilina [peneeseleena]  
 penknife la navaja [nabaHa]  
 pensioner el jubilado [Hoobeelado], la jubilada  
 people la gente [Henteh]  
 the other people in the hotel los otros huéspedes en el hotel [wesped-es]  
 too many people demasiada gente [demas-yada]  
 pepper (spice) la pimienta [peem-yenta]  
 (vegetable) el pimiento  
 peppermint (sweet) el dulce de menta [doolseh deh]

per: per night **por noche**  
 [nocheh]  
 how much per day? ¿cuánto  
 es por día? [kwanto]  
 per cent **por ciento** [s-yento]  
 perfect **perfecto** [pairfektó]  
 perfume **el perfume**  
 [pairfoomeh]  
 perhaps **quizás** [keesas]  
 perhaps not **quizás no**  
 period (of time) **el período**  
 [pairre-odo]  
 (menstruation) **la regla**  
 perm **la permanente**  
 [pairmanenteh]  
 permit **el permiso** [pairmeeso]  
 person **la persona** [pairsona]  
 personal stereo **el walkman®**  
 [wolkman]  
 Peruvian (adj) **peruano** [peroo-  
 ano]  
 petrol **la gasolina**  
 petrol can **la lata de gasolina**  
 [deh]  
 petrol station **la gasolinera**  
 [gasoleenaira]  
 pharmacy **la farmacia** [far-  
 mas-ya]  
 phone **el teléfono**  
 (verb) **llamar por teléfono**  
 [yamar]  
 phone book **la guía**  
**telefónica** [gee-a]  
 phone box **la caseta**  
**telefónica**  
 phonecard **la tarjeta de**  
**teléfono** [tarHeta deh]  
 phone number **el número de**  
**teléfono** [noomairo deh]

photo **la foto**  
 excuse me, could you take a  
 photo of us? ¿le importaría  
 sacarnos **una foto?** [leh]  
 phrasebook **el libro de frases**  
 [deh fras-es]  
 piano **el piano** [p-yano]  
 pickpocket **el/la carterista**  
 [kartaireesta]  
 pick up: will you come and  
 pick me up? ¿pasarás a  
 recogerme? [rekoHairmeh]  
 picnic **el picnic**  
 picture **el cuadro** [kwadro]  
 pie (meat) **la empanada**  
 (fruit) **la tarta**  
 piece **el pedazo** [pedaso]  
 a piece of ... **un pedazo de ...**  
 [deh]  
 pig **el chancho, el cerdo**  
 [sairdo]  
 pill **la píldora**  
 I'm on the pill **estoy**  
**tomando la píldora**  
 pillow **la almohada** [almo-ada]  
 pillow case **la funda (de**  
**almohada)** [foonda (deh)]  
 pin **el alfiler** [alfeelair]  
 pineapple **la piña** [peen-ya]  
 pineapple juice **el jugo de**  
**piña** [Hoogo deh]  
 pink **rosa**  
 pipe (for smoking) **la pipa**  
 [peepa]  
 (for water) **el tubo** [toobo]  
 pipe cleaners **los limpiapipas**  
 [leemp-yapeepas]  
 pity: it's a pity! ¡qué pena!  
 [keh]

pizza la pizza  
 place el lugar [loo-gar]  
 at your place en tu casa  
 at his place en su casa  
 plain el llano [yano]  
 (not patterned) liso  
 plane el avión [ab-yon]  
 by plane en avión  
 plant la planta  
 plaster cast la escayola [eskī-yola]  
 plasters las tiritas  
 plastic plástico  
 (credit cards) las tarjetas de crédito [tarjetas deh kredeto]  
 plastic bag la bolsa de plástico  
 plate el plato  
 platform la vía [bee-a]  
 which platform is it for  
 Puebla, please? ¿de qué vía sale el tren para Puebla, por favor? [deh keh bee-a saleh – pweb-la por fa-bor]  
 play (in theatre) la obra  
 (verb) jugar [Hoogar]  
 (instrument) tocar  
 playground el patio de recreo [pat-yo deh rekreh-o]  
 pleasant agradable [agradableh]  
 please por favor [fa-bor]  
 yes please sí, por favor  
 could you please ...? ¿podría hacer el favor de ...? [asair – deh]  
 please don't no, por favor  
 pleased: pleased to meet you (said by man/woman)  
 encantado/encantada de

conocerle [deh konosairleh]  
 pleasure: my pleasure es un gusto [goosto]  
 plenty: plenty of ... mucho ... [mocho]  
 there's plenty of time  
 tenemos mucho tiempo [t-yempo]  
 that's plenty, thanks es suficiente, gracias [soofees-yenteh gras-yas]  
 pliers los alicates [aleekat-es]  
 plug (electrical) el enchufe [enchoofeh]  
 (for car) la bujía [boohee-a]  
 (in sink) el tapón  
 plumber el plomero [plomairo]  
 p.m. de la tarde [deh la tardeh]  
 poached egg el huevo escalfado [webo]  
 pocket el bolsillo [bolsee-yo]  
 point: two point five dos coma cinco  
 there's no point no vale la pena [baleh]  
 points (in car) los platinos  
 poisonous venenoso [benenoso]  
 police la policía [poleeese-a]  
 call the police! ¡llame a la policía! [yameh]  
 policeman el (agente de) policía [ahenteh deh]  
 police station la comisaría de policía  
 policewoman la policía  
 polish el betún [betoon]  
 polite educado [edookado]  
 polluted contaminado

pony el **poney**  
 pool (for swimming) la alberca  
 [albairka]  
 poor (not rich) pobre [pobreh]  
 (quality) de baja calidad [deh  
 baHa kaleeda]  
 pop music la música pop  
 [mooseeka]  
 pop singer el/la cantante de  
 música pop [kantanteh deh]  
 population la población  
 [poblas-yon]  
 pork la carne de chanco  
 [karneh deh chancho]  
 port (for boats) el puerto  
 [pwairto]  
 (drink) el Oporto  
 porter (in hotel) el portero  
 [portairo]  
 portrait el retrato  
 posh (restaurant) de lujo [deh  
 looHo]  
 possible posible [poseebleh]  
 is it possible to ...? ¿es  
 posible ...?  
 as ... as possible lo más ...  
 posible  
 post (mail) el correo [korreh-o]  
 (verb) echar al correo  
 could you post this for me?  
 ¿podría echarme esto al  
 correo? [echarmeh]  
 postbox el buzón [booson]  
 postcard la postal [pos-tal]  
 postcode el código postal  
 poster el póster [postair], el  
 cartel  
 poste restante la lista de  
 Correos [leesta deh korreh-os]

post office el correo [korreh-o]  
 potato la papa  
 potato chips (US) las patatas  
 fritas (de bolsa) [deh]  
 pots and pans los cacharros  
 de cocina [deh koseena], las  
 ollas [o-yas]  
 pottery (objects) la cerámica  
 [sairameeka]  
 pound\* (money, weight) la libra  
 power cut el apagón  
 power point la toma de  
 corriente [deh korr-yenteh]  
 practise: I want to practise my  
 Spanish quiero practicar el  
 español [k-yairo – espan-yol]  
 prawns las gambas  
 prefer: I prefer ... prefiero ...  
 [pref-yairo]  
 pregnant embarazada  
 [embarasada]  
 prescription (for chemist) la  
 receta [reseta]  
 present (gift) el regalo  
 president (of country) el/la  
 presidente [preseedenteh]  
 pretty lindo  
 it's pretty expensive es  
 bastante caro [bastanteh]  
 price el precio [pres-yo]  
 priest el sacerdote [sasairdoteh]  
 prime minister (man/woman) el  
 primer ministro [preemair], la  
 primera ministra  
 printed matter los impresos  
 priority (in driving) la  
 preferencia [prefairens-ya]  
 prison la cárcel [karsel]  
 private privado [preebado],



particular [parteekoolar]  
 private bathroom el baño privado [ban-yo]  
 probably probablemente [probableh-menteh]  
 problem el problema  
 no problem! ¡con mucho gusto! [mocho goosto]  
 program(me) el programa  
 promise: I promise lo prometo  
 pronounce: how is this pronounced? ¿cómo se pronuncia esto? [seh pronoons-ya]  
 properly (repaired, locked etc) bien [b-yen]  
 protection factor (of suntan lotion) el factor de protección [deh proteks-yon]  
 Protestant (adj) protestante [protestanteh]  
 public convenience los servicios públicos [sairbees-yos poobleekos]  
 public holiday el día feriado [dee-a fer-yado]  
 pudding (dessert) el postre [postreh]  
 pull jalar [Halar]  
 pullover el suéter [swetair]  
 puncture la ponchadura  
 purple morado  
 purse (for money) el monedero [monedairo] (US: handbag) el bolso  
 push empujar [empoo-Har]  
 pushchair la sillita de ruedas [see-yeeta deh rwedas]  
 put poner [ponair]

where can I put ...? ¿dónde pongo ...? [dondeh]  
 could you put us up for the night? ¿podría alojarnos esta noche? [aloharnos – nocheh]  
 pyjamas el pijama [peeHama]  
 pyramid la pirámide [peerameedeh]

## Q

quality la calidad [kaleeda] (personal) la cualidad [kwaleeda]  
 quarantine la cuarentena [kwarentena]  
 quarter la cuarta parte [kwarta parteh]  
 quayside: on the quayside en el muelle [mweh-yeh]  
 question la pregunta [pregoonta]  
 queue la cola  
 quick rápido [rapeedo]  
 that was quick sí que ha sido rápido [keh a]  
 what's the quickest way there? ¿cuál es el camino más directo? [kwal – deerrekto]  
 fancy a quick drink? ¿se te antoja una copa? [seh teh antoHa]  
 quickly rápidamente [rapeedamenteh]  
 quiet (place, hotel) tranquilo [trankeelo] (person) callado [ka-yado]  
 quiet! ¡cállese! [ka-yeseh]

quite (fairly) **bastante** [bastanteh]  
 (very) **muy** [mwee]  
 that's quite right **eso es**  
**cierto** [s-yairto]  
 quite a lot **bastante**

## R

rabbit **el conejo** [koneHo]  
 race (for runners, cars) **la**  
**carrera** [karraira]  
 racket (tennis etc) **la raqueta**  
 [raketa]  
 radiator (of car, in room) **el**  
**radiador** [rad-yador]  
 radio **la radio** [rad-yo]  
 on the radio **por radio**  
 raft **la balsa**  
 rail: by rail **en tren**  
 railway **el ferrocarril**  
 rain **la lluvia** [yoob-ya]  
 in the rain **bajo la lluvia**  
 [baHo]  
 it's raining **está lloviendo**  
 [yob-yendo]  
 raincoat **el impermeable**  
 [eempairmeh-ableh]  
 rape **la violación** [b-yolas-yon]  
 rare (uncommon) **poco común**  
 (steak) (muy) **poco hecho**  
 [mwee - echo]  
 rash (on skin) **la erupción**  
**cutánea** [airoops-yon kootaneh-a]  
 raspberry **la frambuesa**  
 [frambwesa]  
 rat **la rata**  
 rate (for changing money) **el tipo**  
**de cambio** [teepo deh kamb-yo]

rather: it's rather good **es**  
**bastante bueno** [bastanteh  
 bweno]  
 I'd rather ... **prefiero ...** [pref-  
 yairo]  
 razor **la maquinilla de afeitar**  
 [makeenee-ya deh afaytar]  
 (electric) **la máquina de afeitar**  
**eléctrica** [makeena]  
 razor blades **las hojas de**  
**afeitar** [oHas]  
 read **leer** [leh-air]  
 ready **preparado**  
 are you ready? (to man/woman)  
**¿estás listo/lista?**  
 I'm not ready yet (said by man/  
 woman) **aún no estoy listo/**  
**lista** [a-oon]

## dialogue

when will it be ready?  
**¿cuándo estará listo?**  
 [kwando]  
 it should be ready in a  
 couple of days **estará listo**  
**en un par de días**

real **verdadero** [bairdadairo],  
**auténtico** [owtenteeko]  
 really **realmente** [reh-almenteh]  
 that's really great **eso es**  
**estupendo**  
 really? (doubt) **¿no puede ser?**  
 [pwedeh sair]  
 (polite interest) **¿de veras?** [deh  
 bairas]  
 rear lights **las calaveras**  
 [kalabairas]

rearview mirror el (espejo) retrovisor [espeho retrobeesor]  
 reasonable (prices etc) modesto  
 receipt el recibo [reseebo]  
 recently recientemente [res-yentementeh], recién [res-yen]  
 reception la recepción [reseps-yon]  
 at reception en la recepción  
 reception desk la recepción  
 receptionist el/la recepcionista [reseps-yoneesta]  
 recognize reconocer [rekonosair]  
 recommend: could you recommend ...? ¿puede Usted recomendar ...? [pwedeh oosteh]  
 record (music) el disco [deesko]  
 red rojo [roho]  
 red wine el vino tinto [beeno teento]  
 refund la devolución [debooloos-yon]  
 can I have a refund? ¿puede devolverme el dinero? [pwedeh deboolbairmeh el deenairo]  
 region la zona [sona], la región [reh-yon]  
 registered: by registered mail por correo certificado [korreh-o sairteefeekado]  
 registration number el número de placa [noomairo deh]  
 relatives los parientes [par-yent-es]  
 religion la religión [releeh-yon]  
 remember: I don't remember

no recuerdo [rekwairdo]  
 I remember recuerdo  
 do you remember? ¿recuerda?  
 rent (for apartment etc) la renta, el arriendo [arr-yendo] (verb) rentar, arrendar, alquilar [alkeelar]  
 to/for rent se alquila [seh alkeela]  
 rented car el carro rentado  
 repair (verb) arreglar  
 can you repair it? ¿puede arreglarlo? [pwedeh]  
 repeat repetir  
 could you repeat that? ¿puede repetir eso? [pwedeh]  
 reservation la reservación [resairbas-yon]  
 I'd like to make a reservation quisiera hacer reservación [kees-yaira asair]

## dialogue

I have a reservation tengo cuarto reservado [kwarto resairbado]  
 yes sir, what name please? sí, señor, ¿a nombre de quién, por favor? [sen-yor a nombreh deh k-yen por fabor]

reserve reservar [resairbar]

## dialogue

can I reserve a table for tonight? ¿puedo reservar una mesa para esta noche?

[pwedo – nocheh]  
 yes madam, for how many people? **sí, señora, ¿para cuántos?** [sen-yora – kwantos]  
 for two **para dos**  
 and for what time? **¿y para qué hora?** [ee para keh ora]  
 for eight o'clock **para las ocho**  
 and could I have your name please? **¿me deja su nombre, por favor?** [meh deh-Ha soo nombreh por fabor]  
 see alphabet for spelling

rest: I need a rest **necesito un descanso** [neseseeto]

the rest of the group **el resto del grupo** [groopo]

restaurant **el restaurante** [restowranteh]

restaurant car **el coche-comedor** [kocheh komedor]

rest room **el baño** [ban-yo], **los servicios** [sairbees-yos]

see toilet

retired: I'm retired **estoy jubilado/jubilada** [Hoobeelado]

return (ticket) **el boleto de ida y vuelta** [deh eeda ee bwelta]  
 see ticket

reverse charge call **la llamada por cobrar** [yamada]

reverse gear **la marcha atrás**

revolting **asqueroso** [askairoso]

rib **la costilla** [kostee-ya]

rice **el arroz** [arros]

rich **rico** [reeko]

ridiculous **ridículo**

[reedeeekoolo]

right (correct) **correcto**

(not left) **derecho**

you were right **tenía razón**

[rason]

that's right **es cierto** [s-yairto]

this can't be right **esto no puede ser** [pwedeh sair]

right! **¡bueno!** [bweno]

is this the right road for ...?

**¿es éste el camino para ...?**

[esteh]

on the right **a la derecha**

turn right **dé vuelta a la derecha** [deh bwelta]

right-hand drive **con el volante a la derecha** [bolanteh]

ring (on finger) **el anillo** [anee-yo]

I'll ring you **te llamaré** [teh yamareh]

ring back **volver a llamar** [bolbair a yamar]

ripe (fruit) **maduro**

rip-off: it's a rip-off **es una estafa**

rip-off prices **los precios exagerados** [pres-yos eksahairados]

risky **arriesgado** [arr-yesgado]

river **el río**

road **la carretera** [karretaira]

is this the road for ...? **¿es ésta la carretera para ...?**

down the road **calle abajo** [ka-yeh abaHo]

[ka-yeh abaHo]

road accident **el accidente de tránsito** [akseedenteh deh]

[akseedenteh deh]

road map el mapa de carreteras  
 road sign la señal de tráfico [sen-yal deh]  
 rob: I've been robbed! ¡me robaron! [meh]  
 rock la roca (music) el rock on the rocks (with ice) con hielo [yelo]  
 rodeo la charreada [charreh-ada]  
 roll (bread) el bolillo [bole-yo]  
 roof el tejado [tehadó]  
 roof rack la baca  
 room el cuarto [kwarto] in my room en mi cuarto  
 room service el servicio de cuarto [sairbees-yo deh]  
 rope la cuerda [kwairda]  
 rosé (wine) el vino rosado [beeno]  
 roughly (approximately) aproximadamente [-menteh]  
 round: it's my round me toca [meh]  
 roundabout (for traffic) la glorieta [glor-yeta]  
 round trip ticket el boleto de ida y vuelta [deh eeda ee bwelta]  
 see ticket  
 route la ruta [roota] what's the best route? ¿cuál es la mejor ruta? [kwal es la mehor]  
 rubber (material) el hule [oolleh] (eraser) la goma de borrar

rubber band la gomita  
 rubbish (waste) la basura (poor quality goods) las porquerías [porkairee-as] rubbish! (nonsense) ¡babosadas!  
 rucksack la mochila  
 rude grosero [grosairo]  
 rug (mat) la alfombra, el tapete [tapeteh] (blanket) la cobija [kobeeha], la manta, la frazada [frasada]  
 ruins las ruinas [rweenas]  
 rum el ron rum and Coke® la cubata (de ron)  
 run (verb: person) correr [korrair] how often do the buses run? ¿cada cuánto pasan los camiones? [kwanto] I've run out of money se me acabó el dinero [seh meh - deenairo]  
 rush hour la hora pico [ora]

## S

sad triste [treesteh]  
 saddle (for horse) la silla de montar [see-ya deh] (on bike) el sillín [see-yeen]  
 safe seguro [segooro]  
 safety pin el seguro  
 sail la vela [bela]  
 sailboard el windsurf  
 sailboarding el windsurf  
 salad la ensalada  
 salad dressing el aliño para la ensalada [aleen-yo]

sale: for sale *se vende* [seh bendeh]  
 salmon *el salmón* [sal-mon]  
 salt *la sal*  
 same: the same *el mismo, la misma*  
 the same as this *igual a éste* [eegwal a esteh]  
 the same again, please *otro igual, por favor* [fabor]  
 it's all the same to me *me da igual* [meh]  
 sand *la arena* [areh-na]  
 sandals *los guaraches* [waraches]  
 sandwich *el sandwich* [sandweech], *la torta*  
 sanitary napkin/towel *la compresa*  
 sardines *las sardinas*  
 Saturday *sábado*  
 sauce *la salsa*  
 saucepan *la cacerola* [kaserola]  
 saucer *el platillo* [platee-yo]  
 sauna *la sauna* [sowna]  
 sausage *la salchicha*  
 say: how do you say ... in Spanish? *¿cómo se dice ... en español?* [seh deeseh en espan-yol]  
 what did he say? *¿qué dijo?* [keh deeHo]  
 I said ... *dije ...* [deeHeh]  
 he said ... *dijo ...*  
 could you say that again? *¿podría repetirlo?*  
 scarf (for neck) *la bufanda* (for head) *el pañuelo* [panywelo]

scenery *el paisaje* [písaHeh]  
 schedule (US) *el horario* [orar-yo]  
 scheduled flight *el vuelo regular* [bwelo regoolar]  
 school *la escuela* [eskwela]  
 scissors: a pair of scissors *las tijeras* [teeHairas]  
 scotch *el whisky*  
 Scotch tape® *el scotch, el Durex®*  
 Scotland *Escocia* [eskos-ya]  
 Scottish *escocés* [eskos-es]  
 I'm Scottish (man/woman) *soy escocés/escocesa*  
 scrambled eggs *los huevos revueltos* [webos rebweltos]  
 scratch *el rasguño* [rasgoon-yo]  
 scream *chillar* [chee-yar]  
 screw *el tornillo* [tornee-yo]  
 screwdriver *el destornillador* [destornee-yador]  
 sea *el mar*  
 by the sea *junto al mar* [Hoonto]  
 seafood *los mariscos*  
 seafood restaurant *la marisquería* [mareeskairree-a]  
 seafront *el paseo marítimo* [paseh-o mareeteemo]  
 on the seafront *en la playa* [plí-ya]  
 seagull *la gaviota* [gab-yota]  
 search for (verb) *buscar*  
 seashell *la concha marina*  
 seasick: I feel seasick (said by man/woman) *estoy mareado/mareada* [mareh-ado]  
 I get seasick *me mareo* [meh

mareh-o]  
 seaside: by the seaside **en la playa** [plī-ya]  
 seat **el asiento** [as-yento]  
 is this seat taken? ¿**está ocupado** este asiento? [esteh]  
 seat belt **el cinturón de seguridad** [seentooron deh segooreeda]  
 sea urchin **el erizo de mar** [aireeso]  
 seaweed **el alga**  
 secluded **apartado**  
 second (adj) **segundo** (of time) **el segundo**  
 just a second! ¡**un momentito!**  
 second class (travel) **de segunda clase** [segoonda klaseh]  
 secondhand **usado** [oosado]  
 see **ver** [bair]  
 can I see? ¿**puedo ver?** [pwedo]  
 have you seen ...? ¿**ha visto ...?** [a beesto]  
 I saw him this morning **lo vi esta mañana** [bee]  
 see you! ¡**hasta luego!** [asta lwego]  
 I see (I understand) **entiendo** [ent-yendo]  
 self-service **autoservicio** [owtosairbees-yo]  
 sell **vender** [bendair]  
 do you sell ...? ¿**vende ...?** [bendeh]  
 Sellotape® **el scotch®**, **el Durex®**

send **enviar** [emb-yar], **mandar**  
 I want to send this to England **quiero enviar esto a Inglaterra** [k-yairo]  
 senior citizen **el jubilado**, [Hoobeelado], **la jubilada**  
 separate **separado**  
 a separate room **un cuarto aparte** [aparteh]  
 separated: I'm separated (said by man/woman) **estoy separado/separada**  
 separately (pay, travel) **por separado**  
 September **septiembre** [set-yembreh]  
 septic **séptico**  
 serious **serio** [sair-yo] (illness) **grave** [grabeh]  
 service charge **el servicio** [sairbees-yo]  
 service station **la estación de servicio** [estas-yon deh]  
 serviette **la servilleta** [sairbee-yeta]  
 set menu **el menú** [menoo], **la comida corrida**  
 several **varios** [bar-yos]  
 sew **coser** [kosair]  
 could you sew this back on? ¿**podría coserme esto?** [kosairmeh]  
 sex **el sexo**  
 sexy **sexy**  
 shade: in the shade **a la sombra**  
 shallow (water) **poco profundo**  
 shame: what a shame! ¡**que pena!** [keh]

shampoo **el champú**  
 a shampoo and set **un lavado y marcado** [labado ee]  
 share (verb) **compartir**  
 sharp (knife) **afilado**  
 (taste) **ácido** [aseedo]  
 (pain) **agudo**  
 shattered (very tired) **agotado**  
 shaver **la máquina de afeitar**  
 [makeena deh afaytar]  
 shaving foam **la espuma de afeitar**  
 shaving point **el enchufe**  
 (para la máquina de afeitar)  
 [enchoofeh – makeena]  
 shawl **el rebozo** [rebozo]  
 she\* **ella** [eh-ya]  
 is she here? **¿está (ella) aquí?**  
 [akee]  
 sheet (for bed) **la sábana**  
 shelf **la estantería** [estantairee-a]  
 shellfish **los mariscos**  
 sherry **el jerez** [Her-es]  
 ship **el barco**  
 by ship **en barco**  
 shirt **la camisa**  
 shit! **¡mierda!** [m-yairda]  
 shock **el susto**  
 I got an electric shock **me dio un choque eléctrico** [meh – chokeh]  
 shock-absorber **el amortiguador** [amorteegwador]  
 shocking **chocante** [chokanteh]  
 shoes **los zapatos** [sapatos]  
 a pair of shoes **un par de zapatos** [deh]  
 shoelaces **las agujetas**

[a-ooHetas]  
 shoe polish **el betún**  
 shoe repairer's **la zapatería**  
 [sapatairee-a]  
 shop **la tienda** [t-yenda]  
 shopping: I'm going shopping **voy de compras** [boy deh]  
 shopping centre **el centro comercial** [sentro komairs-yal]  
 shop window **el escaparate**  
 [eskapareteh]  
 shore **la orilla** [oree-ya]  
 short (time, journey) **corto**  
 (person) **bajo** [baHo]  
 it's only a short distance **queda bastante cerca**  
 [keda bastanteh sairka]  
 shortcut **el atajo** [ataHo]  
 shorts **los pantalones cortos**  
 [pantalon-es]  
 should: what should I do?  
**¿que hago?** [keh ago]  
 he shouldn't be long **no debe tardar** [debeh]  
 you should have told me **me lo hubieras dicho** [meh oob-yairas]  
 shoulder **el hombro** [ombro]  
 shout (verb) **gritar**  
 show (in theatre) **el espectáculo** [espektakoolo]  
 could you show me? **¿me lo enseña?** [meh lo ensen-ya]  
 shower (in bathroom) **la regadera** [regadaira]  
 (of rain) **el chubasco**  
 [choobasko]  
 with shower **con baño** [ban-yo]



shower gel el gel de baño  
 [Hel deh]  
 shut (verb) cerrar [sairrar]  
 when do you shut? ¿a qué  
 hora cierran? [keh ora s-  
 yairran]  
 when do they shut? ¿a qué  
 hora cierran?  
 they're shut está cerrado  
 [sairrado]  
 I've shut myself out cerré y  
 dejé la llave dentro [sairreh ee  
 deh-heh la yabeh]  
 shut up! ¡cállese! [ka-yeseh]  
 shutter (on camera) el  
 obturador  
 (on window) la contraventana  
 [kontraventana]  
 shy tímido [teemeedo]  
 sick (ill) enfermo [enfairmo]  
 I'm going to be sick (vomit)  
 voy a devolver [boy a  
 debilbair]  
 side el lado  
 the other side of town al otro  
 lado de la ciudad [deh la  
 s-yooda]  
 sidelights los pilotos, las  
 calaveras [kalabairas]  
 side salad la ensalada aparte  
 [aparteh]  
 side street la callejuela [ka-  
 yeh-hwela]  
 sidewalk la banqueta [banketa]  
 sight: the sights of ... los  
 lugares de interés de ...  
 [loogar-es deh eentair-es]  
 sightseeing: we're going  
 sightseeing vamos a hacer

un recorrido turístico [bamos  
 a asair oon]  
 sightseeing tour el recorrido  
 turístico  
 sign (notice) el letrero [letrairo]  
 (roadsign) la señal de tráfico  
 [sen-yal deh]  
 signal: he didn't give a signal  
 no hizo ninguna señal [eeso]  
 signature la firma [feerma]  
 signpost el letrero [letrairo]  
 silence el silencio [seelens-yo]  
 silk la seda  
 silly tonto  
 silver la plata  
 silver foil el papel de  
 aluminio [aloomeen-yo]  
 similar parecido [pareeedo]  
 simple (easy) sencillo [sensee-  
 yo]  
 since: since yesterday desde  
 ayer [desdeh i-yair]  
 since we got here desde que  
 llegamos aquí [keh yegamos  
 akee]  
 sing cantar  
 singer el/la cantante  
 [kantanteh]  
 single: a single to ... un  
 boleto de ida para ... [deh  
 eeda]  
 I'm single (said by man/woman)  
 soy soltero/soltera [soltairo]  
 single bed la cama  
 individual [eendeebeedwal]  
 single room el cuarto  
 individual [kwarto]  
 single ticket el boleto de ida  
 [deh eeda]

sink (in kitchen) **el fregadero**  
 [fregadairo]  
 sister **la hermana** [airmana]  
 sister-in-law **la cuñada** [koon-  
 yada]  
 sit: can I sit here? **¿puedo**  
**sentarme aquí?** [pwedo  
 sentarmeh akee]  
 is anyone sitting here? **¿está**  
**ocupado este asiento?** [esteh  
 as-yento]  
 sit down **sentarse** [sentarseh]  
 sit down! **¡siéntese!**  
 [s-yenteseh]  
 size **el tamaño** [taman-yo]  
 (of clothes) **la talla** [ta-ya]  
 skin **la piel** [p-yel]  
 skin-diving **el buceo** [booseh-o]  
 skinny **flaco**  
 skirt **la falda**  
 sky **el cielo** [s-yelo]  
 sleep (verb) **dormir**  
 did you sleep well?  
**¿dormiste bien?** [dormeesteh  
 b-yen]  
 I need a good sleep **necesito**  
**dormir bien** [neseseeto]  
 sleeper (on train) **el coche-  
 cama** [kocheh kama]  
 sleeping bag **la bolsa de  
 dormir** [deh]  
 sleeping car **el coche-cama**  
 [kocheh-kama]  
 sleeping pill **la pastilla para  
 dormir** [paste-ya]  
 sleepy: I'm feeling sleepy  
**tengo sueño** [swen-yo]  
 sleeve **la manga**  
 slide (photographic) **la**

**diapositiva** [d-yaposeeteeba]  
 slip (under dress) **la funda**  
 [foonda]  
 slippery **resbaladizo**  
 [resbaladeeso]  
 slow **lento**  
 slow down! **¡cálmese!**  
 [kalmeseh]  
 slowly: could you say it  
 slowly? **¿podría decirlo  
 despacio?** [deseerlo despas-yo]  
 very slowly **muy lento**  
 [mwee]  
 small **chico**  
 smell: it smells! (smells bad)  
**¡apesta!**  
 smile (verb) **sonreír** [sonreh-eer]  
 smoke **el humo** [oomo]  
 do you mind if I smoke? **¿le  
 importa que fume?** [leh - keh  
 foomeh]  
 I don't smoke **no fumo**  
 do you smoke? **¿fuma?**  
 snack **la comida ligera**  
 [leehaira]  
 snake **la culebra, la víbora**  
 [beebora]  
 sneeze (verb) **estornudar**  
 snorkel **el tubo de buceo**  
 [toobo deh booseh-o]  
 snow **la nieve** [n-yebeh]  
 it's snowing **está nevando**  
 [nebando]  
 so: it's so good **es tan bueno**  
 [bweno]  
 not so fast **no tan de prisa**  
 [deh preesa]  
 so am I **yo también** [tamb-yen]  
 so do I **yo también**

so-so **más o menos**  
 soaking solution (for contact lenses) **el líquido preservador** [leekeedo presairbador]  
 soap **el jabón** [Habon]  
 soap powder **el jabón en polvo** [em polbo]  
 sober **sobrio** [sobr-yo]  
 sock **el calcetín** [kalseteen]  
 socket (electrical) **el enchufe** [enchoofeh]  
 soda (water) **la soda**  
 sofa **el sofá**  
 soft (material etc) **suave** [swabeh]  
 soft-boiled egg **el huevo pasado por agua** [webo - agwa]  
 soft drink **el refresco**  
 soft lenses **las lentes blandas** [lent-es]  
 sole (of shoe, of foot) **la suela** [swela]  
 could you put new soles on these? **¿podría cambiarles las suelas?** [kamb-yarl-es]  
 some: can I have some water? **¿me da agua?** [meh]  
 can I have some rolls? **¿me da unos bolillos?**  
 can I have some? **¿me da unos?**  
 somebody, someone **alguien** [alg-yen]  
 something **algo**  
 something to drink **algo de beber** [deh bebair]  
 sometimes **a veces** [bes-es]  
 somewhere **en alguna parte**

[parteh]  
 son **el hijo** [eeHo]  
 song **la canción** [kans-yon]  
 son-in-law **el yerno** [yairno]  
 soon **dentro de poco** [deh]  
 I'll be back soon **no me tardo** [meh]  
 as soon as possible **lo antes posible** [ant-es poseebleh]  
 sore: it's sore **me duele** [meh dweleh]  
 sore throat **el dolor de garganta** [deh]  
 sorry: (I'm) sorry **disculpe** [deeskoolpeh]  
 sorry? (didn't understand) **¿mande?** [mandeh]  
 sort: what sort of ...? **¿qué clase de ...?** [keh klaseh deh]  
 soup **la sopa**  
 sour (taste) **ácido** [aseedo]  
 south **el sur** [soor]  
 in the south **al sur**  
 South Africa **Sudáfrica**  
 South African (adj) **sudafricano**  
 I'm South African (man/woman) **soy sudafricano/sudafricana**  
 South America **América del Sur** [amaireeka]  
 South American (adj) **sudamericano** (man/woman) **el sudamericano, la sudamericana**  
 southeast **el sudeste** [sood-esteh]  
 southwest **el sudoeste** [soodo-esteh]  
 souvenir **el recuerdo** [rekwairdo]

Spain **España** [espan-ya]  
 Spaniard (man/woman) **el español** [espan-yol], **la española**  
 Spanish **español**  
 spanner **la llave inglesa** [yabeh]  
 spare parts **los repuestos** [repwestos], **las refacciones** [refaks-yon-es]  
 spare tyre **la llanta de repuesto** [yanta deh]  
 sparkplug **la bujía** [booHee-a]  
 speak **hablar** [ablar]  
 do you speak English?  
 ¿habla inglés? [abla eeng-les]  
 I don't speak ... **no hablo ...** [ablo]

## dialogue

can I speak to Pablo?  
 ¿puedo hablar con Pablo?  
 [pwedo]  
 who's calling? ¿quién le llama?  
 [k-yen leh yama]  
 it's Patricia **soy Patricia**  
 I'm sorry, he's not in, can I take a message? **lo siento, no está, ¿quiere dejar recado?** [s-yento – k-yaireh deh-Har]  
 no thanks, I'll call back later **no gracias, llamaré más tarde** [gras-yas yamareh mas tardeh]  
 please tell him I called **por favor, dígame que llamé** [fabor deegaleh keh yameh]

speciality **la especialidad** [espes-yaleeda]  
 spectacles **las gafas**  
 speed **la velocidad** [beloseeda]  
 speed limit **el límite de velocidad** [leemeeteh deh]  
 speedometer **el velocímetro** [beloseemetro]  
 spell: how do you spell it?  
 ¿cómo se escribe? [seh eskreebeh]  
 see **alphabet**  
 spend **gastar**  
 spider **la araña** [aran-ya]  
 spin-dryer **la secadora**  
 splinter **la astilla** [asteey-ya]  
 spoke (in wheel) **el radio** [rad-yo]  
 spoon **la cuchara**  
 sport **el deporte** [deporteh]  
 sprain: I've sprained my ... **me torcí el ...** [meh torsee]  
 spring (season) **la primavera** [preemabaira]  
 (of car, seat) **el resorte** [resorteh]  
 square (in town) **la plaza** [plasa]  
 main square **el zócalo** [sokalo]  
 stairs **la escalera** [eskalaira]  
 stale (bread) **duro** (food) **pasado**  
 stall: the engine keeps stalling **el motor se para cada rato** [seh]  
 stamp **la estampilla** [estampeey-ya], **el timbre** [teembreh]

## dialogue

a stamp for England,  
please **una estampilla**  
para Inglaterra, por favor  
[fabor]  
what are you sending?  
¿qué es lo que envía? [keh  
– embee-a]  
this postcard **esta postal**

standby el vuelo standby  
[bwelo]  
star la estrella [estreh-ya]  
(in film) el/la protagonista  
start el principio  
[preenseep-yo]  
(verb) comenzar [komensar]  
when does it start? ¿cuándo  
comienza? [kwando com-yensa]  
the car won't start el carro  
no arranca  
starter (of car) el motor de  
arranque [arrankeh]  
(food) la entrada  
starving: I'm starving me  
muero de hambre [meh  
mwairo deh ambreh]  
state (country) el estado  
the States (USA) los Estados  
Unidos [ooneedos]  
station la estación de  
ferrocarril [estas-yon deh  
fairrokarreel]  
statue la estatua [estatwa]  
stay: where are you staying?  
¿dónde está alojado? [dondeh  
– alohado]  
I'm staying at ... (said by man/

woman) estoy alojado/  
alojada en ...  
I'd like to stay another two  
nights me gustaría quedarme  
dos noches más [meh  
– kedarmeh – noch-es]  
steak el filete [feeleteh]  
steal robar  
my bag has been stolen me  
robaron el bolso [meh]  
steep (hill) empinado,  
escarpado  
steering la dirección [deereks-  
yon]  
step: on the steps en las  
escaleras [eskalairas]  
stereo el estéreo [estaireh-o]  
sterling la libra esterlina  
[estairleena]  
steward (on plane) el auxiliar  
de vuelo [owkseel-yar deh  
bwelo]  
stewardess la azafata [asafata]  
sticking plaster la tiritita  
still: I'm still waiting sigo  
esperando  
is he still there? ¿sigue ahí?  
[seegeh a-ee]  
keep still! ¡quédese quieto!  
[kedeseh k-yeto]  
sting: I've been stung algo me  
ha picado [meh a]  
stockings las medias [med-yas]  
stomach el estómago  
stomach ache el dolor de  
estómago [deh]  
stone (rock) la piedra [p-yedra]  
stop (verb) parar  
please, stop here (to taxi driver

etc) **pare aquí, por favor** [pareh akee por fabor]  
 do you stop near ...? **¿para cerca de ...?** [sairka deh]  
 stop doing that! **¡deje de hacer eso!** [deh-Heh deh asair]  
 stopover **la escala**  
 storm **la tormenta**  
 straight: it's straight ahead **todo recto**  
 a straight whisky **un whisky solo**  
 straightaway **en seguida** [segeeda]  
 strange (odd) **extraño** [estran-yo]  
 stranger (man/woman) **el forastero** [forastairo], **la forastera**  
 I'm a stranger here **no soy de aquí** [deh akee]  
 strap **la correa** [korreh-a]  
 strawberry **la fresa, la frutilla** [frootee-ya]  
 stream **el arroyo** [arro-yo]  
 street **la calle** [ka-yeh]  
 on the street **en la calle**  
 streetmap **el plano de la ciudad** [deh la s-yooda]  
 string **la cuerda** [kwairda]  
 strong **fuerte** [fwairteh]  
 stuck **atascar**  
 the key's stuck **la llave se atascó** [yabeh seh]  
 student **el/la estudiante** [estood-yanteh]  
 subway (US) **el metro**  
 suburb **el suburbio** [sooboorb-yo]  
 suddenly **de repente** [deh

repenteh]  
 suede **el ante** [anteh]  
 sugar **el azúcar** [asookar]  
 suit **el traje** [traHeh]  
 it doesn't suit me (jacket etc) **no me queda bien** [meh keda b-yen]  
 it suits you **te queda muy bien** [teh - mwee]  
 suitcase **la maleta**  
 summer **el verano** [bairano]  
 in the summer **en verano**  
 sun **el sol**  
 in the sun **al sol**  
 out of the sun **a la sombra**  
 sunbathe **tomar el sol**  
 sunblock (cream) **la crema protectora, el filtro solar**  
 sunburn **la quemadura de sol** [kemadoora deh]  
 sunburnt **quemado** [kemado]  
 Sunday **domingo**  
 sunglasses **las gafas de sol** [deh]  
 sun lounger **la tumbona**  
 sunny: it's sunny **hace sol** [aseh]  
 sunroof (in car) **el techo corredizo** [korredeeso]  
 sunset **la puesta del sol** [pwesta]  
 sunshade **la sombrilla** [sombree-ya]  
 sunshine **la luz del sol** [loos]  
 sunstroke **la insolación** [eensolas-yon]  
 suntan **el bronceado** [bronseh-ado]  
 suntan lotion **la loción**

bronceadora [los-yon bronseh-adora]  
 suntanned bronceado [bronseh-ado]  
 suntan oil el aceite  
 bronceador [asayteh]  
 super fabuloso  
 supermarket el supermercado [soopairmairkado]  
 supper la cena [sena]  
 supplement (extra charge) el suplemento [sooplemento]  
 sure: are you sure? ¿está seguro?  
 sure! ¡por supuesto!  
 [soopwesto]  
 surfboard la tabla de surf [deh soorf]  
 surfing el surfing  
 surname el apellido [apeh-yedo]  
 swearword la grosería [grosairee-a]  
 sweater el suéter [swetair]  
 sweatshirt la sudadera [soodadaira]  
 Sweden Suecia [swes-ya]  
 Swedish (adj) sueco [sweko]  
 sweet (dessert) el postre [postreh]  
 (adj: taste) dulce [doolseh]  
 sweetcorn el elote [eloteh]  
 sweets los dulces [dools-es]  
 swelling el hinchazón [eenchason]  
 swim (verb) bañarse [ban-yarseh]  
 I'm going for a swim voy a bañarme [boy a ban-yarmeh]

let's go for a swim vamos a bañarnos [bamos a ban-yarnos]  
 swimming costume el traje de baño [traheh deh ban-yo]  
 swimming pool la alberca [albairka]  
 swimming trunks el traje de baño [traheh deh ban-yo]  
 switch el interruptor [eentairooptor]  
 switch off apagar  
 switch on prender [prendair]  
 swollen hinchado [eenchado]

## T

table la mesa  
 a table for two una mesa para dos  
 tablecloth el mantel  
 table tennis el ping-pong  
 table wine el vino de mesa [beeno deh]  
 tailback (of traffic) la caravana de carros [karabana deh]  
 tailor el sastre [sastreh]  
 take (lead) tomar (accept) aceptar [aseptar]  
 can you take me to the airport? ¿me lleva al aeropuerto? [meh yeba al iropwairto]  
 do you take credit cards? ¿acepta tarjetas de crédito? [asepta tarhetas deh kredeeto]  
 fine, I'll take it me llevo éste [meh yebo esteh]  
 can I take this? (leaflet etc)

¿puedo llevarme esto? [pwedo yebarmeh]

how long does it take?

¿cuánto tarda? [kwanto]

it takes three hours **tarda tres horas** [oras]

is this seat taken? ¿**está ocupado este asiento?** [esteh as-yento]

a hamburger to take away **una hamburguesa para llevar** [yebah]

can you take a little off here? (to hairdresser) ¿puede quitarme un poco de aquí? [pwedeh keetarmeh – deh akee]

talcum powder **el talco**

talk (verb) **platicar**

tall **alto**

tampons **los tampones** [tampon-es]

tan **el bronceado** [bronseh-ado]  
to get a tan **broncearse** [bronseh-arseh]

tank (in car) **el depósito** [depooseeto]

tap **la llave** [yabeh]

tape (for cassette) **la cinta** [seenta]

(sticky) **la cinta adhesiva** [adeseeba]

tape measure **la cinta métrica**

tape recorder **la grabadora**

taste **el sabor**

can I taste it? ¿puedo probarlo? [pwedo]

taxi **el taxi, el colectivo** [kolekteebo]

will you get me a taxi? ¿me

consigue un taxi? [meh konseegeh]

where can I find a taxi?

¿dónde encuentro un taxi? [dondeh enkwentro]

## dialogue

to the airport/to the Sol Hotel please **al aeropuerto/al hotel Sol, por favor** [iropwairto/al otel – fabor]

how much will it be?

¿cuánto va a ser? [kwanto ba a sair]

1,000 pesos **mil pesos**

that's fine, right here,

thanks **está bien aquí**

**mismo, gracias** [b-yen akee meesmo gras-yas]

taxi-driver **el/la taxista**

taxi rank **la parada de taxis** [deh]

tea (drink) **el té** [teh]

tea for one/two please **un té/dos té, por favor** [fabor]

teabags **las bolsas de té** [deh]

teach: could you teach me?

¿podría enseñarme? [ensen-yarmeh]

teacher (primary: man/woman) **el maestro** [ma-estro], **la maestra**

(secondary) **el profesor, la profesora**

team **el equipo** [ekeepo]

teaspoon **la cucharita**

tea towel **el trapo de cocina**



[deh koseena]  
 teenager el/la adolescente  
 [adolesenteh]  
 telephone el teléfono  
 see phone  
 television la televisión  
 [telebees-yon]  
 tell: could you tell him ...?  
 ¿podría decirle ...? [deseerleh]  
 temperature (weather) la  
 temperatura [tempairatooora]  
 (fever) la fiebre [f-yebreh]  
 temple el templo  
 tennis el tenis  
 tennis ball la pelota de tenis  
 [deh]  
 tennis court la cancha de tenis  
 tennis racket la raqueta de  
 tenis [raketa]  
 tent la tienda de campaña  
 [t-yenda deh kampān-ya] la carpa  
 term (at university, school) el  
 trimestre [treemestreh]  
 terminus (rail) la terminal  
 [tairmeenal]  
 terrible malísimo  
 terrific fabuloso [fabooloso]  
 text (message) el mensaje (de  
 texto) [mensaheh]  
 than\* que [keh]  
 smaller than más pequeño  
 que [peken-yo]  
 thanks, thank you gracias  
 [gras-yas]  
 thank you very much muchas  
 gracias [moochas]  
 thanks for the lift gracias por  
 traerme [tra-airmeh]  
 no thanks no gracias

## dialogue

thanks gracias  
 that's OK, don't mention it  
 no hay de qué [ī deh keh]

that: that man ese hombre  
 [eseh ombreh]  
 that woman esa mujer  
 [mooHair]  
 that one ése [eseh]  
 I hope that ... espero que ...  
 [espairo keh]  
 that's nice (clothes, souvenir etc)  
 qué lindo  
 is that ...? ¿es ése ...?  
 that's it (that's right) eso es  
 the\* el, la; (pl) los, las  
 theatre el teatro [teh-atro]  
 their\* su; (pl) sus [soos]  
 theirs\* su, sus; (pl) suyos  
 [soo-yos], suyas; de ellos [deh  
 eh-yos], de ellas  
 them\* (things) los, las  
 (people) les  
 for them para ellos/ellas [eh-  
 yos/eh-yas]  
 with them con ellos/ellas  
 I gave it to them se lo di a  
 ellos/ellas [seh]  
 who? – them ¿quiénes?  
 – ellos/ellas [k-yen-es]  
 then luego [lwego]  
 there allí [a-ye]  
 over there allá [a-ya]  
 up there allá arriba  
 is/are there ...? ¿hay ...? [ī]  
 there is/are ... hay ...  
 there you are (giving something)

aquí tiene [akee t-yeneh]  
 thermometer el termómetro  
 [tairmómetro]  
 Thermos® flask el termo  
 [tairmo]  
 these: these men estos  
 hombres  
 these women estas mujeres  
 can I have these? ¿me puedo  
 llevar éstos? [meh pwedo yebar]  
 they\* (male) ellos [eh-yos]  
 (female) ellas [eh-yas]  
 thick grueso [groo-eso]  
 (stupid) bruto  
 thief (man/woman) el ladrón, la  
 ladrona  
 thigh el muslo  
 thin flaco  
 thing la cosa  
 my things mis cosas [mees]  
 think pensar  
 (believe) creer [kreh-air]  
 I think so creo que sí [kreh-o  
 keh]  
 I don't think so no creo  
 I'll think about it lo pensaré  
 [pensareh]  
 third party insurance el seguro  
 contra terceros  
 [tairsairos]  
 thirsty: I'm thirsty tengo sed  
 [seh]  
 this: this man este hombre  
 [esteh]  
 this woman esta mujer  
 this one éste/ésta [esteh]  
 this is my wife le presento a  
 mi mujer [leh]  
 is this ...? ¿es éste/ésta ...?

those: those men aquellos  
 hombres [akeh-yos]  
 those women aquellas  
 mujeres [akeh-yas]  
 which ones? – those ¿cuáles?  
 – aquéllos/aquéllas [kwal-es]  
 thread el hilo [eelo]  
 throat la garganta  
 throat pastilles las pastillas  
 para la garganta [paste-yas]  
 through a través de [trav-es deh]  
 does it go through ...? (train,  
 bus) ¿pasa por ...?  
 throw (verb) echar, aventar  
 [abentar]  
 throw away (verb) tirar, botar  
 thumb el pulgar  
 thunderstorm la tormenta  
 Thursday jueves [Hweb-es]  
 ticket el boleto

## dialogue

a return to Tijuana un  
 boleto de ida y vuelta a  
 Tijuana [deh eeda ee bwelta a  
 teeHwana]  
 coming back when?  
 ¿cuándo piensa regresar?  
 [kwando p-yensa]  
 today/next Tuesday hoy/el  
 martes que viene [oy/el  
 mart-es keh b-yeneh]  
 that will be 2,000 pesos  
 son dos mil pesos

ticket office (bus, rail) la  
 taquilla [takee-ya], la  
 boletería [boletaiee-a]

tide **la marea** [mareh-a]  
 tie (necktie) **la corbata**  
 tight (clothes etc) **ajustado**  
 [aHoostado]  
 it's too tight **me viene estrecho** [meh b-yeneh]  
 tights **las pantimedias**  
 [panteemed-yas]  
 till **la caja** [kaHa]  
 time\* **el tiempo** [t-yempo]  
 what's the time? **¿qué hora es?** [keh ora]  
 this time **esta vez** [bes]  
 last time **la última vez**  
 [oolteema]  
 next time **la próxima vez**  
 four times **cuatro veces**  
 [bes-es]  
 timetable **el horario** [orar-yo]  
 tin (can) **la lata**, **el bote** [boteh]  
 tinfoil **el papel de aluminio**  
 [aloomeen-yo]  
 tin-opener **el abrelatas**  
 tiny **minúsculo** [meenookoolo]  
 tip (to waiter etc) **la propina**  
 tired **cansado**  
 I'm tired (said by a man/woman)  
**estoy cansado/cansada**  
 tissues **los klínex®**  
 to: to Puebla/London **a Puebla/Londres**  
 to Mexico/England **a México/Inglaterra**  
 to the post office **a la oficina de Correos**  
 toast (bread) **la tostada**  
 today **hoy** [oy]  
 toe **el dedo del pie** [p-yeh]  
 together **juntos** [Hoontos]

we're together (in shop etc)  
**estamos juntos**  
 can we pay together?  
**¿podemos pagar todo junto, por favor?** [fabor]  
 toilet **el baño** [ban-yo], **los servicios** [sairbees-yos]  
 where is the toilet? **¿dónde están los servicios?** [dondeh]  
 I have to go to the toilet  
**tengo que ir al baño** [keh]  
 toilet paper **el papel higiénico**  
 [eeh-yeneeko]  
 tomato **el jitomate**  
 [heetomateh]  
 tomato juice **el jugo de jitomate** [Hoogo deh]  
 tomato ketchup **el catsup**  
 tomorrow **mañana** [man-yana]  
 tomorrow morning **mañana por la mañana**  
 the day after tomorrow  
**pasado mañana**  
 toner (for skin) **el tonificador facial** [fas-yal]  
 tongue **la lengua** [lengwa]  
 tonic (water) **la tónica**  
 tonight **esta noche** [nocheh]  
 tonsillitis **las anginas**  
 [anHeenas]  
 too (excessively) **demasiado**  
 [demas-yado]  
 (also) **también** [tamb-yen]  
 too hot **demasiado caliente**  
 [kal-yenteh]  
 too much **demasiado**  
 me too **yo también**  
 tooth **el diente** [d-yenteh], **la muela** [mwela]

toothache el dolor de muelas [deh]  
 toothbrush el cepillo de dientes [seep~~ee~~-yo deh d-yent-es]  
 toothpaste la pasta de dientes  
 top: on top of ... encima de ... [enseema deh], arriba de  
 at the top en la parte de arriba [parteh]  
 at the top of ... en la parte más alta de ...  
 top floor el último piso [oolteemo]  
 topless topless  
 torch la linterna [leentairna]  
 total el total [tot-al]  
 tour la excursión [eskoors-yon]  
 is there a tour of ...? ¿hay recorrido de ...? [i - deh]  
 tour guide el/la guía turístico [gee-a]  
 tourist el/la turista  
 tourist information office la oficina de información turística [ofeeseena deh eenformas-yon]  
 tour operator la agencia de viajes [ahens-ya deh b-yaH-es]  
 towards hacia [as-ya]  
 towel la toalla [to-a-ya]  
 town la ciudad [s-yooda]  
 in town en el centro [sentro]  
 just out of town a la salida de la ciudad  
 town centre el centro de la ciudad [sentro deh la s-yooda]  
 town hall el ayuntamiento [i-yoontam-yento]  
 toy el juguete [Hoogeteh]

track (US) la vía [bee-a]  
 tracksuit el chandal  
 traditional tradicional [tradees-yonal]  
 traffic el tránsito, la circulación [seerkoolas-yon]  
 traffic jam el embotellamiento [emboteh-yam-yento]  
 traffic lights el semáforo  
 trailer (for carrying tent etc) el remolque [remolkeh]  
 (US: caravan) la caravana [karabana]  
 trailer park el camping  
 train el tren  
 by train en tren

## dialogue

is this the train for ...? ¿es éste el tren para ...? [esteh]  
 sure sí, exacto  
 no, you want that platform there no, tiene que ir a aquella vía [t-yeneh keh eer a akeh-ya bee-a]

trainers (shoes) los tráiner [trínair]  
 train station la estación de ferrocarril [estas-yon deh fairokareel]  
 tram el tranvía [trambee-a]  
 translate traducir [tradooseer]  
 could you translate that? ¿podría traducir eso?  
 translation la traducción [tradooks-yon]

translator (man/woman) el traductor, la traductora  
 trashcan el bote de la basura [boteh deh]  
 travel (verb) viajar [b-yaHar] we're travelling around andamos de paseo [deh paseh-o]  
 travel agent's la agencia de viajes [ahens-ya deh b-yaH-es]  
 traveller's cheque el cheque de viajero [chekeh deh b-yaHairo]  
 tray la bandeja [bandeHa]  
 tree el árbol  
 tremendous tremendo  
 trendy de moda [deh]  
 trim: just a trim please (to hairdresser) córttemelo sólo un poco, por favor [fabor]  
 trip (excursion) la excursión [eskoors-yon] I'd like to go on a trip to ... me gustaría hacer una excursión a ... [meh - asair]  
 trolley el carrito  
 trouble problemas [problemas] I'm having trouble with ... tengo problemas con ... sorry to trouble you disculpe la molestia [deeskoolpeh]  
 trousers los pantalones [pantalon-es]  
 true cierto [s-yairto] that's not true no es cierto  
 trunk (US) la cajueta [kaHwela]  
 trunks (swimming) el traje de baño [traHeh deh ban-yo]  
 try (verb) intentar can I try it? ¿puedo

intentarlo yo? [pwedo] try on: can I try it on? ¿puedo probármelo?  
 T-shirt la camiseta, la playera [pli-yaira]  
 Tuesday martes [mart-es]  
 tuna el bonito  
 tunnel el túnel [toonel]  
 turn: turn left/right tuerce a la izquierda/derecha [twairseh]  
 turn off: where do I turn off? ¿dónde doy vuelta? [dondeh doy bwelta] can you turn the heating off? ¿puede apagar la calefacción? [pwedeh -kalefaks-yon]  
 turn on: can you turn the heating on? ¿puede poner la calefacción? [ponair]  
 turning (in road) el desvío [desbee-o]  
 TV la tele [teleh]  
 tweezers las pinzas [peensas]  
 twice dos veces [bes-es] twice as much el doble [dobleh]  
 twin beds las camas gemelas [Hemelas]  
 twin room el cuarto con dos camas [kwarto]  
 twist: I've twisted my ankle me torcí el tobillo [meh torsee el tobee-yo]  
 type el tipo [teepo] a different type of ... otro tipo de ... [deh]  
 typical típico [teeppeeko]  
 tyre la llanta [yanta]

## U

ugly feo [feh-o]  
 UK el Reino Unido [rayno  
 ooneedo]  
 ulcer la úlcera [oolsaira]  
 umbrella el paraguas  
 [paragwas]  
 uncle el tío  
 unconscious inconsciente  
 [eenkons-yenteh]  
 under (in position) debajo de  
 [debaHo deh]  
 (less than) menos de  
 underdone (meat) poco hecho  
 [echo]  
 underground (railway) el metro  
 underpants los calzones  
 [kalsón-es]  
 understand: I understand lo  
 entiendo [ent-yendo]  
 I don't understand no  
 entiendo  
 do you understand?  
 ¿entiende Usted? [ent-yendeh  
 oosteh]  
 unemployed desempleado  
 [desempleh-ado]  
 unfashionable fuera de moda  
 [fwaira deh]  
 United States los Estados  
 Unidos [ooneedos]  
 university la universidad  
 [ooneebairseeda]  
 unleaded petrol la gasolina sin  
 plomo [seen]  
 unlimited mileage sin límite  
 de kilometraje [leemeeteh deh

keelometraHeh]  
 unlock abrir [abreer]  
 unpack deshacer las maletas  
 [desasair]  
 until hasta que [asta keh]  
 unusual poco común [koomoon]  
 up arriba  
 up there allá arriba [a-ya]  
 he's not up yet (not out of bed)  
 todavía no se ha levantado  
 [todabee-a no seh a lebandado]  
 what's up? (what's wrong?)  
 ¿qué pasa? [keh]  
 upmarket (restaurant, hotel etc)  
 de lujo [deh looHo]  
 upset stomach el mal del  
 estómago  
 upside down al revés [reb-es],  
 boca abajo [abaHo]  
 upstairs arriba  
 urgent urgente [oorHenteh]  
 Uruguayan (adj) uruguayo  
 [ooroogwī-yo]  
 us\*: with us con nosotros/  
 nosotras  
 for us para nosotros/nosotras  
 USA EE.UU., Estados  
 Unidos [ooneedos]  
 use (verb) emplear [empleh-ar]  
 may I use ...? ¿me  
 permite ...? [meh permeeteh]  
 useful útil [ooteel]  
 usual de costumbre [deh  
 kostoombreh]  
 the usual (drink etc) lo de  
 siempre [s-yempreh]

## V

vacancy: do you have any vacancies? (hotel) ¿tiene cuartos libres? [t-yeneh kwartos leeb-res]

vacation las vacaciones [bakasyon-es]

vaccination la vacuna [bakooona]

vacuum cleaner la aspiradora

valid (ticket etc) válido [baleedo]

how long is it valid for?

¿hasta cuándo tiene validez?

[asta kwando t-yeneh baleed-es]

valley el valle [ba-yeh]

valuable (adj) valioso [bal-yoso]

can I leave my valuables

here? ¿puedo dejar aquí mis

objetos de valor? [pwedo deh-

har akee mees obhetos deh balor]

value el valor

van la camioneta [kam-yoneta]

vanilla vainilla [binee-ya]

a vanilla ice cream un

helado de vainilla [elado deh]

vary: it varies depende

[dependeh]

vase el florero [florairo]

veal la ternera [tairnaira]

vegetables las verduras

[bairdooras]

vegetarian (man/woman) el

vegetariano [behetar-yano], la

vegetariana

vending machine la máquina

vendedora [makeena bendedora]

Venezuelan (adj) venezolano

[benesolano]

very muy [mwee]

very little for me muy

poquito para mí [pokeeto]

I like it very much me gusta

mucho [meh goosta moocho]

vest (under shirt) la camiseta

via por

video el video [beedeh-o]

view la vista [beesta]

villa el chalet [chaleh]

village el pueblo [pweblo]

vinegar el vinagre [beenagreh]

vineyard el viñedo [been-yedo]

visa la visa

visit (verb) visitar [beeseetar]

I'd like to visit Guanajuato

me gustaría conocer

Guanajuato [konosair

gwanaHwato]

vital: it's vital that ... es

imprescindible que ...

[eempreseendebleh keh]

vodka el vodka [bodka]

voice la voz [bos]

volcano el volcán [bolkan]

voltage el voltaje [boltaHeh]

vomit vomitar [bomeetar]

vulture el zopilote [sopeeloteh]

## W

waist la cintura [seentoora]

waistcoat el chaleco

wait esperar [espairar]

wait for me espéreme

[espairemeh]

don't wait for me no me

espere [meh espaireh]  
 can I wait until my wife/  
 partner gets here? ¿puedo  
 esperar hasta que llegue mi  
 mujer/compañero? [pwedo  
 – asta keh yegeh]  
 can you do it while I wait?  
 ¿puede hacerlo ahora  
 mismo? [pwedeh asairlo a-ora]  
 could you wait here for me?  
 ¿puede esperarme aquí?  
 [espairarmeh akee]  
 waiter el mesero [mesairo]  
 waiter! ¡señor! [sen-yor]  
 waitress la mesera [mesaira]  
 waitress! ¡señorita! [sen-  
 yoreeta]  
 wake: can you wake me up at  
 5.30? ¿podría despertarme  
 a las cinco y media?  
 [despairarmeh]  
 wake-up call la llamada para  
 despertar [yamada]  
 Wales Gales [gal-es]  
 walk: is it a long walk? ¿se  
 tarda mucho caminando?  
 [seh – moocho]  
 it's only a short walk está  
 cerca [sairka]  
 I'll walk iré caminando  
 [eereh]  
 I'm going for a walk voy a  
 dar una vuelta [boy – bwelta]  
 Walkman® el walkman®  
 [wolkman]  
 wall (inside) la pared [pareh]  
 (outside) el muro  
 wallet la cartera [kartaira]  
 wander: I like just wandering

around me gusta caminar sin  
 rumbo fijo [meh goosta – seen  
 roombo feehO]  
 want: I want a ... quiero un/  
 una ... [k-yairo]  
 I don't want ... no quiero  
 ninguno/ninguna ...  
 I want to go home quiero  
 irme a casa [eermeh]  
 I don't want to no quiero  
 he wants to ... quiere ...  
 [k-yaireh]  
 what do you want? ¿qué  
 quiere? [keh]  
 ward (in hospital) el pabellón  
 [pabeh-yon]  
 warm caliente [kal-yenteh]  
 I'm very warm tengo mucho  
 calor [moocho]  
 was\*: it was ... era ... [aira];  
 estaba ...  
 wash (verb) lavar [labar]  
 can you wash these? ¿puede  
 lavar estos? [pwedeh]  
 washer (for bolt etc) el  
 fregadero [fregadairo]  
 washhand basin el lavabo  
 [lababo]  
 washing (clothes) la ropa sucia  
 [soos-ya]  
 washing machine la lavadora  
 [labadora]  
 washing powder el  
 detergente [detairhenteH]  
 washing-up liquid el  
 (detergente) lavavajillas  
 [lababaHee-yas]  
 wasp la avispa [abeeSPA]  
 watch (wristwatch) el reloj



[reloh]

will you watch my things for me? ¿puede cuidarme mis cosas? [pwedeh kweedarmeh mees]

watch out! ¡cuidado!  
[kweedado]

watch strap la correa [korreh-a]

water el agua [agwa]

may I have some water? ¿me da un poco de agua? [meh – deh]

waterproof (adj) impermeable  
[eempairmeh-ableh]

waterskiing el esquí acuático  
[eskee akwateeko]

wave (in sea) la ola

way: it's this way es por aquí  
[akee]

it's that way es por allí [a-yeé]

is it a long way to ...? ¿queda lejos ...? [keda leh-HOS]

no way! ¡de ninguna manera!  
[deh – manaira]

## dialogue

could you tell me the way to ...? podría indicarme el camino a ...?  
[eendeekarmeh]

go straight on until you reach the traffic lights siga recto hasta llegar al semáforo [asta yegar]

turn left tuerce a la izquierda [twairseh]

take the first on the right tome la primera a la

derecha [tomeh]

see where

we\* nosotros, nosotras

weak débil

weather el tiempo [t-yempo]

## dialogue

what's the weather going to be like? ¿qué tiempo va a hacer? [keh – ba a asair]

it's going to be fine va a hacer bueno [bwenó]

it's going to rain va a llover  
[yobair]

it'll brighten up later despejará más tarde [despeh-Hara mas tardeh]

wedding la boda

wedding ring el anillo de casado [anee-yó]

Wednesday miércoles  
[m-yairkol-es]

week la semana

a week (from) today dentro de una semana [deh]

a week (from) tomorrow dentro de una semana a partir de mañana [man-yana]

weekend el fin de semana  
[feen deh]

at the weekend el fin de semana

weight el peso

weird extraño [ekstran-yó]

weirdo: he's a weirdo es un tipo raro [teepo]

welcome: welcome to ...  
**bienvenido** a ...  
 [b-yenbeneedo]  
 you're welcome (don't mention it) **no hay de qué** [ɪ deh keh]  
 well: I don't feel well **no me siento bien** [meh s-yento b-yen]  
 she's not well **no se siente bien** [seh s-yenteh]  
 you speak English very well **habla inglés muy bien** [abla eeng-les mwee]  
 well done! ¡bravo! [brabo]  
 this one as well **éste también** [esteh tamb-yen]  
 well well! (surprise) ¡ándale, pues! [andaleh pwees]

## dialogue

how are you? ¿cómo le va?  
 [leh ba]  
 very well, thanks **muy bien, gracias** [mwee b-yen gras-yas]  
 – and you? – ¿y Usted?  
 [ee oosteh]

well-done (meat) **bien hecho**  
 [b-yen echo]  
 Welsh **galés** [gal-es]  
 I'm Welsh (man/woman) **soy galés/galesa**  
 were\*: we were **estábamos; éramos** [airamos]  
 you were **estaban; eran**  
 [airan]

they were **estaban**; eran  
 west el oeste [o-esteh], el **occidente** [okseedenteh]  
 in the west **en el oeste**  
 West Indian (adj) **antillano**  
 [antee-yano]  
 wet **mojado** [moHado]  
 what? ¿qué? [keh]  
 what's that? ¿qué es eso?  
 what should I do? ¿qué **hago?** [a-go]  
 what a view! ¡qué **vista!**  
 what number bus is it? ¿qué **número de camión es ese?**  
 [noomairo deh – eseh]  
 wheel **la rueda** [rweða]  
 wheelchair **la silla de ruedas**  
 [see-ya deh rweðas]  
 when? ¿cuándo? [kwando]  
 when we get back **cuando regresamos**  
 when's the train/ferry?  
 ¿cuándo es el tren/ferry?  
 where? ¿dónde? [dondeh]  
 I don't know where it is **no sé dónde está** [seh]

## dialogue

where is the cathedral?  
 ¿dónde está **la catedral?**  
 it's over there **está por ahí**  
 [a-ee]  
 could you show me where it is on the map?  
 ¿puede enseñarme en el **mapa**  
 dónde está? [pwedeh ensen-yarmeh]  
 it's just here **está aquí**

**mero** [akee mairo]  
see way

which: which bus? ¿qué  
camión? [keh]

## dialogue

which one? ¿cuál? [kwal]  
that one ese [eseh]  
this one? ¿éste? [esteh]  
no, that one no, aquél  
[akel]

while: while I'm here ya que  
estoy aquí [keh estoy akee]  
whisky el whisky  
white blanco  
white wine el vino blanco  
[beeno]  
who? ¿quién? [k-yen]  
who is it? ¿quién es?  
the man who ... el hombre  
que... [keh]  
whole: the whole week toda  
la semana  
the whole lot todo  
whose: whose is this? ¿de  
quién es esto? [deh k-yen]  
why? ¿por qué? [keh]  
why not? ¿por qué no?  
wide ancho  
wife la mujer [mooHair], la  
esposa  
will\*: will you do it for me?  
¿puede hacer esto por mí?  
[pwedeh asair]  
wind el viento [b-yento]  
window (of house) la ventana

[bentana]  
(of ticket office, vehicle) la  
ventanilla [bentaneeya]  
near the window cerca de la  
ventana [sairka deh]  
in the window (of shop) en el  
escaparate [eskaparateh]  
window seat el asiento junto  
a la ventana [as-yento Hooonto a  
la bentana]  
windscreen el parabrisas  
windscreen wiper el  
limpiaparabrisas [leemp-ya-  
parabreesas]  
windsurfing el windsurf  
windy: it's very windy hace  
mucho viento [aseh moocho  
b-yento]  
wine el vino [beeno]  
can we have some more  
wine? ¿podría traernos más  
vino? [tra-airnos]  
wine list la lista de vinos  
[leesta deh beenos]  
winter el invierno [eemb-  
yairno]  
in the winter en invierno  
winter holiday las vacaciones  
de invierno  
[bakas-yon-es deh]  
wire el alambre [alambreh]  
(electric) el cable eléctrico  
[kableh]  
wish: best wishes saludos  
with con  
I'm staying with ... estoy en  
casa de ... [deh]  
without sin [seen]  
witness el/la testigo [testeego]

will you be a witness for me? ¿acepta ser mi testigo? [asepta sair]  
 woman **la mujer** [mooHair]  
 wonderful **estupendo** [estoopendo]  
 won't: it won't start **no arranca**  
 wood (material) **la madera** [madaira]  
 woods (forest) **el bosque** [boskeh]  
 wool **la lana**  
 word **la palabra**  
 work **el trabajo** [trabaHo]  
 it's not working **no funciona** [foons-yona]  
 I work in ... **trabajo en ...**  
 world **el mundo** [moondo]  
 worry: I'm worried (said by man/woman) **estoy preocupado/preocupada** [preh-okoopado]  
 worse: it's worse **es peor** [peh-or]  
 worst **el peor**  
 worth: is it worth a visit? ¿vale **la pena** visitarlo? [baleh – beesetarlo]  
 would: would you give this to ...? ¿le puede dar **esto** a ...? [leh pwedeh]  
 wrap: could you wrap it up? ¿me lo **envuelve?** [meh lo embwelbeh]  
 wrapping paper **el papel de envolver** [deh embolbair]  
 wrist **la muñeca** [moon-yeka]  
 write **escribir** [eskreebeer]

could you write it down? ¿puede **escribirmelo?** [pwedeh]  
 how do you write it? ¿cómo **se escribe?** [seh eskreebeh]  
 writing paper **el papel de escribir**  
 wrong: it's the wrong key **no es ésa la llave** [yabeh]  
 this is the wrong train **éste no es el tren** [esteh]  
 the bill's wrong **la cuenta está equivocada** [kwenta – ekeebokada]  
 sorry, wrong number **perdone, me equivoqué de número** [paironh meh ekeebokeh deh noomairo]  
 there's something wrong with ... **le pasa algo a ...** [leh]  
 what's wrong? ¿qué **pasa?** [keh]

## X

X-ray **la radiografía** [rad-yografee-a]

## Y

yacht **el yate** [yateh]  
 yard\* (courtyard) **el patio**  
 year **el año** [an-yo]  
 yellow **amarillo** [amaree-yo]  
 yes **sí**  
 yesterday **ayer** [i-yair]  
 yesterday morning **ayer por**

la mañana [man-yana]  
 the day before yesterday  
 anteyayer [anteh-ī-yair]

yet

## dialogue

is it here yet? ¿está aquí  
 ya? [akee]  
 no, not yet no, todavía no  
 [todabee-a]  
 you'll have to wait a little  
 longer yet tendrá que  
 esperar un poquito más  
 [keh espairar oon pokeeto]

yobbo el hampón [ampon]  
 yoghurt el yogur [yogoor]  
 you\* (fam, sing) tú [too]  
 (pol, sing) Usted [oosteh]  
 (pol, pl) Ustedes [oosted-es]  
 this is for you esto es para  
 tí/Usted  
 with you contigo/con  
 Usted  
 young joven [Hoben]  
 your\* (fam, sing) tu; (pl) tus  
 [toos]  
 (pol, sing) su; (pl) sus [soos]  
 yours\* (fam, sing) tuyo [too-yo],  
 tuya  
 (pol, sing) suyo [soo-yo],  
 suya; de Usted [deh  
 oosteh]  
 youth hostel el albergue  
 juvenil [albairgeh Hoobeneel]

## Z

zero cero [saïro]  
 zip el cierre [s-yairreh]  
 could you put a new zip in?  
 ¿podría cambiar el cierre?  
 [kamb-yar]  
 zip code el código postal  
 [pos-tal]  
 zoo el zoo(lógico) [zo(loHeeko)]



**Spanish**



English

## Colloquial Spanish

The following are words you might well hear. Some of them you wouldn't ever want to use and you shouldn't be tempted to use any of the stronger ones unless you are sure of your audience.

- ¡ándale pues! [andaleh pwes] go on then!, OK!
- ¡bien! [b-yen] good!
- cabrón **m** bastard
- ¡carajo! [karaHo] Christ!, shit!
- chingar to fuck
- ¡chinga tu madre! fuck off!
- coger [koHair] to fuck
- ¡Dios mío! [d-yos mee-o] my God!
- ¿dónde carajos? [dondeh] where in hell?
- ¡está padre! it's great!
- ¡hijo de la chingada! [eeHo] son of a bitch!
- ¡híjole! [eeHoleh] hell!, damn!
- joder [HoDair] to screw up
- ¡lárguese! [largeseh] go away!
- ¡lo jodiste! [Hodeesteh] you screwed up!
- mamón! idiot!
- mano pal, buddy
- marica **m**, maricón **m** queer
- mariposa **f** butterfly; fairy, pansy
- me pega la gana I feel like it
- me vale (madre) [madreh] I don't give a shit
- ¡mierda! [m-yairda] shit!
- ¡ni modo! well, what can you do?
- no le hace [leh aseh] don't worry about it
- ¡oiga! [oyga] listen here!; excuse me!
- ¡órale! [oraleh] go on then!, get on with it!
- pinche [peencheh] bloody, lousy
- pochó Americanized (used to refer to Americanized Mexican)
- ¡qué chingadera! [keh cheengadaira] what a fuck-up!
- ¡qué desmadre! [keh desmadreh] what a mess!
- ¿qué húbole? [keh ooboleh] how's it going?
- ¡qué va! [ba] no way!
- un chingo de [deh] loads of



# A

a to; at; per; from  
 abajo [abaHO] downstairs;  
 down below  
 abarrotes: tienda de abarrotes  
 f [t-yenda deh abarroT-es]  
 grocer's, dry goods store  
 abierto [ab-yairto] open  
 abierto de ... a ... open from ...  
 to ...  
 abierto las 24 horas del día  
 open 24 hours  
 abogada f, abogado m lawyer  
 abonos mpl season tickets  
 aborrezco [aborresko] I hate  
 ábrase aquí open here  
 ábrase en caso de emergencia  
 open in case of emergency  
 abrazo m [abraso] embrace  
 abrebotellas m [abreboteh-yas]  
 bottle-opener  
 abrelatas m tin-opener  
 abrigo m coat  
 abrigo de pieles [deh p-yel-es]  
 fur coat  
 abril m April  
 abrir to open  
 abróchense los cinturones  
 fasten your seatbelts  
 abuela f [abwela] grandmother  
 abuelo m grandfather  
 abuelos mpl grandparents  
 aburrido boring; bored  
 aburrirse [aboorrerse] to be  
 bored; to get bored  
 acabar to finish  
 acabo de ... [deh] I have

just ...  
 acantilado m cliff  
 acceso a ... access to ...  
 acceso a la vía to the trains  
 acceso playa to the beach  
 accidente m [akseedenteh]  
 accident  
 tener un accidente [tenair] to  
 have an accident  
 accidente de carro [deh] car  
 accident  
 accidente de montaña [montan-  
 ya] mountaineering accident  
 accidente de tránsito road  
 accident  
 accidente en cadena [kadena]  
 pile-up  
 acelerador m [aselairador]  
 accelerator, gas pedal  
 acelerar [aselairar] to accelerate  
 acento m [asento] accent  
 aceptar [aseptar] to accept  
 acera f [asaira] pavement,  
 sidewalk  
 acerca de [asairka deh] about,  
 concerning  
 acero m [asairo] steel  
 acetona f [asetona] nail polish  
 remover  
 ácido (m) [aseedo] sour; acid  
 acompañar [akompan-yar] to  
 accompany  
 le acompaño en el  
 sentimiento my condolences  
 acondicionador de pelo m  
 [akondees-yonador deh] hair  
 conditioner  
 aconsejar [akonseh-Har] to  
 advise

acordarse [akordarseh] to remember  
 acostar to put to bed; to lay down  
 acostarse [akostarseh] to lie down; to go to bed  
 al acostarse when you go to bed  
 actriz f [aktrees] actress  
 acuerdo m [akwairdo] agreement  
 estoy de acuerdo [deh] I agree  
 de acuerdo OK  
 adaptador m adaptor  
 adelantado: por adelantado [adelantado] in advance  
 adelantarse a [-arseh] to overtake  
 además de [deh] besides, as well as  
 adentro inside  
 adolescente m/f [adolesenteh] teenager  
 aduana f [adwana] Customs  
 aduanero m [adwanairo] Customs office  
 aerodeslizador m [a-airo-desleesador] hovercraft  
 aerolínea f [a-airoleeneh-a] airline  
 aeropuerto m [a-airopwairto] airport  
 afeitarse [afaytarseh] to shave  
 aficionada f [afees-yonada], aficionado m fan, enthusiast  
 afortunadamente [-menteh] fortunately  
 afueras fpl [afwairas] suburbs  
 agarrar to hold, to grasp; to

catch; to take  
 agencia f [ahens-ya] agency  
 agencia de viajes [deh b-yaH-es] travel agency  
 agenda f [ahenda] diary  
 agítese antes de usar(se) shake before use  
 agosto m August  
 agradable [agradableh] pleasant  
 agradecer to please  
 agradecer [agradesair] to thank  
 agradecido [agradeseedo] grateful  
 agradezco [agradesko] I thank  
 agresivo [agreseebó] aggressive  
 agricultor m farmer  
 agua f [agwa] water  
 agua de colonia [deh kolon-ya] eau de toilette  
 aguantar: no aguanto ... [agwanto] I can't stand ...  
 agua potable [potableh] drinking water  
 águila ratonera f [ageela] buzzard  
 aguja f [agooha] needle  
 agujero m [agoohairo] hole  
 agujetas fpl [a-oohetas] shoelaces  
 ahora [a-ora] now  
 ahorita [a-oreeta] right away; soon; just a moment ago  
 aire m [ireh] air  
 aire acondicionado [akondees-yonado] air-conditioning  
 ajedrez m [ahed-res] chess  
 ajustado [aHoostado] tight  
 ala f wing  
 alambre m [alambreh] wire

alambre de púa [deh poo-a]

barbed wire

alarma **f** alarm

dar la señal de alarma [sen-yal deh] to raise the alarm

alberca **f** [albairka] swimming pool

albergue juvenil [albairgeh]

Hoobeneel] youth hostel

alcoba **f** bedroom; sleeping compartment

alcohómetro **m** Breathalyzer®

alegre [alegreh] happy

alegro: me alegro I'm pleased; I'm pleased to hear it

alemán German

Alemania **f** [aleman-ya]

Germany

alérgico **a** [alairHeeko] allergic to

aletas **fpl** flippers

alfiler **m** [alfeelair] pin

alfombra **f** rug, carpet

algo something

algodón **m** cotton; cotton

wool, absorbent cotton

algo más something else

alguien [alg-yen] somebody;

anybody

algún some; any

alguno someone; anyone; one;

any one

alianza **f** [al-yansa] wedding ring

alimentos **mpl** groceries,

foodstuffs

allá: más allá [a-ya] further

(on)

allí [a-ye] there

almacén **m** [almasen]

department store; warehouse

almohada **f** [almo-ada] pillow

almuerzo **m** [almwairso] lunch

alojamiento **m** [aloHam-yento]

accommodation

alojamiento y desayuno [desi-

yoono] bed and breakfast

alpinismo **m** mountaineering

alquilar [alkeelar] to rent; to

hire

alquiler **m** [alkeelair] rental

alquiler de barcos boat hire

alquiler de bicicletas

[beeseekletas] cycle hire

alquiler de carros car rental

alquiler de esquís [eskees]

water-ski hire

alquiler de tablas surfboard

hire

alquileres rentals

alrededor (de) [deh] around

alta costura **f** haute couture, high fashion

alto (**m**) stop sign; high; tall

¡alto! stop!

en lo alto at the top

altura **f** altitude; height

altura máxima maximum

headroom

aluminio **m** aluminium

amable [amableh] kind;

si fuera tan amable [fwaira] if

you wouldn't mind

amamantar to breastfeed

amanecer **m** [amanesair]

sunrise, daybreak

¿cómo amaneciste? how did

you sleep?

amargo **bitter**  
 amarillo [amaree-yo] **yellow**  
 ambos **both**  
 ambulancia **f** [amboolans-ya]  
 ambulance  
 América **f** [amaireeka] **Latin**  
 America  
 América del Norte [norteh]  
 North America  
 América del Sur **South**  
 America  
 americana (**f**), americano (**m**)  
 Latin American  
 amiga **f** friend, amigo **m** friend  
 amor **m** love  
 hacer el amor [asair] **to make**  
 love  
 amortiguador **m** [amorteegwador]  
 shock-absorber  
 amperio **m** [ampair-yo] **amp**  
 ampliación **f** [amplée-as-yon]  
 enlargement  
 amplio **broad**; loose-fitting  
 ampolla **f** [ampo-ya] **blister**  
 analgésico **m** [analheseeko]  
 painkiller  
 análisis clínicos **mpl** **clinical**  
 tests  
 anaranjado [anaranhado] **orange**  
 (colour)  
 ancho (**m**) **width, breadth**;  
 wide; loose  
 anchura **f** **width, breadth**  
 ¡ándale pues! [andaleh pwes] **go**  
 on then!, OK!  
 andaluz [andaloos] **Andalusian**  
 andar **to walk**; **to move**; **to**  
**work**  
 andinismo **m** **mountaineering**

anémico **anaemic**  
 anestesia **f** [anestes-ya]  
 anaesthetic  
 anfiteatro **m** [anfeeteh-atro]  
 amphitheatre  
 Angeles Verdes **mpl** [angel-es  
 baird-es] **breakdown service**  
 angina (de pecho) **f** [anheena]  
 angina  
 anginas **fpl** tonsillitis  
 anillo **m** [anee-yo] **ring**  
 anoche [anocheh] **last night**  
 anochecer **m** [anochesair]  
 nightfall, dusk  
 anochece [anocheseh] **it's**  
**getting dark**  
 ante **m** [anteh] **suede**  
 anteayer [anteh-ī-yair] **the day**  
**before yesterday**  
 antepasado **m** **ancestor**  
 antes de [ant-es deh] **before**  
 antes de entrar dejen salir **let**  
**passengers off first**  
 antes de que [keh] **before**  
 anticipo **m** [anteeseepo] **advance**  
 anticonceptivo **m**  
 [anteekonsepteebo]  
 contraceptive  
 anticongelante **m**  
 [anteekonhelanteh] **antifreeze**  
 anticuado [anteekwado] **out**  
**of date**  
 anticuario **m** [anteekwar-yo]  
 antiques dealer  
 antigüedades: una tienda de  
 antigüedades [t-yenda deh  
 antegwedad-es] **an antique**  
**shop**  
 antiguo [anteegwo] **old**; **ancient**

antihistamínico **m** [ante-  
eestameeneeko] antihistamine  
Antillas **fpl** [ante-yas] the West  
Indies  
antipático unpleasant, nasty  
anulado cancelled  
anular to cancel  
añadir [an-yadeer] to add  
año **m** [an-yo] year  
Año Nuevo **m** [nwebo] New  
Year  
día de Año Nuevo **m** [dee-a  
deh] New Year's Day  
¡feliz Año Nuevo! [felees]  
Happy New Year!  
apagar to switch off  
apagón **m** power cut  
apague el motor switch off  
your engine  
apague las luces switch off  
your lights  
aparato **m** device  
aparatos electrodomésticos  
electrical appliances  
aparecer [aparesair] to appear  
aparezco [aparesko] I appear  
apasionante [apas-yonanteh]  
thrilling  
apellido **m** [apeh-yeedo]  
surname  
apenado sorry; embarrassed,  
shy  
apenarse [-arseh] to be  
ashamed, to be embarrassed  
apenas scarcely  
apenas ... (cuando) [kwando]  
hardly ... when  
son las seis apenas it's only  
just six o'clock

apetecer: me apetece [meh  
apeteseh] I feel like  
apetito **m** appetite  
apodo **m** nickname  
apoplejía **f** [apopleheeh-a] stroke;  
fit  
aprender [aprendair] to learn  
aprensivo [aprenseebo] fearful,  
apprehensive  
apriete botón para cruzar press  
button to cross  
aprovechar [aprobechar] to take  
advantage of  
¡que aproveche! [keh  
aprobecheh] enjoy your meal!  
aproximadamente [-menteh]  
about  
apto para mayores de 14 años  
y menores acompañados  
authorized for those over  
14 and young people  
accompanied by an adult  
apto para mayores de 18 años  
for adults only  
apto para todos los públicos  
suitable for all  
apurado in a hurry  
apurarse [-arseh] to rush, to  
hurry  
¡apúrate! [apoorateh] hurry up!  
aquel [akeh] that  
aquél that (one)  
aquella [akeh-ya] that  
aquélla that (one)  
aquellas [akeh-yas] those  
aquéllas those (ones)  
aquellos [akeh-yos] those  
aquéllos those (ones)  
aquí [akee] here

- aquí tiene [t-yeneh] here you are  
 araña **f** [aran-ya] spider  
 arañazo **m** [aran-yaso] scratch  
 árbol **m** tree  
 ardor de estómago **m** [deh] heartburn  
 área de servicios **m** [areh-a deh serbees-yos] service area, motorway services  
 arena **f** [areh-na] sand  
 aretes **mpl** [aret-es] earrings  
 argentino (**m**) [arHenteeno] Argentine; Argentinian  
 armario **m** cupboard  
 armería **f** [armairee-a] gunsmith's  
 aro **m** ring  
 arqueología **f** [arkeh-oloHee-a] archaeology  
 arrancar to pull out, to tear out; to start up  
 arranque **m** [arrankeh] ignition  
 arreglar to mend; to sort out, to arrange  
 arrendar [arrendar] to rent; to hire  
 se arrienda to rent, for hire  
 arriba up; upstairs; on top  
 arroyo **m** stream  
 arte **m** [arteh] art  
 artesanía **f** crafts  
 artículos de artesanía **mpl** [deh] arts and crafts  
 artículos de boda wedding presents  
 artículos de deporte [deporte] sports goods  
 artículos de limpieza [leemp-yesa] household cleaning products  
 artículos de piel [p-yel] leather goods  
 artículos de playa [plī-ya] beachwear  
 artículos de viaje [b-yaHeh] travel goods  
 artículos escolares [eskolar-es] schoolwear  
 artículos para el bebé [beh-beh] babywear  
 artista **m/f** artist  
 artritis **f** arthritis  
 ascensor **m** [asensor] lift, elevator  
 asegurar to insure  
 aseos **mpl** [aseh-os] toilets, rest rooms  
 así like this; like that  
 asiento **m** [as-yento] seat  
 así que so (that)  
 asma **m** asthma  
 aspiradora **f** vacuum cleaner  
 asqueroso [askairoso] disgusting  
 astigmático long-sighted  
 asustado afraid  
 asustar to frighten  
 atacar to attack  
 atajo **m** [ataHo] shortcut  
 ataque **m** [atakeh] attack  
 ataque al corazón [korason] heart attack  
 atención [atens-yon] please note ¡atención! take care!, caution!  
 atención al tren beware of trains  
 ateo [ateh-o] atheist

aterrizaje **m** landing  
 aterrizaje forzado emergency landing  
 aterrizar [atairreesar] to land  
 atletismo **m** athletics  
 atorado stuck  
 atorarse [atorarseh] to get stuck  
 atracar to assault; to hold up  
 atracciones turísticas **fpl** [atraks-yon-es] tourist attractions  
 atraco a mano armada **m** armed robbery, hold-up  
 atractivo [atraktebo] attractive  
 atrás at the back; behind  
 ¡atrás! get back!  
 la parte de atrás [parteh deh] the back  
 está más atrás it's further back  
 años atrás [an-yos] years ago  
 atrasado late  
 atraso **m** delay  
 atravesar [atrabesar] to cross  
 atravieso [atrab-yeso] I cross  
 atreverse [atrebairseh] to dare  
 atropellar [atrophe-yar] to knock down  
 atroz [atros] dreadful  
 audífono **m** [owdeefono] hearing aid  
 aun [own] even  
 aún [a-oon] still; yet  
 aunque [ownkeh] although  
 auto **m** [owto] car  
 autobús **m** [owtoboos] coach, long-distance bus  
 auto-estopista **m/f** [owto-estopeesta] hitch-hiker

automóvil **m** [owtomobeel] car  
 autopista **f** [owtopeesta] motorway, freeway, highway  
 autopista de cuota [deh kwota] toll motorway/highway  
 auto-servicio **m** [owto-sairbees-yo] self-service  
 autostop: hacer autostop [asair owtostop] to hitchhike  
 autovía **f** [owtobee-a] slow, local train  
 avenida **f** [abeneeda] avenue  
 aventar [abentar] to throw  
 aventón: pedir aventón [abenton] to hitch a lift  
 avergonzado [abairgonsado] ashamed  
 avería **f** [abairee-a] breakdown  
 averiarse [abair-yarseh] to break down  
 avión **m** [ab-yon] aeroplane, airplane  
 por avión by air  
 avisar [abeesar] to inform  
 aviso **m** [abeeso] advertisement; notice  
 aviso a los señores pasajeros passenger information  
 avispa **f** [abeespa] wasp  
 ayer [i-yair] yesterday  
 ayer por la mañana [man-yana] yesterday morning  
 ayer por la tarde [tardeh] yesterday afternoon  
 ayuda **f** [i-yooda] help  
 ayudar [i-yoodar] to help  
 ayuntamiento **m** [i-yoontam-yento] town hall  
 azotea **f** [asoteh-a] roof

azteca [asteka] Aztec  
 azul (m) [asool] blue  
 azul claro light blue  
 azul marino navy blue

## B

baca f roof rack  
 bache m [bacheh] hole in the road  
 bahía f [ba-ee-a] bay  
 bailar [bīlar] to dance  
 ir a bailar to go dancing  
 baile m [bīleh] dance; dancing  
 ¡bajan! [baHan] next stop please!, people getting off!  
 bajar [baHar] to go down  
 bajar de [deh] to get off  
 bajar la velocidad [beloseeda] to slow down  
 bajarse (de) [baharseh (deh)] to get off  
 bajeño [baHen-yo] from/of Baja California  
 Bajío m [baHee-yo] Baja California  
 bajo [baHo] low; short; under; underneath  
 balacera f [balasaira] exchange of fire  
 balanceo m [balanseh-yo] wheel-balancing  
 balcón m balcony  
 balón m ball  
 balonmano m handball  
 balsa f raft  
 banco m bank; bench  
 bandeja f [bandeHa] tray

bandera f [bandaira] flag  
 bandido m bandit  
 banqueta f [banketa] pavement, sidewalk  
 bañador m [ban-yador] swimming costume  
 bañarse [ban-yarseh] to go swimming; to have a bath/shower  
 bañera f [ban-yaira] bathtub  
 baño m [ban-yo] bathroom; toilet, rest room; bath  
 baños mpl toilets, rest room  
 baraja f [baraHa] pack of cards  
 barato cheap, inexpensive  
 barba f chin; beard  
 barbacoa f barbecue; barbecued meat  
 barbería f [barbairee-a] barber's shop  
 barbero m [barbairo] barber  
 barco m boat  
 barco de remo [deh] rowing boat  
 barco de vela [bela] sailing boat  
 barcos para alquilar boats to rent  
 barra de labios f [deh lab-yos] lipstick  
 barrio m [barr-yo] district, area  
 básquet m [basket] basketball  
 bastante [bastanteh] enough; quite; very  
 bastante más quite a lot more  
 basura f rubbish, garbage  
 bata f dressing gown  
 bate m [bateh] bat  
 batería f [batairee-a] battery;



- drum kit  
 batería de cocina [deh koseena] pots and pans  
 bautismo **m** [bowteesmo] christening  
 bebé **m** [beh-beh] baby  
 beber [behair] to drink  
 béisbol **m** [baysbol] baseball  
 Belice [beleeseh] Belize  
 bello [beh-yo] beautiful  
 besar to kiss  
 beso **m** kiss  
 betún **m** [betoon] shoe polish  
 biblioteca **f** [beebI-yoteka] library; bookcase  
 bicicleta **f** [beeseekleta] bicycle  
 bien [b-yen] well  
 ¡bien! good!  
 bien ... bien ... either ... or ...  
 o bien ... o bien ... either ... or ...  
 bienes **mpl** [b-yen-es] possessions  
 ¡bienvenido! [b-yenbeneedo] welcome!  
 bifurcación **f** [beefoorkas-yon] fork  
 bigote **m** [beegoteh] moustache  
 billete **m** [bee-yoteh] banknote, (US) bill  
 blanco (m) white  
 blusa **f** blouse  
 boca **f** mouth  
 boda **f** wedding  
 bodega **f** wine cellar  
 boleador **m** [boleh-ador] shoeshine boy  
 boletería **f** ticket office  
 boleto **m** ticket  
 boleto de ida [deh eeda] single ticket, one-way ticket  
 boleto de ida y vuelta [ee bwelta] return ticket, round-trip ticket  
 bolígrafo **m** ballpoint pen  
 bolsa **f** bag; stock exchange  
 bolsa de dormir [deh] sleeping bag  
 bolsa de plástico plastic bag  
 bolsa de viaje [b-yaHeh] travel bag  
 bolsillo **m** [bolsee-yo] pocket  
 bolso **m** handbag, (US) purse  
 bomba **f** bomb  
 bomba de gas [deh] camping gas cylinder  
 bomberos **mpl** [bombairos] fire brigade  
 bordado embroidered  
 borracho drunk  
 bosque **m** [boskeh] forest  
 bota **f** boot  
 botanas **fpl** snacks  
 botar to throw away  
 botella **f** [boteh-ya] bottle  
 botiquín **m** [boteekleen] first-aid kit  
 botón **m** button  
 botón desatascador coin return button  
 boxeo **m** [bokseh-o] boxing  
 boya **f** buoy  
 bracero **m** [brasairo] migrant labourer from Mexico to the US  
 bragas **fpl** pants, panties  
 brazo **m** [braso] arm  
 bricolaje **m** [breekolaHeh] DIY,

do-it-yourself  
 brillar [bree-yar] to shine  
 brincar to jump  
 brisa f breeze  
 británico British  
 brocha de afeitar f [deh afayar] shaving brush  
 broche m [brocheh] brooch  
 bronce m [bronseh] bronze  
 bronceado (m) [bronseh-ado] suntan; suntanned  
 bronceador m [bronseh-ador] suntan oil/lotion  
 bronquitis f [bronkeetees] bronchitis  
 brújula f [broohoola] compass  
 bruto stupid  
 bucear [booseh-ar] to skin-dive  
 buceo m [booseh-o] skin-diving  
 buenas noches [bwenas noch-es] good night  
 buenas tardes [tard-es] good evening  
 bueno [bweno] good; good-natured; hello  
 buenos días [dee-as] good morning  
 bufanda f scarf  
 bufete m [boofeteh] lawyer's office  
 bujía f [boohée-a] spark plug  
 bulto m package; lump, swelling  
 burro m donkey  
 buscar to look for  
 busqué [booskeh] I looked for  
 butacas fpl stalls  
 buzón [booson] letter box, postbox, mailbox

## C

c/ street  
 c/c current account  
 caballeros mpl [kaba-yairos] gents, men's rest room  
 caballo m [kaba-yo] horse  
 cabaña f [kaban-ya] beach hut  
 cabello m [kabh-yo] hair  
 cabeza f [kabesa] head  
 cabida ... personas capacity ... people  
 cabina telefónica f telephone booth, phone box  
 cable m [kableh] wire  
 cable de extensión m [deh ekstens-yon] extension lead  
 cabra f goat  
 cabrón m bastard  
 cachetada f slap in the face  
 cacto m cactus  
 cada every  
 cada vez (que) [bes (keh)] every time (that)  
 cadena f chain  
 cadera f [kadaira] hip  
 caduca ... expires ...  
 caer [ka-air] to fall  
 caerse [ka-airseh] to fall over, to fall down  
 café [kafeh] coffee; café  
 cafetera f [kafetaira] coffee pot  
 cafetería f [kafetairee-a] bar-type restaurant  
 caída f [ka-eeda] fall  
 caimán m [kiman] alligator  
 caja f [kaha] cash desk, till; cashier

caja de ahorros [deh a-orros]  
savings bank  
caja de cambios [kamb-yos]  
gearbox  
cajera f [kahaira], cajero m  
cashier  
cajero automático  
[owtomateeko] cashpoint,  
automatic teller, ATM  
cajeta f [kaheta] fudge  
cajetilla f [kaheteeya] packet,  
(US) pack  
cajuela f [kahwela] boot (of car),  
(US) trunk  
calambre m [kalambreh] cramp  
calcetines mpl [kalseteen-es]  
socks  
calculadora f calculator  
calefacción f [kalefaks-yon]  
heating  
calefacción central [sentral]  
central heating  
calendario m [-dar-yo] calendar  
calidad f [kaleeda] quality  
caliente [kal-yenteh] hot  
calle f [ka-yeh] street  
calle comercial [komairs-yal]  
shopping street  
calle de sentido único one-  
way street  
callejón m [ka-yeh-hon] lane,  
alley  
callejón sin salida cul-de-sac,  
dead end  
calle peatonal [peh-atonal]  
pedestrianized street  
calle principal [preensepal]  
main street  
callo m [ka-yo] corn (on foot)

calmante m [kalmanteh]  
tranquillizer  
calor m heat  
hace calor [aseh] it's warm/  
hot  
calvo [kalbo] bald  
calza: ¿qué número calza? [keh  
noomairo kalsa] what is your  
shoe size?  
calzada f [kalsada] street  
calzada deteriorada poor road  
surface  
calzada irregular uneven  
surface  
calzados shoe shop  
calzones mpl [kalson-es]  
underpants  
cama f bed  
cama de campaña [deh kampan-  
ya] campbed  
cama individual [eendeebeedwal]  
single bed  
cama matrimonial [matreemon-  
yal] double bed  
cámara f camera; inner tube  
cámara fotográfica camera  
camarín m sleeping berth  
camarote m [kamaroteh] cabin  
cambiar [kamb-yar] to change  
cambiarse (de ropa) [kamb-  
yarseh (deh)] to get changed  
cambio m [kamb-yo] change;  
exchange; exchange rate  
cambio de divisas [deh  
deebesas] currency  
exchange  
cambio de moneda currency  
exchange  
cambio de sentido take filter

lane to exit and cross flow of traffic  
 camellón **m** [kameh-yon] central reservation  
 caminar to walk; to work  
 camino **m** path  
 camino cerrado (al tráfico) road closed to (traffic)  
 camino privado private road  
 camión **m** [kam-yon] bus  
 camioneta **f** [kam-yoneta] van  
 camisa **f** shirt  
 camiseta **f** T-shirt; vest  
 camisón **m** nightdress  
 campana **f** bell  
 campechano from/of Campeche  
 campesino **m** peasant farmer  
 camping **m** camping; campsite; caravan site, trailer park  
 campo **m** countryside; pitch; court; field  
 campo de deportes [deh deportes] sports field  
 campo de fútbol football ground  
 campo de golf golf course  
 canadiense (**m/f**) [kanad-yenseh] Canadian  
 cancelado [kanselado] cancelled; stamped  
 cancelar [kanselar] to cancel; to stamp  
 cancha **f** court; pitch  
 canción **f** [kans-yon] song  
 canguro **m/f** baby-sitter  
 canoa **f** canoe; skiff  
 canoso greying; grey

cansado tired  
 cantar to sing  
 cantina **f** bar  
 canto **m** song; singing  
 caña **f** [kan-ya] sugar cane; sugar cane liquor  
 caña de pescar [deh] fishing rod  
 cañería **f** [kan-yairee-a] pipes  
 cañon **m** [kan-yon] canyon  
 capaz: ser capaz (de) [sair kapas (deh)] to be able (to); to be capable (of)  
 capazo **m** [kapaso] carry-cot  
 capilla **f** [kapee-ya] chapel  
 capitalina **f**, capitalino **m** person who lives in the capital city  
 capitán **m** captain  
 capó(t) **m** bonnet (of car), (US) hood  
 cara **f** face  
 carácter **m** [karaktair] character; nature  
 tiene mal carácter [t-yeneh] he's got a bad temper  
 ¡carajo! [karaHO] Christ!, shit!  
 ¿dónde carajos? [dondeh] where in hell?  
 caravana **f** caravan, (US) trailer  
 carburador **m** carburettor  
 cárcel **f** [karsel] prison  
 Carey **m** [karay] tortoiseshell  
 Caribe: el Caribe [kareebeh] the Caribbean  
 caricaturas **fpl** cartoons  
 cariño **m** [kareen-yo] love; affection  
 carnet de identidad **m** [deh

eedenteeda] identity card  
 carnet de chofer **m** [chofair]  
 driving licence  
 carnicería **f** [karneesairee-a]  
 butcher's  
 caro expensive  
 carpa **f** large tent, marquee  
 carpintería **f** [karpeentairee-a]  
 joiner's, carpenter's  
 carrera **f** [karraira] race; career  
 carreras de caballos **mpl** [deh  
 kaba-yos] horse racing  
 carrete **m** [karreteh] film (for  
 camera)  
 carretera **f** [karretaira] main  
 road  
 carretera cortada road  
 blocked, road closed  
 carretera de circunvalación  
 by-pass  
 carretera de doble carril two-  
 lane road  
 carril **m** lane  
 carrito **m** trolley; cart;  
 pushchair  
 carrito de niño [deh neen-yo]  
 pushchair  
 carrito portaequipajes [porta-  
 ekeepah-es] baggage trolley  
 carro **m** car  
 carrocería **f** [karrosairee-a]  
 bodywork  
 carro-comedor **m** buffet car,  
 restaurant car  
 carro rentado **m** rented car  
 carta **f** letter; menu  
 cartel **m** poster  
 cartelera de espectáculos **f**  
 [kartelaira deh] entertainments

guide  
 cartera **f** [kartaira] briefcase;  
 wallet  
 carterista **m** pickpocket  
 cartero **m** postman, mailman  
 cartón **m** cardboard; carton  
 casa **f** house  
 en casa at home  
 en casa de Juan [deh] at  
 Juan's  
 está en su casa make  
 yourself at home  
 casa de cambio **f** [kamb-yo]  
 bureau de change  
 casa de huéspedes [deh  
 wespel-es] guesthouse  
 casa de socorro emergency  
 first-aid centre  
 casado married  
 casarse [kasarseh] to get  
 married  
 cascada **f** waterfall  
 caseta telefónica phone box,  
 phone booth  
 casete **f** [kaset] cassette  
 casi almost  
 caso **m** case  
 en caso de que [deh keh] in  
 case  
 caso urgente [oorhenteh]  
 emergency  
 caspa **f** dandruff  
 castaño (**m**) [kastan-yo] sweet  
 chestnut; brown  
 castigar to punish  
 castigo **m** punishment  
 castillo **m** [kastee-yo] castle  
 casualidad: de casualidad [deh  
 kaswaleeda] by chance

catarro: tengo catarro I've got a cold  
 católico (m) Catholic  
 catorce [katorseh] fourteen  
 causa f [kowsa] cause  
 cauteloso [kowlóso] cautious; careful  
 cayó [ki-yo] he/she fell  
 caza f [kasa] hunting  
 cazadora f [kasadora] bomber jacket, blouson jacket  
 cazar [kasar] to hunt  
 cazuela f [kaswela] casserole; saucepan  
 ceda el paso give way  
 ceja f [seHa] eyebrow  
 celos: tener celos [tenair selos] to be jealous  
 celoso [seloso] jealous  
 cementerio m [sementair-yo] cemetery  
 cena f [sena] dinner  
 cenar to have dinner  
 cenicero m [seneesairo] ashtray  
 cenote m [senoteh] deep pool used for ceremonial purposes by the Mayas  
 central camionera f [sentral kamyonaira] main bus station  
 central de autobuses [deh owtobos-es] main bus station  
 central telefónica telephone exchange  
 centro m [sentro] centre  
 centro ciudad [s-yooda] city/town centre  
 centro comercial [komairs-yal] shopping centre  
 centro deportivo sports centre

centro de salud [deh saloo] health centre  
 centro urbano city/town centre  
 ceñido [sen-yeedo] tight-fitting  
 cepillo m [sepee-yo] brush  
 cepillo de dientes [deh d-yent-es] toothbrush  
 cepillo de pelo hairbrush  
 cera f [saira] wax  
 cerámica f [sairameeka] pottery; ceramics  
 cerca de [sairka deh] near  
 cerilla f [sairree-ya] match  
 cero [sairo] zero  
 cerrada f [sairrada] cul-de-sac  
 cerrado [sairrado] closed  
 cerrado por defunción closed due to bereavement  
 cerrado por descanso del personal closed for staff holidays  
 cerrado por obras/reforma/vacaciones closed for alterations/renovation/holidays  
 cerradura f [sairradoora] lock  
 cerramos los ... we close on ...  
 cerrar [sairrar] to close  
 cerrar con llave [yabeh] to lock  
 cerrojo m [sairroHo] bolt  
 certificado m [sairteefeekado] certificate; registered letter  
 cervecería f [sairbesairee-a] bar specializing in beer  
 césped m [sesped] lawn  
 cesta f [sesta] basket  
 cesto de la compra m [sesto deh] shopping basket

chabacano **m** apricot  
 chaleco **m** [chaleko] waistcoat,  
 (US) vest  
 chaleco salvavidas  
 [salbabeedas] life-jacket  
 chalet **m** [chaleh] villa  
 chalupa **f** dugout  
 chamarra **f** woollen jacket;  
 waistcoat, (US) vest  
 champú **m** shampoo  
 changarro **m** small store  
 chapapote **m** [chapapoteh] tar;  
 pitch  
 chaparro very small  
 chaparrón **m** shower;  
 downpour  
 chaqueta **f** [chaketa] cardigan;  
 jacket  
 charcutería **f** [charkootairee-a]  
 delicatessen  
 charlar to chat  
 charreada **f** [charreh-ada] horse-  
 riding display, rodeo  
 charro **m** horseman  
 chato snub-nosed  
 chava **f** [chaba] girl  
 chavo **m** boy  
 checar to check  
 cheque de viajero **m** [chekeh deh  
 b-yahairo] traveller's cheque  
 chequera **f** [chekaira] cheque  
 book  
 chiapaneco [ch-yapaneko]  
 from/of Chiapas  
 chica **f** girl  
 chicle **m** [cheekleh] chewing  
 gum  
 chico **m** boy  
 chiflar to whistle

chilango from/of Mexico  
 City  
 chileno (**m**) Chilean  
 chillar [chee-yar] to shout, to  
 scream  
 chinampa **f** man-made island  
 chinche **m** drawing pin, (US)  
 thumbtack; bug  
 chingadera: ¡qué chingadera!  
 [keh cheengadaira] what a  
 fuck-up!  
 chingar to fuck  
 chingo: un chingo de [deh]  
 loads of  
 chino (**m**) Chinese  
 chiste **m** [cheesteh] joke  
 chocar con to run into  
 chocolate con leche **m**  
 [chokolatoh kon lecheh] milk  
 chocolate  
 chofer **m** [chofair] driver  
 choque **m** [chokeh] crash; clash  
 chorros: a chorros loads  
 chubasco **m** sudden short  
 shower  
 chubasquero **m** [choobaskairo]  
 cagoule  
 churrasco **m** roast meat  
 Cía. company  
 cicatriz **f** [seekatrees] scar  
 ciclismo **m** [seekleesmo] cycling  
 ciclista **m/f** [seekleesta] cyclist  
 ciego [s-yego] blind  
 cielo **m** [s-yelo] sky  
 cien [s-yen] hundred  
 ciencia **f** [s-yens-ya] science  
 ciento ... [s-yento] a hundred  
 and ...  
 cierre **m** [s-yairreh] zip, zipper

cierran las puertas **close the doors**  
 cierro [s-yairro] **I close**  
 cigarro **m** [seegarro] **cigarette**  
 cinco [seenko] **five**  
 cincuenta [seen-kwenta] **fifty**  
 cine **m** [seeneh] **cinema, movie theater**  
 cinta **f** [seenta] **tape; ribbon**  
 cintura **f** [seentoora] **waist; waist measurement**  
 cinturón **m** [seentooron] **belt**  
 cinturón de seguridad [deh segooxeda] **seat belt**  
 circo **m** [seerko] **circus**  
 circulación **f** [seerkoolas-yon] **traffic; circulation**  
 circule despacio **drive slowly**  
 circule por la derecha **keep to your right**  
 círculo **m** [seerkoolo] **circle**  
 circunvalación **f** [seerkoonbalas-yon] **ring road**  
 cita **f** [seeta] **appointment**  
 ciudad **f** [s-yooda] **town, city**  
 claro **clear; light**  
 ¡claro! **of course!**  
 clase **f** [klaseh] **class**  
 clausurar [klowsoorar] **to close down**  
 clavado de acantilado **m** [klabado] **cliff-diving**  
 clavo **m** [klabo] **nail; clove**  
 claxon **m** [klakson] **horn**  
 clima **m** **climate**  
 climatizado [kleemateesado] **air-conditioned**  
 clínica **f** **hospital; clinic**  
 cobija **f** [kobeeta] **rug, blanket**

cobrar **to charge; to earn**  
 cobre **m** [kobreh] **copper**  
 cocer [kosair] **to boil**  
 coche-cama **m** **sleeper, sleeping car**  
 cochecito **m** [kocheseeto] **pram**  
 coche-comedor **m** [kocheh komedor] **dining car**  
 cocina **f** [koseena] **kitchen**  
 cocinar [koseenar] **to cook**  
 cocinera **f** [koseenaira], cocinero **m** **cook**  
 código de la circulación **m** **highway code**  
 código postal **m** [pos-tal] **postcode, zip code**  
 codo **m** **elbow**  
 coger [kohair] **to fuck**  
 cojo **m** [kohoh] **person with a limp**  
 cola **f** **tail; queue**  
 hacer cola **to queue**  
 colcha **f** **bedspread**  
 colchón **m** **mattress**  
 colchoneta inflable **f** [eenflableh] **air mattress**  
 colección **f** [koleks-yon] **collection**  
 colectivo **m** [kolekteebo] **collective taxi**  
 colegio **m** [koleh-yo] **school**  
 collar **m** [ko-yar] **necklace**  
 colocar **to place, to put**  
 colonia **f** [kolon-ya] **urban district**  
 color **m** **colour**  
 columna vertebral **f** **spine**  
 comadre **f** [komadreh] **godmother**



combi **m** collective taxi,  
minibus  
combustible **m** [kombaosteebleh]  
fuel  
comedor **m** dining room  
comenzar [komensar] to begin  
comer [komair] to eat  
comerciante **m** [komairs-yanteh]  
shopkeeper; dealer  
comicios **mpl** [komees-yos]  
elections  
comida **f** lunch; food; meal  
comidas para llevar [yevan]  
take-away meals, meals to go  
comienzo (**m**) [kom-yenso] I  
begin; beginning  
comisaría **f** police station  
como **as**; like  
¿cómo está? how are you?  
¿cómo le va? [leh ba] how are  
things?  
como quieras [k-yairas] it's up  
to you  
compact **m** compact disc  
compadre **m** [kompadreh]  
godfather  
compañera **f** [kompan-yaira]  
girlfriend  
compañero **m** mate; boyfriend  
compañía **f** [kompan-yea-a]  
company  
compañía aérea [a-airah-a]  
airline  
comparar to compare  
compartir to share  
completamente [-menteh]  
completely  
completo full; no vacancies  
complicado complicated

compra: hacer la compra  
[asair] to do the shopping  
compramos a ... buying  
rate ...  
comprar to buy  
compras: ir de compras [eer  
deh] to go shopping  
compresa **m** sanitary towel,  
sanitary napkin  
comprimido efervescente **m**  
soluble tablet  
comprimidos **mpl** tablets  
computadora **f** computer  
comunicando engaged, busy,  
occupied  
con with  
concha **f** shell  
concierto **m** [kons-yairto]  
concert  
condenar to sentence  
condición: a condición de  
que [kondees-yon deh keh] on  
condition that  
condón **m** condom  
confección **f** [konfeks-yon]  
clothing industry  
confecciones **fpl** [konfeks-yon-  
es] ready-to-wear clothes  
conferencia internacional **f**  
[konfairens-ya eentairnas-yonal]  
international call  
conferencia interurbana long-  
distance call  
confesar to admit; to confess  
confirmar to confirm  
confitería **f** [konfeetairee-a]  
sweetshop, candy store  
conforme [konformeh] as  
estar conforme to agree

congelado [konhelado] frozen  
 congelador **m** [konhelador] freezer  
 congelados **mpl** [konhelados] frozen foods  
 conjunto **m** [konhoonto] group; band  
 conmigo with me  
 conmoción cerebral **f** [konmosyon sairebral] concussion  
 con mover [konmobair] to move  
 conmutadora **f** switchboard  
 conocer [konosair] to know  
 conozco [konosko] I know  
 conque [konkeh] so, so then  
 consentido spoiled  
 consérvese en lugar fresco store in a cool place  
 consigna **f** [konseegna] left luggage, baggage check  
 consigna automática [owtomateeka] left luggage lockers, baggage lockers  
 consigo with himself; with herself; with yourself; with themselves; with yourselves  
 constar: me consta I can confirm  
 consulado **m** consulate  
 consulta médica surgery, doctor's office  
 consúmase antes de ... best before ...  
 contacto: ponerse en contacto con to contact  
 contado: pagar al contado to pay cash  
 contador **m**, contadora **f** accountant

contagioso [kontah-yoso] contagious  
 contaminado polluted  
 contar to count; to tell  
 contener [kontenair] to contain  
 contenido **m** contents  
 contento happy  
 contestar to reply, to answer  
 contigo with you  
 continuación: a continuación [konteenwas-yon] then, next; below  
 continuar [konteenwar] to continue  
 contra against  
 contradecir [kontradeseer] to contradict  
 contraindicaciones **fpl** contraindications  
 contraventanas **fpl** [kontrabentanas] shutters  
 control de pasaportes **m** passport control  
 convalecencia **f** [konbalesens-ya] convalescence  
 convencer [konbensair] to persuade  
 copa **f** wine glass  
 coquetear [koketeh-ar] to flirt  
 corazón **m** [korason] heart  
 corbata **f** tie, necktie  
 cordillera **f** [kordee-yaira] mountain range  
 cordones **mpl** [kordon-es] shoelaces  
 correa del ventilador **f** [korreh-a del benteelador] fan belt  
 correo **m** [korreh-o] post, mail; post office

correo aéreo [a-airoh-o] airmail  
 correo central [sen-tral] main  
 post office  
 correo terrestre [tairrestreh]  
 surface mail  
 correo urgente [oorHenteh]  
 express (mail)  
 correr [korrair] to run  
 correspondencia f [-dens-ya]  
 transfer, change  
 hacer correspondencia en ...  
 to change (trains/buses) at ...  
 corrida de toros f [deh]  
 bullfight  
 corriente peligrosa dangerous  
 current  
 corrimiento de tierras danger:  
 landslides  
 cortadura f cut  
 cortar to cut  
 cortarse [kortarseh] to cut  
 oneself  
 cortauñas m [korta-oon-yas] nail  
 clippers  
 corte de pelo m [korteH deh]  
 haircut  
 corte y confección [ee konfeks-  
 yon] dressmaking  
 cortina f curtain  
 corto short; short of money  
 cosa f thing  
 coser [kosair] to sew  
 costa f coast  
 costar to cost  
 costilla f [kostee-ya] rib  
 costumbre f [kostoombreh]  
 custom  
 costurera f [kostooraia]  
 seamstress

cráneo m [kraneh-o] skull  
 crédito m credit; unit(s)  
 creer [kreh-air] to believe  
 crema f cream  
 crema base [baseh] foundation  
 cream  
 crema de belleza [deh beh-yesa]  
 cold cream  
 crema hidratante [eedratanteh]  
 moisturizer  
 crema limpiadora [leemp-yadora]  
 cleansing cream  
 creyó [kreh-yo] he/she believed  
 criticar to criticize  
 cruce m [krooseh] crossroads;  
 junction, intersection;  
 crossing  
 cruce de ciclistas danger:  
 cyclists crossing  
 cruce de ganado danger: cattle  
 crossing  
 crucero m [kroosairo] cruise  
 cruda f hangover  
 cruzar [kroosar] to cross  
 Cruz Roja f [kroos roHa] Red  
 Cross  
 cuaderno m [kwadairno]  
 notebook  
 cuadro f [kwadra] block  
 está a dos cuadros it's two  
 blocks away  
 cuadrado [kwadrado] square  
 cuadro m [kwadro] painting  
 de cuadros [deh] checked  
 cual [kwal] which; who;  
 ¿cuál? which?  
 ¿cuándo? [kwando] when?  
 ¿cuánto? [kwanto] how much?  
 en cuanto ... as soon as ...

¡cuánto lo lamento! I'm so sorry!  
 ¿cuántos? how many?  
 cuarenta [kwarenta] forty  
 cuartel **m** [kwarte] barracks  
 cuartilla **f** [kwartee-ya] writing paper  
 cuarto (**m**) [kwarto] quarter; fourth; room  
 cuarto con dos camas twin room  
 cuarto de baño [ban-yo] bathroom  
 cuarto de estar sitting room  
 cuarto de hora [deh ora] quarter of an hour  
 cuarto doble [dobleh] double room  
 cuarto individual [eendebeedwal] single room  
 cuarto piso fourth floor, (US) fifth floor  
 cuate **m** [kwateh] friend, pal; twin  
 cuatro [kwatro] four  
 cuatrocientos [kwatros-yentos] four hundred  
 cubierta **f** [koob-yairta] deck  
 cubierto (**m**) covered; overcast; menu  
 cubiertos **mpl** cutlery  
 cubo **m** [koobo] bucket; cube  
 cubo de la basura [deh] dustbin, trashcan  
 cucaracha **f** cockroach  
 cuchara **f** spoon  
 cucharilla **f** [koocharee-ya] teaspoon  
 cuchillería **f** [koochee-yairee-a]

cutlery  
 cuchillo **m** [koochee-yo] knife  
 cuelgue, espere y retire la tarjeta hang up, wait and remove card  
 cuello **m** [kweh-yo] neck; collar  
 cuenta **f** [kwenta] bill, (US) check; account  
 cuenta corriente [korr-yenteh] current account  
 cuentas **fpl** beads  
 cuento **m** [kwento] tale  
 cuerda **f** [kwairda] rope; string  
 cuero **m** [kwairo] leather  
 cuerpo **m** [kwairpo] body  
 cuesta (**f**) [kwesta] it costs; slope  
 cuesta abajo/arriba [abaHo] downhill/uphill  
 cueva **f** [kweba] cave  
 cuidado (**m**) [kweedado] take care; look out; care  
 cuidado con ... caution ...  
 cuidado con el escalón mind the step  
 cuidado con el perro beware of the dog  
 cuidar [kweedar] to look after; to nurse  
 culebra **f** snake  
 culpa **f** fault, blame; guilt  
 es culpa mía it's my fault  
 culturismo **m** body building  
 cumplas: ¡que cumplas muchos más! many happy returns!  
 cumpleaños **m** [koompleh-an-yos] birthday  
 cuna **f** cot, (US) crib

cuneta **f** gutter  
 cuñada **f** [koon-yada] sister-in-law  
 cuñado **m** [koon-yado] brother-in-law  
 cuota **m** [kwota] contribution; membership fee; motorway toll  
 cura **m** priest  
 curado cured; drunk; smoked  
 curar to cure; to heal  
 curarse [kooarseh] to heal up  
 curva **f** [kooiba] bend; curve  
 curva peligrosa dangerous bend  
 cuyo [koo-yo] whose; of which

## D

D. (Don) Mr.  
 damas **fp** draughts, (US) checkers; ladies' toilet, ladies' room  
 danés [dan-es] Danish  
 danza **f** [dansa] dancing; dance  
 danzón **m** [danson] popular Mexican dance  
 dañar [dan-yar] to damage  
 dañarse la espalda [dan-yarseh] to hurt one's back  
 daños **mpl** [dan-yos] damage(s)  
 dar to give  
 dar el visto bueno a [bweno] to approve  
 dcha. (derecha) right  
 de [deh] of; from  
 de dos metros de alto two metres high

dabajo de [debaHo deh] under  
 deber **(m)** [debaír] to have to; to owe; duty  
 deberes **mpl** [debaír-es] homework  
 débil weak  
 decepción **f** [deseeps-yon] disappointment  
 decepcionado [deseeps-yonado] disappointed  
 decidir [deseedeer] to decide  
 décimo [deseemo] tenth  
 decir [deseer] to say; to tell  
 declaración **f** [deklaras-yon] declaration; statement  
 declarar to declare, to state  
 dedo **m** finger  
 dedo del pie [p-yeh] toe  
 defectuoso [defektwoso] faulty  
 dejar [deh-Har] to leave; to let  
 dejar de beber [deh bebaír] to stop drinking  
 delante de [delanteh] in front of  
 delantera **f** [delantaira] front (part)  
 delantero front; foward  
 la parte delantera [parteh] the front (part)  
 Delegación de Servicios Migratorios **f** Immigration Department  
 demás: los demás the others, the rest  
 demasiado [demas-yado] too much  
 demasiados too many  
 democracia **f** [demokras-ya] democracy

demora **f** delay  
 demorar: ¿cuánto demora?  
 [kwanto] how long does it take?  
 dentadura postiza **f** [posteesa] dentures  
 dentista **m/f** dentist  
 dentro (de) [deh] inside  
 dentro de dos semanas in two weeks' time  
 dentro de poco soon  
 departamento **m** apartment  
 departamento amueblado [amweblado] furnished apartment  
 departamento sin amueblar [amweblar] unfurnished apartment  
 depende [dependeh] it depends  
 dependienta **f** [-yenta], dependiente **m** [-yenteh] shop assistant  
 deporte **m** [deporte] sport  
 deportista **m/f** sportsman/sportswoman  
 deportivo [deportebo] sports  
 deportivos **mpl** trainers  
 depósito **m** tank; deposit  
 deprimido depressed  
 derecha **f** right  
 a la derecha (de) on the right (of)  
 derecho: todo derecho straight ahead  
 derribar to pull down, to demolish  
 derrota **f** defeat  
 desacuerdo **m** [desakwairdo] disagreement

desagradable [-dableh] unpleasant  
 desaparecer [-resair] to disappear  
 desaparecido **m** victim of illegal arrest  
 desarmador **m** screwdriver  
 desastre **m** [desastreh] disaster  
 desayunar [desi-yoonar] to have breakfast  
 desayuno **m** [desi-yoono] breakfast  
 descansar to rest  
 descanso **m** interval  
 descarado cheeky  
 descarrilarse to be derailed  
 descolgar el aparato lift receiver  
 descomponerse [deskomponairseh] to break down  
 descompostura breakdown, mechanical problem  
 descompuesto [deskompwesto] broken; broken down  
 descubierto [deskoob-yairto] discovered; uncovered  
 descubrir to discover; to uncover  
 descuelgue el auricular lift the receiver  
 descuento [deskwento] discount  
 descuidado [deskweedado] careless  
 ¡descuide! [deskweedeh] don't worry about it!  
 desde [desdeh] since  
 desde luego [lwego] of course

desde que [keh] since  
 desear [deseh-ar] to want; to wish  
 ¿qué desea? [keh dese-h-a] what can I do for you?  
 desembarcadero **m** [desembarkadairo] quay  
 desempleado (**m**) [desempleh-ado] unemployed person; unemployed  
 desempleo **m** [desempleh-o] unemployment  
 desfile **m** [desfeeh] procession  
 desfile de modas fashion show  
 desgracia: por desgracia [desgras-ya] unfortunately  
 desgraciadamente [-damenteh] unfortunately  
 deshacer las maletas [des-asair] to unpack  
 desierto **m** [des-yairto] desert  
 desinfectante **m** [-tanteh] disinfectant  
 desmadre **m** [desmadreh] chaos; mess  
 ¡qué desmadre! [keh desmadreh] what a bloody mess!  
 desmaquillarse [desmakee-yarseh] to remove one's make-up  
 desmayarse [desmī-yarseh] to faint  
 desnudo naked  
 desnutrición **f** [desnootrees-yon] malnutrition  
 desobediente [desobed-yenteh] disobedient  
 desodorante **m** [-ranteh] deodorant

desordenado untidy  
 desorientarse [desor-yentarseh] to lose one's way  
 despachador automático **m** [owtomateeka] ticket machine  
 despacho de petróleo **m** [deh petroleh-o] store selling paraffin and oil for heating  
 despacio [despas-yo] slowly  
 despedida **f** farewell  
 despedirse [despedeerseh] to say goodbye  
 despegar to take off  
 despegue **m** [despeh-geh] take-off  
 despejado [despeh-ado] clear  
 despertador **m** [despairtador] alarm clock  
 despertar to wake  
 despertarse [-tarseh] to wake up  
 despierto [desp-yairto] awake  
 desprendimiento de terreno danger: landslides  
 despreocupado [despreh-okoopado] thoughtless  
 después [despwes] afterwards  
 después de [deh] after  
 destinatario **m** addressee  
 destino **m** destination  
 el avión con destino a ... the plane for ...  
 destornillador **m** [destornee-yador] screwdriver  
 destruir [destrweer] to destroy  
 desvestirse [desbesteerseh] to undress  
 desviación **f** [desb-yas-yon] diversion

desvío **m** [desbee-o] detour,  
diversion

desvío provisional temporary  
diversion

detener [detenair] to arrest;  
to stop

detergente en polvo **m**  
[detairhenteh] washing powder

detergente lavavajillas  
[lababahee-yas] washing-up  
liquid

detrás (de) [deh] behind

devolver [debolbair] to give  
back; to vomit

D.F. **m** [deh efeh] Mexico City

di I gave; tell me

día **m** [dee-a] day

día de Año Nuevo [deh an-yo  
nwebo] New Year's Day

Día de los Muertos [deh los  
mwairtos] Day of the Dead,  
All Souls' Day

día feriado [fer-yado] public  
holiday

diamante **m** [d-yamanteh]  
diamond

diapositiva **f** [d-yaposeeteeba]  
slide

diario (**m**) [d-yar-yo] diary; daily  
newspaper; daily

diarrea **f** [d-yarreh-a] diarrhoea

días feriados public holidays

días laborables [laborab-les]  
weekdays; working days

dibujar [deeboohar] to draw

dibujos animados **mpl**  
[deeboohos] cartoons

diccionario **m** [deeks-yonar-yo]  
dictionary

dice [deeseh] he/she says; you  
say

dicho [deecho] said

diecinueve **m** [dees-yembreh]  
December

diecinueve [d-yeseenwebeh]  
nineteen

dieciocho [d-yeseo-ochó]  
eighteen

dieciséis [d-yeseesays] sixteen

diecisiete [d-yesees-yeteh]  
seventeen

diente **m** [d-yenteh] tooth

dieron [d-yairon] they gave;  
you gave

diesel **m** [deeseel] diesel

dieta **f** [d-yeta] diet

a dieta on a diet

diez [d-yes] ten

difícil [deefeeseel] difficult

dificultad **f** [deefeekoolta]  
difficulty

diga tell me

digo I say

dije [deehéh] I said

dijeron [deehairon] they said;  
you said

dijiste [deehéesteh] you said

dijo [deehó] he/she said; you  
said

¿qué dijo? what did you say?;  
what did he/she say?

dilatar to delay; to be late

diminuto tiny

Dinamarca **f** Denmark

dinero **m** [deenairo] money

Dios **m** [d-yos] God

¡Dios mío! [mee-o] my God!

dirección **f** [deereks-yon]



- direction; address; steering; management
- director m, directora f** manager; director; headteacher
- directorio m** telephone directory
- dirigir** [deereeHeer] to direct; to lead
- disco m** record
- disconformidad f** [deeskonformeeda] disagreement
- discooteca f** record shop; disco
- disculparse** [deeskoolparseh] to apologize
- disculpe** [deeskoolpeh] excuse me
- disculpen las molestias** we apologize for any inconvenience
- discurso m** speech
- discusión f** [deeskoos-yon] discussion; argument
- discutir** to argue
- diseñador de modas m** [deesen-yador deh] fashion designer
- disimular** [deeseemoolar] to pretend
- disqueta f** [deesketa] diskette
- distancia f** [deestans-ya] distance
- distinto** different
- distraído** [deestra-eedo] absent-minded; distracted
- distribuidor m** [deestreebweedor] distributor
- Distrito Federal m** [fedairal] Federal District, Mexico City
- distrito postal m** postcode, zip code
- disuélvase en agua** dissolve in water
- divertido** [deebairteedo] entertaining; funny
- divertirse** [deebairteerseh] to have a good time
- divisas fpl** [deebeesas] foreign currency
- divorciado** [deebors-yado] divorced
- divorciarse** [deebors-yarseh] to divorce
- divorcio m** [deebors-yo] divorce
- divulgar** [deeboolgar] to publicize
- doble** [dobleh] double
- doble sentido** two-way
- doce** [doseh] twelve
- docena (de) f** [dosena] dozen
- dólar m** dollar
- doler** [dolair] to hurt
- dolor m** pain
- dolor de garganta** [deh] sore throat
- dolor de cabeza** [kabesa] headache
- dolor de muelas** [mwelas] toothache
- dolor de oídos** [o-eedos] earache
- doloroso** painful
- domicilio m** [domeeseel-yo] place of residence
- domingo m** Sunday
- domingos y feriados** Sundays and public holidays
- donativa f** donations

donde [dondeh] where  
 ¿dónde? where?  
 dorado (m) gold, golden; type  
 of fish  
 dormido asleep  
 dormir to sleep  
 dormitorio m [dormeetor-yo]  
 bedroom; dormitory  
 dos two  
 doscientos [dos-yentos] two  
 hundred  
 doy I give  
 droga f drug  
 drogadicto m [drogadeekto]  
 drug addict  
 drogado in debt  
 drogarse [drogarseh] to take  
 drugs; to get into debt  
 droguería f [drogairee-a]  
 drugstore  
 ducha f shower  
 ducharse [doocharseh] to have  
 a shower  
 dudar to doubt; to hesitate  
 duele [dweleeh] it hurts  
 dulce [doolseh] sweet; gentle  
 dulces mpl [dools-es] sweets,  
 candies  
 dunas fpl sand dunes  
 durante [dooranteh] during  
 Durex® m Sellotape®, Scotch  
 tape®  
 duro hard

## E

E parking  
 e [eh] and

echar to throw; to throw  
 away  
 echar a faltar to miss  
 echo de menos a mi ... [deh] I  
 miss my ...  
 echar al buzón [booson] to  
 post, to mail  
 echar al correo [korreh-o] to  
 post, to mail  
 echar el cerrojo [sairroho] to  
 bolt  
 echar sangre [sangreh] to bleed  
 echarse la siesta [echarseh] to  
 have a nap  
 ecológico [ekoloHeeko]  
 ecological  
 ecologista m/f  
 environmentalist, Green  
 economía f economy  
 económico cheap,  
 inexpensive; economic;  
 economical  
 ecuatoriano (m) [ekwator-yano]  
 Ecuadorean  
 edad f [eda] age  
 ¿qué edad tienes? [keh -  
 t-yen-es] how old are you?  
 edificio m [edeefees-yo] building  
 edredón m quilt, eiderdown;  
 duvet  
 educado polite  
 EE.UU. (Estados Unidos)  
 USA  
 efectivo: en efectivo [efekteebo]  
 in cash  
 eje m [eHeh] axle  
 eje del cigüeñal [seegwen-yal]  
 crankshaft  
 ejemplo m [eHemplo] example

por ejemplo **for example**  
 ejidatario **m** [eHeedatar-yo]  
 member of an agricultural  
 community  
 ejido **m** [eHeedo] communal  
 land  
 el **the**  
 él **he; him**  
 elástico **elastic**  
 elecciones **fpl** [eleks-yon-es]  
 elections  
 electricidad **f** [elektreeseeda]  
 electricity  
 electricista **m** [elektreeseesta]  
 electrician  
 eléctrico **electric**  
 electrodomésticos **mpl**  
 electrical appliances  
 elegir [eleh-Heer] **to choose**  
 ella [eh-ya] **she; her**  
 ellas [eh-yas] **they; them**  
 ellos [eh-yos] **they; them**  
 embajada **f** [embaHada] **embassy**  
 embalse **m** [embalseh] **reservoir**  
 embarazada [embarasada]  
**pregnant**  
 embotellamiento **m** [emboteh-  
 yam-yento] **traffic jam**  
 embrague **m** [embrageh] **clutch**  
 emergencia **f** [emairHens-ya]  
**emergency**  
 emisión **f** [emees-yon]  
**programme; emission;**  
**distribution date; issue**  
 emocionante [emos-yonanteh]  
**exciting**  
 empacar **to pack**  
 empalme **m** [empalmeh]  
**junction**

empaquetado **m** [empaketado]  
**packing**  
 empaste **m** [empasteh] **filling**  
 empeorar [empeh-orar] **to get**  
**worse**  
 empezar [empesar] **to begin**  
 empieza a las ocho [emp-yesa]  
**it starts at eight**  
 empinado **steep**  
 empleada **f** [empleh-ada],  
 empleado **m** **white collar**  
**worker, employee**  
 empresa **f** **firm, enterprise**  
 empresario **m** **businessman**  
 empujar [empooHar] **to push**  
**en in; at; on; by**  
 enamorados: día de los  
 enamorados **m** [dee-a deh] **St**  
**Valentine's Day**  
 encantado **delighted**  
 ¡encantado! **pleased to meet**  
**you!**  
 encantador **lovely**  
 encantar **to please**  
 encendedor **m** [ensendedor]  
**lighter**  
 encerrar [ensairrar] **to lock in;**  
**to lock up**  
 enchufe **m** [enchoofeh] **plug;**  
**socket**  
 encima [enseema] **above**  
 encima de [deh] **on top of**  
 encontrar **to find**  
 encontrarse (con/a) [-trarseh]  
**to meet**  
 encuentra: se encuentra [seh  
 enkwenra] **is located**  
 encuentro (**m**) [enkwentro]  
**meeting, encounter; I find**

endrogarse [–garseh] to get into debt

enemigo **m** enemy

enero **m** [enairo] January

enfermarse [–marseh] to become ill, to get sick

enfermedad **f** [enfairmeda] disease

enfermedad venérea [benaireh-a] VD

enfermera **f** [enfairmaira],

enfermero **m** nurse

enfermo [enfairmo] ill, sick

enfrente de [enfrenteh deh] opposite

enganche [engancheh] deposit

engañar [engan-yar] to cheat; to trick

enmicado **m** [enmeekado] plastic covering (for documents)

enojado [enohado] angry

enojarse [–harseh] to get angry

enorme [enormeh] enormous

enseñar [ensen-yar] to teach

entender [entendair] to understand

no entiendo I don't

understand

entero [entaïro] whole; in one piece

entiendo [ent-yendo] I understand

entierro **m** [ent-yairro] funeral

entonces [entons-es] then; therefore

entrada **f** entrance, way in; ticket

entrada gratis admission free

entrada libre [leebreh]

admission free

entrar to go in, to enter

entre [entreh] among; between

entretanto meanwhile

entrevista **f** [entrebeesta] interview

enviar [emb-yar] to send

envolver [embolbair] to wrap up; to involve

equipaje **m** [ekeepaheh]

luggage, baggage

equipaje de mano [deh] hand luggage

equipajes **mpl** [ekeepaH-es] left-luggage office, (US) baggage check

equipo **m** [ekeepo] team; equipment, tools

equivocado [ekeepokado] wrong

equivocarse [ekeepokarseh] to make a mistake

equivocarse de número [deh noomairo] to dial the wrong number

era [aira] I/he/she/it was; you were

éramos [airamos] we were

eran [airan] they were; you were

eras [airas] you were

eres [air-es] you are

erupción **f** [airoops-yon] rash; eruption

es he is; you are

esa that

ésa that (one)

esas those

ésas those (ones)

escala **f** intermediate stop;  
 scale; ladder  
 escalera automática **f** escalator  
 escaleras **fpl** stairs  
 escarcha **f** frost  
 escayola **f** [eskí-yola] plaster cast  
 escocés [eskos-es] Scottish  
 Escocia **f** [eskos-ya] Scotland  
 escoger [eskoHáir] to choose  
 esconder [eskondáir] to hide  
 escorpión **m** [eskorp-yon]  
 scorpion  
 escribir to write  
 escrito written  
 por escrito in writing  
 escritura **f** deed; document  
 escuchar to hear  
 escuela **f** [eskwela] school  
 escuela de párvulos [deh  
 parboolos] kindergarten  
 escuincle **m/f** [eskweenkleh] kid,  
 nipper; runt  
 escurrir a mano to wring by  
 hand  
 ese [eseh] that  
 ése that (one)  
 esencial [esens-yal] essential  
 esfuerzo **m** [esfwairso] effort  
 esmalte de uñas **m** [esmalteh deh  
 oon-yas] nail polish  
 esmeralda **f** emerald  
 eso that  
 eso es that's it, that's right  
 esos those  
 ésos those (ones)  
 espalda **f** back  
 espantoso dreadful;  
 frightening  
 España **f** [espan-ya] Spain

español (**m**) [espan-yol],  
 española (**f**) Spanish; Spaniard  
 especialista **m/f** [espes-yaleesta]  
 specialist  
 especialmente [espes-yalmenteh]  
 especially  
 espectáculo **m** show, spectacle  
 espejo **m** [espeHo] mirror  
 esperar [espairar] to wait; to  
 hope  
 espere [espaireh] please wait  
 ¡espéreme! [espairemeh] wait  
 for me!  
 espero que sí I hope so  
 espeso thick  
 esponja **f** [esponHa] sponge  
 esposa **f** wife  
 esposo **m** husband  
 espuma de afeitar **f** [deh afaytar]  
 shaving foam  
 esquí acuático [eskee  
 akwateeko] waterski;  
 waterskiing  
 esquina **f** [eskeena] corner  
 esta this  
 ésta this one  
 estación **f** [estas-yon] station;  
 season  
 estacionamiento **m** [estas-  
 yonam-yento] car park, parking  
 lot  
 estacionamiento limitado  
 restricted parking  
 estacionamiento privado  
 private parking  
 estacionamiento reservado  
 this parking place reserved  
 estacionamiento subterráneo  
 underground parking

estacionamiento vigilado  
supervised parking  
estacionarse [estas-yonarseh]  
to park  
estación de autobuses [deh  
owtoobos-es] bus station  
estación de ferrocarril train  
station  
estación de servicio [sairbees-  
yo] service station  
estadio de fútbol m [estad-yo  
deh] football stadium  
Estados Unidos mpl [ooneedos]  
United States  
estallar [esta-yar] to explode  
estampilla f [estampee-ya] stamp  
estaño m [estan-yo] tin; pewter  
estar to be  
estas these  
éstas these ones  
estatua f [estatwa] statue  
este m [esteh] east  
este this  
éste this (one)  
esterilizado [estaireeleesado]  
sterilized  
esto this  
estómago m stomach  
estornudar to sneeze  
estos these  
éstos these (ones)  
estoy I am  
estrecho narrow; tight  
estrella f [estreh-ya] star  
estrellarse contra [estreh-yarseh]  
to run into; to crash into  
estreno m new film/movie  
release  
estreñido [estren-yeedo]

constipated  
estreñimiento m [estren-yeem-  
yento] constipation  
estropear [estrophe-ar] to  
damage  
estudiante m/f [estood-yanteh]  
student  
estudiar [estood-yar] to study  
estupefaciente m [-fas-yenteh]  
hallucinogenic drug  
estupendo wonderful, great  
estúpido stupid  
etiqueta f [eteeketa] label  
... de etiqueta [deh] formal ...  
europeo [eh-ooropeh-o]  
European  
evidente [ebeedenteh] obvious  
exactamente [-menteh] exactly  
¡exacto! exactly!  
excelente [eselenteh] excellent  
excepto [esepto] except  
excepto domingos y feriados  
except Sundays and holidays  
excepto sábados except  
Saturdays  
exceso de equipaje m [eseso  
deh ekeepaheh] excess baggage  
exceso de velocidad [beloseeda]  
speeding  
excursión f [eskoors-yon] trip  
excusados mpl [eskoosados]  
toilets, rest rooms  
expedir [espedeer] to despatch  
expendio m [ekspend-yo] stall;  
kiosk; shop, store  
explicación f [espleekas-yon]  
explanation  
explicar to explain  
exportación f [esportas-yon]

export  
 exposición **f** [esposees-yon] exhibition  
 exprés **m** [espres] fast train; special delivery  
 exterior **(m)** [estair-yor] exterior, outer; foreign; overseas  
 Secretaría de Asuntos Exteriores Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
 extintor (de incendios) **m** [deh eenseend-yos] fire extinguisher  
 extra four-star petrol, (US) premium gas  
 extranjera **(f)** [estranHaira], extranjero **(m)** [estranHairo] foreign; foreigner  
 en el extranjero abroad, overseas  
 extrañar [estranyar] to miss  
 extraño [estran-yo] strange

## F

fábrica **f** factory  
 fabricado por ... made by ...  
 fácil [faseel] easy  
 facilidad: con facilidades payment by instalments  
 factura **f** bill, (US) check; invoice  
 facturación **f** [faktooras-yon] check-in  
 facturar el equipaje [ekeepaHeh] to check in luggage/baggage  
 falda **f** skirt; hillside  
 fallar [fa-yar] to fail; to break down

falso false  
 falta **f** lack; mistake; defect; fault  
 no hace falta ... [aseh] it's not necessary to ...  
 faltaba más don't mention it  
 falta de visibilidad poor visibility  
 faltar to be missing; to be absent  
 faltan tres there are three missing  
 faltan seis kilómetros para llegar there are six kilometres to go before we get there  
 ¿cuánto falta (para) ...? how much further is it (to) ...?  
 echar a faltar to miss  
 familia **f** [fameel-ya] family  
 famoso famous  
 farmacia **f** [farmas-ya] chemist's, pharmacy  
 farmacia de turno [deh toorno] emergency chemist's/ pharmacy, duty chemist  
 faro **m** light; headlight; lighthouse  
 faro antiniebla [anteen-yebLa] fog lamp  
 favor: a favor de [fabor deh] in favour of  
 por favor please  
 si hace favor [aseh] if you don't mind  
 fayuca **f** [fi-yooka] contraband goods  
 fayuquero **m** [fi-yookairo] seller of contraband goods  
 febrero **m** [febraio] February

**fecha f** date  
 fecha de caducación, fecha de caducidad **expiry date**  
 fecha de nacimiento [deh naseem-yento] **date of birth**  
 fecha límite de venta **sell-by date**  
 ¡Felices Pascuas y Próspero Año Nuevo! [felees-es paskwas ee prospairo an-yo nwebo] **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**  
**felicidad f** [feleeseeda] **happiness**  
 ¡felicidades! [feleeseedad-es] **happy birthday!; congratulations!**  
**felicitar** [feleeseetar] **to congratulate**  
**feliz** [felees] **happy**  
 ¡feliz cumpleaños! [koompleh-an-yos] **happy birthday!**  
**feo** [feh-o] **ugly**  
**feria f** [fair-ya] **fair; loose change**  
**feriado: días feriados** [fair-yados] **public holidays**  
**ferretería f** [fairretairee-a] **hardware store**  
**ferrocarril m** **railway, railroad**  
**festividad f** [festebeeda] **celebration**  
**festivos** **bank holidays, public holidays**  
**fibras naturales** **natural fibres**  
**fiebre f** [f-yebreh] **fever; high temperature**  
**fiebre del heno** [eno] **hay fever**  
**fierro m** [f-yairo] **iron**

**fiesta f** **public holiday; party**  
 fiesta de ... [deh] **feast of ...**  
**fila f** **row**  
 fila india **single file**  
**filmar** [feelmar] **to film**  
**filtro m** **filter**  
**filtro solar** **sunblock**  
**fin m** [feen] **end; purpose**  
 por fin **at last, finally**  
 a fin de que [deh keh] **so that**  
**final m** [feenal] **end**  
**final de autopista** **end of motorway/highway**  
**fin de semana** [deh] **weekend**  
**fin de serie** **discontinued articles**  
**fangir** [feenHeer] **to pretend**  
**fino** **fine; delicate**  
**firma f** **signature; company**  
**firmar** **to sign**  
**flaco** **thin, skinny**  
**flequillo m** [flekee-yo] **fringe**  
**flete m** [fleteh] **carriage, transport cost**  
**flojera: me da flojera** [floHaira] **I can't be bothered**  
**flojo** [floHo] **lazy**  
**flor f** **flower**  
**florería f** [florairee-a] **florist**  
**florero m** [floraïro] **vase**  
**flotadores mpl** **lifebelts**  
**flotar** **to float**  
**FMT** [efemeteH] **tourist card**  
**foco m** **light bulb**  
**folleto m** [fo-yeto] **pamphlet**  
**Folleto de Migración Turística** [deh mee-gras-yon] **tourist card**  
**fonda f** **simple restaurant; boarding house**



fondo **m** bottom; background  
al fondo (de) at the bottom  
(of)

fondos **mpl** funds, money

fontanero **m** [fontanairo]  
plumber

footing **m** jogging

forma **f** form  
en forma fit

fósforo **m** match

foto **f** photograph  
sacar fotos to take  
photographs

fotografía **f** photograph;  
photography

fotografiar [fotograf-yar] to  
photograph

fotógrafo **m** photographer

fotómetro **m** light meter

fraccionamiento **m** [fraks-yonam-  
yento] housing estate

francamente [-menteh] frankly

francés [frans-es] French

Francia **f** [frans-ya] France

franqueado [frankeh-ado]  
franked

franqueo **m** [frankeh-o] postage

frazada **f** [frasada] blanket, rug

frecuencia: con frecuencia  
[frekwens-ya] often

fregadero **m** [fregadairo] sink

fregar to keep on at; to annoy  
fregarlo to screw up

fregar los platos to do the  
washing up

freír [freh-eer] to fry

frenar to brake

freno **m** brake

freno de mano [deh] handbrake

frente **f** [frenteh] forehead

hacer frente a ... [asair] to face  
up to ...

fresco fresh

frigorífico **m** fridge

frío [free-o] cold

hace frío [aseh] it's cold

frontera **f** [frontaira] border

la Frontera the Mexican-US  
border

frutería **f** [frootairee-a] fruit  
shop; greengrocer's

fue [fweh] he/she/it went;  
he/she/it was; you went; you  
were

fuego **m** [fwego] fire

¿tiene fuego? have you got a  
light?

fuegos artificiales [arteefees-yal-  
es] fireworks

fuelle **f** [fwenteh] fountain;  
source; font

fuera [fwaira] outside; he/she/it  
was; he/she/it went; you  
were; you went

fuera de [deh] apart from

fuera de horas pico off-peak  
hours

fuera de servicio [deh sairbees-  
yo] out of order

fuéramos [fwairamos] we were;  
we went

fuéran [fwairan] they were;  
they went; you were; you  
went

fueron [fwairon] they were;  
they went; you were; you  
went

fuerte [fwairteh] strong; loud

**fuerza** **f** [fwairsa] force; strength  
**fui** [fwee] I was; I went  
**fuimos** [fweeemos] we were; we went  
**fuiste** [fweeesteh] you were; you went  
**fumadores** [foomadør-es] smoking  
**fumar** to smoke  
**funcionar** [foons-yonar] to work  
**funcionario** **m** [foons-yonar-yo] civil servant  
**función de noche** late showing  
**función de tarde** early showing  
**funeraria** **f** [foonairar-ya] undertaker's  
**funicular** **m** [fooneekoolar] cable car  
**furioso** [foor-yoso] furious  
**furúnculo** **m** abscess; boil  
**fusible** **m** [fooseebleh] fuse  
**fútbol** **m** football  
**futuro** (**m**) [footooro] future

## G

## FU

**gachupín** **m** [gachoopeen] Spaniard  
**gafas** **fp** glasses, (US) eyeglasses  
**gafas de bucear** [deh booseh-ar] goggles  
**gafas de sol** sunglasses  
**galería** **f** [galairre-a] gallery; enclosed balcony  
**galería de arte** [deh arteh] art gallery  
**Gales** **m** [gal-es] Wales

**galés** [gal-es] Welsh  
**gama: toda la gama** the whole range  
**gamuza** **f** [gamoosa] suede  
**ganadería** **f** [-dairre-a] cattle farming  
**ganadero** **m** [-dairo] (cattle) rancher  
**ganado** **m** cattle  
**ganar** to win; to earn  
**ganga** **f** bargain  
**ganso** **m** goose  
**garaje** **m** [garaHeh] garage  
**garantía** **f** guarantee  
**garantizar** [-teesar] to guarantee  
**garganta** **f** throat  
**gasolina** **f** petrol, (US) gas  
**gasolina normal** two-star petrol, (US) regular (gas)  
**gasolina super** [soopair] four-star petrol, (US) premium (gas)  
**gasolinera** **f** [gasoleenaira] petrol/gas station, filling station  
**gastar** to spend  
**gato** **m** cat; jack  
**gemelos** **mpl** [Hemelos] twins; cufflinks  
**general: por lo general** [Henairal] usually  
**en general** generally, in general  
**genio** **m** [Hen-yo] genius  
**gente** **f** [Henteh] people  
**una gente** a person  
**gerente** **m/f** [Hairenteh] manager; manageress  
**gestionar** [Hest-yonar] to

negotiate  
**gimnasia f** [Heemnas-ya] gymnastics  
**gimnasio m** gymnasium  
**ginecólogo m** [Heenekologo] gynaecologist  
**gira f** [Heera] tour  
**girar** [Heerar] to turn  
 gire a la izquierda [Heereh] turn left  
**giro** [Heero] money order  
**gis m** [Hees] chalk  
**gitano m** [Heetano] gypsy  
**globo m** balloon  
**glorieta f** [glor-yeta] roundabout  
**gobierno m** [gob-yairno] government  
**gol m** goal  
**Golfo (de México) m** Gulf of Mexico  
**golpe m** [golpeh] blow  
 de golpe all of a sudden  
**golpear** [golpeh-ar] to hit; to beat up  
**golpiza f** [golpeesa] beating  
**goma f** glue  
**gomita f** rubber band  
**gordo** fat  
**gorra f** cap  
**gorro m** bonnet, cap  
**gorro de baño** [deh ban-yo] bathing cap  
**gorro de ducha** shower cap  
**gota f** drop  
**gotera f** [gotaira] leak  
**gozar** [gosar] to enjoy  
**grabadora f** tape recorder  
**gracias** [gras-yas] thank you  
**gracias a Usted** [oosteh] thank

you (more emphatic)  
**gracioso** [gras-yoso] funny  
**grado m** degree  
**grafitos mpl** graffiti  
**gramática f** grammar  
**gramo m** gramme  
**Gran Bretaña f** [bretan-ya] Great Britain  
**grande** [grandeh] big, large; old  
**grandes almacenes mpl** [grand-es almasen-es] large department store  
**granizo m** [graneeso] hail  
**granja f** [granha] farm  
**granjero m** [granhairo] farmer  
**grano m** grain; spot  
**grapa f** paper clip  
**grasa f** fat  
**grasiento** [gras-yento] greasy  
**grasoso** greasy  
**gratis** free  
**grave** [grabeh] serious; very ill/sick  
**gravilla** loose chippings  
**Grecia f** [gres-ya] Greece  
**gremio m** trade union  
**grifo m** tap, (US) faucet  
**gripe f** [greeteh] flu  
**gris** grey  
**gritar** to shout  
**Grito: el Grito** the Declaration of Independence by Miguel Hidalgo on 16 Sept 1810, repeated by the President every Independence Day  
**grosería** [grosairee-a] swearword, oath  
**decir groserías** [deseer] to swear

grosero [grosairo] rude  
 grúa f [g-roo-a] tow truck,  
 breakdown lorry; crane  
 grueso [grweso] thick  
 grupo m group  
 grupo sanguíneo [sangeeneh-o]  
 blood group  
 guacamayo m [gwakamī-yo]  
 parrot  
 guajolote m [gwaHoloteh] turkey  
 guante m [gwanteh] glove  
 guapo [gwapo] handsome  
 guardacostas m/f [wardakostas]  
 coastguard  
 guardar [gwardar] to keep; to  
 put away  
 guardarropa m [gwardarropa]  
 cloakroom, (US) checkroom  
 guardería (infantil) f [gwar-dairee-  
 a (infanteel)] crèche; nursery  
 school  
 guárdese en lugar fresco keep  
 in a cool place  
 guardia m/f [gward-ya] guard  
 guarura m/f [gwaroora] thug,  
 hood  
 guata f [gwata] belly  
 guatemalteco (m) [gwatemalteko]  
 Guatemalan  
 guayabera f [gwī-yabaira]  
 embroidered shirt  
 güero [gwairo] blond, light  
 skinned  
 guerra f [gairra] war  
 guerra civil civil war  
 guía m/f [gee-a] guide  
 guía telefónica f phone book,  
 telephone directory  
 guía turístico m tourist guide

guisar [geesar] to cook  
 guitarra f [geetarra] guitar  
 gusano m worm  
 gustar to please  
 me gusta ... [meh] I like ..  
 (si) gusta pasar would you  
 like to go in?  
 me gustaría ... I'd like to ...  
 gusto: mucho gusto [moocho]  
 pleased to meet you  
 con mucho gusto certainly,  
 with great pleasure  
 el gusto es mío how do you  
 do; it is a pleasure  
 ¡qué gusto de verte! [keh - deh  
 bairteh] it's good to see you!

## H

h is not pronounced in Spanish

ha he/she/it has; you have  
 hábil [abeel] skilful  
 días hábiles working days  
 habitante m/f [abeetanteh]  
 inhabitant  
 habitar to live  
 hablador talkative  
 hablar to speak  
 hable aquí speak here  
 habrá there will be; he/she/it  
 will have; you will have  
 habrán they will have; you  
 will have  
 habrás you will have  
 habré [abreh] I will have  
 habremos we will have  
 habría [abree-a] I would have;

he/she/it would have; you would have  
**habríamos** [abree-amos] we would have  
**habrían** [abree-an] they would have; you would have  
**habrías** [abree-as] you would have  
**hacer** [asair] to make; to do  
**hace tres días** [aseh] three days ago  
**hace calor/sol** it is hot/sunny  
**se me hace que ...** [seh meh - keh] I believe that ...  
**no le hace** [leh] don't worry about it  
**¿cuánto se hace de México a Veracruz?** how long does it take from Mexico to Veracruz?  
**hacerse** [asairseh] to become  
**hacia** [as-ya] towards  
**haga:** ¡hágalo ahora! do it now!  
**hago** I do; I make  
**hallar** [a-yar] to find  
**hamaca** f [amaka] hammock  
**hambre:** tengo hambre [ambreh] I'm hungry  
**han** they have; you have  
**haré** [areh] I will do  
**harto** full, stuffed  
**estar harto (de)** [deh] to be fed up (with)  
**es harto difícil** [deefeeseel] it's very difficult  
**has** you have  
**hasta** even; until

**hasta que** [keh] until  
**hasta luego** [lwego] goodbye, cheerio, see you later  
**¡hasta mañana!** [man-yana] see you tomorrow!  
**¡hasta pronto!** see you soon!  
**hay** [i] there is; there are  
**haz** [as] do; make  
**¡hazlo tú!** you do it!  
**he** [eh] I have  
**hecho** (m) made; done; fact  
**hecho a la medida** made-to-measure  
**helada** f frost  
**heladería** f [eladairee-a] ice-cream parlour  
**helado** m ice cream  
**helar** to freeze  
**hembra** f female  
**hemos** we have  
**henequén** m [eneken] sisal-type fibre from the henequen plant, used for making rope and fabrics  
**herida** f [aireeda] wound  
**herido** injured  
**hermana** f [airmana] sister  
**hermano** m [airmano] brother  
**hermoso** [airmoso] beautiful  
**herramientas** fpl [airram-yentas] tools  
**hervir** [airbeer] to boil  
**hice** [eeseh] I made; I did  
**hidratante:** crema hidratante f [eedratanteh] moisturizer  
**hielo** m [yelo] ice  
**hierba** f [yairba] grass  
**hierro** m [yairro] iron  
**hija** f [eHa] daughter

h is not pronounced in Spanish

hijo **m** [eeHO] son

¡hijo de la chingada! son of a bitch!

¡híjole! [eeHOleh] hell!, damn!

hilo **m** thread

hipermercado [eepairmairkado] hypermarket

hipo **m** hiccup

hipódromo **m** horse-racing track

historia **f** [eestor-ya] history; story

hizo [eeso] he/she made; he/she did; you made; you did

hogar **m** home; household goods

hoja **f** [oHa] leaf; sheet of paper

hoja de afeitar [deh afaytar] razor blade

hojalata **f** [oHalata] tin plate

¡hola! hello!, hi!

hombre **m** [ombreh] man

hombre de negocios [deh negos-yos] businessman

hombro **m** shoulder

hondo deep

hondureño (**m**) [ondooren-yo]

Honduran

honrado honest

hora **f** hour

¿qué hora es/qué hora tiene/ me da su hora? what time is it?

hora local local time

horario **m** [orar-yo] timetable, (US) schedule

horario de camiones [deh kam-

yon-es] bus timetable/schedule

horario de invierno [eemb-yairno] winter timetable/schedule

horario de recogidas [rekoHeedas] collection times

horario de trenes [tren-es] train timetable/schedule

horario de verano [bairano] summer timetable/schedule

horas de consulta surgery hours, (US) office hours

horas de oficina [ofeeseena] opening hours

horas de visita [beeseeta] visiting hours

horas pico rush hour

hormiga **f** ant

horno **m** oven

horquilla **m** [orkee-ya] hairslide, hairpin

hospedarse [ospedarseh] to stay

hotel-garaje **m** [-garaheh] hotel where rooms are rented by the hour

hoy [oy] today

hoyo **m** [o-yo] hole

huaraches **mpl** [warach-es] leather sandals

hube [oobeh] I had

hubieron [oob-yairon] they had; you had

hubimos [oobeemos] we had

hubiste [oobeesteh] you had

hubo [oobo] he/she/it had; you had; there was/were

¿húbole: ¿qué húbole? [keh ooboleh] how's it going?

huele: huele a ... [weleh] it

smells of ...  
**huelga** **f** [wɛlga] strike  
**huella** **f** [weya] print; trace  
**huellas digitales** [deehɛetaɫ-es]  
 fingerprints  
**hueso** **m** [weso] bone; stone (of  
 fruit etc)  
**huésped** **m/f** [wɛspɛd] guest  
**huipil** **m** [weɛpɪl] short,  
 embroidered blouse  
**hule** **m** [oolɛh] rubber  
**humedad** **f** [oomeda] humidity,  
 dampness  
**húmedo** damp  
**humo** **m** smoke  
**humor** **m** humour  
**hundirse** [oondɛɛrɛh] to sink  
**huracán** **m** hurricane

## I

**idéntico** (a/que) [kɛh] identical  
 (to)  
**idioma** **m** [ɛɛd-yoma] language  
**idiota** **m/f** [ɛɛd-yota] idiot  
**iglesia** **f** [ɛɛglɛs-ya] church  
**ignorar**: ignoro si ... I don't  
 know whether ...  
**igual** [ɛɛgwɔɫ] equal; like  
 me da igual [mɛh] it's all the  
 same to me  
**imbécil** (**m**) [ɛɛmbɛsɛɛl] idiot;  
 stupid  
**impaciente** [ɛɛmpas-yɛntɛh]  
 impatient  
**impactante** [ɛɛmpaktɛntɛh]  
 striking; shocking  
**impermeable** (**m**) [ɛɛmpairmɛh-

ablɛh] waterproof; raincoat  
**importación** **f** [ɛɛmportas-yon]  
 import; importing  
**artículos de importación**  
 imported goods  
**importante** [ɛɛmportantɛh]  
 important  
**importar**: no importa it doesn't  
 matter  
 ¿le importa si ...? [lɛh] do you  
 mind if ...?  
**importe** **m** [ɛɛmportɛh] amount,  
 sum  
**importe total** total due  
**imposible** [ɛɛmposeɛblɛh]  
 impossible  
**impreso** **m** [ɛɛmpresɔ] form  
**impuesto** **m** [ɛɛmpwɛstɔ] tax  
**incendiar** [ɛɛnsɛnd-yar] to set  
 fire to  
**incendio** **m** [ɛɛnsɛnd-yo] fire  
 (blaze)  
**incluido** [ɛɛnkloo-ɛɛdo] included  
**incluso** even  
**inconsciente** [ɛɛnkons-yɛntɛh]  
 unconscious; unaware  
**increíble** [ɛɛnkɛrɛh-ɛɛblɛh]  
 incredible  
**indemnizar** [ɛɛɛndɛmɛɛsar] to  
 compensate  
**independiente** [ɛɛɛndɛpɛnd-  
 yɛntɛh] independent  
**indicaciones** **fpl** [ɛɛndɛɛkas-yon-  
 ɛs] instructions  
**indicador** **m** indicator  
**indicador de nivel** [dɛh nɛɛbɛl]  
 gauge  
**indicar** to indicate  
**indígena** (**m/f**) [ɛɛndɛɛhɛna]

Indian; native inhabitant  
 indignado **indignant**  
 indispuerto [eendeespwesto]  
 unwell  
 industria **f** industry; factory  
 infantil children's  
 infarto **m** heart attack  
 infección **f** [eenfeks-yon]  
 infection  
 infectarse [eenfektarse] to  
 become infected  
 inflamado **swollen**  
 inflamarse [eenflamarse] to  
 swell  
 influenciar [eenflwens-yar] to  
 influence  
 información **f** [eenformas-yon]  
 information  
 información de vuelos **flight**  
 information  
 información turística **tourist**  
 information  
 información y turismo **tourist**  
 information office  
 informar to inform  
 informarse (de/sobre)  
 [-marseh (deh/sobre)] to get  
 information (on/about)  
 informe **m** [informeh] report  
 infracción **f** [eenfraks-yon]  
 offence  
 ingeniero **m** [eenHen-yairo]  
 engineer  
 Inglaterra **f** [eenglatairra]  
 England  
 inglés (**m**) [eeng-les] English;  
 Englishman  
 inglesa **f** Englishwoman  
 ingresar to enter

ingreso **m** [eengreso] income;  
 entry  
 ingresos **mpl** income; deposits  
 iniciales **fpl** [eenees-yal-es]  
 initials  
 inmediatamente [eenmed-  
 yatamenteh] immediately  
 inocente [eenosenteh] innocent  
 inscribirse [-beerseh] to  
 register, to enrol  
 insistir to insist  
 insolación **f** [eensolas-yon]  
 sunstroke  
 instrucciones **fpl** [eenstrooks-  
 yon-es] instructions  
 instrucciones de lavado  
 washing instructions  
 íntegro [eentegro] complete;  
 intact  
 inteligente [eenteleehenteh]  
 intelligent  
 intentar to try  
 interés **m** [eentair-es] interest  
 interesante [eentairesanteh]  
 interesting  
 intereses **mpl** [eentaires-es]  
 interest  
 interino: en el interino  
 [eentaireeno] meanwhile  
 interior (**m**) [eentairee-or]  
 interior, inner; domestic,  
 home  
 intermedio (**m**) [eentairmed-  
 yo] intermission, interval;  
 intermediate  
 intermitente **m** [eentairmeetenteh]  
 indicator  
 intérprete **m/f** [eentairpreteh]  
 interpreter



**interruptor m** [eentairrooptor] switch  
**interurbano** long-distance  
**intoxicación alimenticia f** [eentokseekas-yon aleementees-ya] food poisoning  
**introduzca el dinero exacto** insert exact amount  
**introduzca la tarjeta y marque** insert card and dial  
**introduzca moneda** insert coin  
**inundación f** [eenondas-yon] flood  
**inundar** to flood  
**inútil** useless, pointless  
**inversión f** [eenbairs-yon] investment  
**invierno m** [eemb-yairno] winter  
**invitada f** [eembeetada], **invitado m** guest  
**invitar** [eenbeetar] to invite  
**inyección f** [een-yeks-yon] injection  
**ir** [eer] to go  
**ir de paseo** [deh paseh-o] to go for a walk  
**Irlanda f** [eerlanda] Ireland  
**Irlanda del Norte** [northe] Northern Ireland  
**irlandés (m)** [eerland-es] Irish; Irishman  
**irlandesa f** Irishwoman  
**irse** [eerseh] to leave, to go away  
**isla f** [eesla] island  
**itinerario m** [eeteenairar-yo] itinerary  
**IVA (impuesto sobre el valor añadido)** [eeba] VAT

**izq. (izquierda)** left  
**izquierda f** [eesk-yairda] left  
 a la izquierda (de) [deh] on the left (of)

## J

**jabón m** [Habon] soap  
**jabón de afeitar** [deh afaytar] shaving soap  
**jacal m** [Hakal] straw hut; shack  
**jaiba f** [hibba] crab  
**jalar** [Halar] to pull  
**jaliscense** [Haleesenseh] from/of Jalisco  
**jamás** [Hamás] ever; never  
**jardín m** [Hardeen] garden  
**jardín de niños** [deh neen-yos] kindergarten  
**jardines públicos mpl** [Hardeen-es] park, public gardens  
**jarocho** [Haroch] from/of Veracruz  
**jarra f** [Harra] jug  
**jarrón m** [Harron] vase  
**jefe m** [Hefeh] boss; chief  
**jefe de tren** [deh] guard  
**jícara f** [Heekara] gourd  
**joder** [Hodair] to irritate, to annoy; to mess about; to screw up  
**¡lo jodiste!** [Hodeesteh] you screwed up!  
**jodido** [Hodeedo] annoying, a nuisance; knackered  
**jornada f** [Hornada] working day  
**jorocho** [Horocho] from/of

Veracruz  
 jorongo **m** [Horongo] poncho  
 joropo **m** [Horopo] dance from Veracruz  
 joven (**m/f**) [Hoben] young; young man; young woman  
 joyas **fpl** [Hoyas] jewellery  
 joyería **f** [Hoyairee-a] jewellery; jeweller's  
 jubilación **f** [Hooheelas-yon] pension  
 jubilada **f** [Hooheelada], jubilado **m** retired person, pensioner  
 jubilarse [Hooheelarseh] to retire  
 judío [Hoo-dee-o] Jewish  
 juego (**m**) [Hwego] game; I play el juego gambling  
 jueves **m** [Hweb-es] Thursday  
 jugar [Hoogar] to play  
 jugos y licuados juices and milkshakes  
 juguete **m** [Hoogeteh] toy  
 juguetería **f** [Hoogetairee-a] toyshop  
 juicio **m** [Hwees-yo] judgement; opinion; trial  
 llevar una persona al juicio to take someone to court  
 julio **m** [Hool-yo] July  
 junio **m** [Hoon-yo] June  
 juntar [Hoontar] to collect, to gather  
 junto (**a**) [Hoonto] next (to)  
 juntos together  
 justo [Hoosto] just; exact, precise  
 juventud **f** [Hooventoo] youth; the young  
 juzgar [Hoosgar] to judge

## Jo

## K

kínder **m** [keendair] kindergarten  
 klaxon **m** [klakson] horn

## L

la the; her; it  
 labios **mpl** [lab-yos] lips  
 laborables weekdays, working days  
 laca **f** hair spray  
 LADA national telephone system  
 Ladatel long-distance phone  
 lado **m** side  
 al lado de [deh] beside, next to  
 ladrar to bark  
 ladridos **mpl** barking  
 ladrillo **m** [ladree-yo] tile  
 ladrón **m** thief  
 lagartija **f** [lagarteeHa] lizard  
 lagarto **m** alligator  
 lago **m** lake  
 lágrimas **fpl** tears  
 lámpara **f** lamp  
 lana **f** wool; money  
 lana pura pure wool  
 lanzar [lansar] to throw  
 lápiz **m** [lapees] pencil  
 lápiz de ojos [deh oHos] eyeliner  
 lapizlabios **m** [lapees-lab-yos] lipstick  
 larga distancia [deestans-ya] long-distance

largo (m) length; long  
 a lo largo de [deh] along  
 ¡lárguese! [largeseh] go away!  
 las the; them; you  
 las que ... the ones that ...  
 lata f tin; can  
 dar lata to be a nuisance  
 latinoamericana (f),  
 latinoamericano (m) Latin  
 American  
 latón m brass  
 lavabo m [lababo] washbasin  
 lavado m [labado] washing  
 lavado de carros [deh] carwash  
 lavadora f [labadora] washing  
 machine  
 lavandería f [labandairee-a]  
 laundry  
 lavandería automática  
 [owtomateeka] laundrette,  
 laundromat  
 lavar [labar] to wash  
 lavar a mano wash by hand  
 lavar en seco dry clean  
 lavar la ropa to do the washing  
 lavarse [labarseh] to wash  
 lavarse la cara to wash one's  
 face  
 lavar separado wash separately  
 lavavajillas m [lababaHee-yas]  
 dishwasher  
 laxante m [laksanteh] laxative  
 le [leh] him; her; you  
 lección f [leks-yon] lesson  
 leche limpiadora f [leemp-  
 yadora] skin cleanser  
 lechería f [lechairee-a] dairy;  
 dairy shop  
 lectura f [lektoora] reading

leer [leh-air] to read  
 lejano [leh-Hano] distant,  
 faraway  
 lejía f [leHee-a] bleach  
 lejos [leHos] far away  
 lejos de [deh] far from  
 lengua f [lengwa] tongue;  
 language  
 lenguaje m [lengwaHeh]  
 language  
 lentes de contacto fpl [lent-es  
 deh] contact lenses  
 lentillas fpl [lentee-yas] contact  
 lenses  
 lentillas blandas soft lenses  
 lentillas duras hard lenses  
 lentillas porosas gas permeable  
 lenses  
 lento slow  
 les them; you  
 letra f letter; banker's draft  
 levantar [lebantar] to raise, to  
 lift  
 levantarse [lebantarseh] to get up  
 ley f [lay] law  
 libra f pound  
 libre [leebreh] free; vacant  
 libre de impuestos [deh  
 eempwestos] duty-free  
 librería f [leebrairee-a]  
 bookshop, bookstore  
 librero m [leebrairo] bookshelves  
 libreta de ahorros f [deh a-orros]  
 savings account book  
 libreta de direcciones [deereks-  
 yon-es] address book  
 libro m book  
 libro de bolsillo [deh bolsee-yo]  
 paperback

libro de frases **[fras-es]**  
 phrasebook  
 licenciado **m [leesens-yado]**  
 graduate  
 líder **m [leedair]** leader  
 liga **f** elastic band; suspender  
 ligero **[leehairo]** light  
 lima de uñas **f [deh oon-yas]**  
 nailfile  
 límite **f [leemeeteh]** limit  
 límite de altura **maximum**  
 height  
 límite de peso **weight limit**  
 límite de velocidad **[deh**  
 belosedad] **speed limit**  
 limpiaparabrisas **m [-breesas]**  
 windscreen wiper  
 limpiar **[leemp-yar]** to clean  
 limpieza **f [leemp-yesa]**  
 cleanliness; cleaning  
 limpieza en seco **dry-cleaning**  
 limpio **[leemp-yo]** clean  
 lindo **[leendo]** beautiful, lovely  
 línea **f [leeneh-a]** line  
 linterna **f [leentairna]** torch  
 lío **m [lee-o]** mess  
 liquidación **f [leekedas-yon]**  
 sale; redundancy pay  
 liquidación total **clearance sale**  
 liso **flat; plain; straight**  
 lista **f** list  
 lista de correos **[deh korreh-os]**  
 poste restante, (US) general  
 delivery  
 lista de espera **[espaíra]**  
 standby; waiting list  
 listo **clever; ready**  
 litera **f [leetaíra]** couchette  
 litro **m** litre

llamada **f [yamada]** call  
 llamada por cobrar **reverse**  
 charge call  
 llamar **[yamar]** to call; to name  
 llamar por teléfono **to call, to**  
 phone  
 llamarse **[yamarseh]** to be called  
 ¿cómo te llamas? **[teh yamas]**  
 what's your name?  
 llame a la puerta **please knock**  
 llame al timbre **please ring**  
 llame antes de entrar **knock**  
 before entering  
 llamo: me llamo ... **[meh yamo]**  
 my name is ...  
 llanos **mpl [yanos]** plains  
 llanta **f [yanta]** tyre, (US) tire  
 llantero **m [yantairo]** tyre repairs  
 llave **f [yabeh]** key; spanner,  
 (US) wrench; tap, (US) faucet  
 llave inglesa **[eenglesa]** spanner,  
 (US) wrench  
 llegada **f [yegada]** arrival  
 llegadas internacionales  
**[eentairnas-yonal-es]**  
 international arrivals  
 llegadas nacionales **[nas-yonal-**  
**es]** domestic arrivals  
 llegar **[yegar]** to arrive; to  
 get to  
 llegué **[yegeh]** I arrived  
 llenar **[yenar]** to fill  
 llenar el depósito **to fill up**  
 lleno **[yeno]** full  
 llevar **[yebár]** to carry; to take;  
 to bring  
 llevo dos años trabajando  
 aquí **I've been working here**  
 for two years

llevar a juicio [Hwees-yo] to take to court  
 llevarse [yebarseh] to take away; to remove  
 llorar [yorar] to cry  
 llover [yobair] to rain  
 lloviendo: está lloviendo [yob-yendo] it's raining  
 llovizna f [yobeesna] drizzle  
 llueve [yweh-beh] it is raining  
 lluvia f [yoob-ya] rain  
 lo it; the  
 localidad f [lokaleeda] place; seat  
 localidades fpl [lokaleedad-es] ticket office  
 loción antimosquitos f [los-yon anteemosketos] insect repellent  
 loción bronceadora [bronsehadora] suntan lotion  
 loción para después del afeitado [despwes del afaytado] aftershave  
 loco (m) mad; madman  
 locomotora f engine  
 locutor m [lokootor], locutora f television presenter  
 lodo m mud  
 loma f hill  
 lonchería f lunch counter  
 Londres [lond-res] London  
 longitud f [lonheetoo] length  
 los the  
 los que ... the ones that ...  
 loza f [losa] crockery  
 luces de cruce [loos-es deh krooseh] dipped headlights  
 luces de posición fpl [poseesyon] sidelights

luces traseras [trasairas] rear lights  
 lucha f [loooha] fight, struggle  
 lucha libre [leebreh] all-in wrestling  
 luchar to fight  
 luego [lwego] then; afterwards; soon  
 luego luego right away, immediately  
 lugar m place  
 en lugar de [deh] instead of  
 lugar de veraneo [bairaneh-o] summer resort  
 lugares de interés [loogar-es deh eentair-es] places of interest  
 lujo m [looHo] luxury  
 lujoso [loohoso] luxurious  
 luna f moon  
 lunes m [loon-es] Monday  
 luto m mourning  
 luz f [loos] light  
 luz de carretera full beam

## M

machista m male chauvinist, sexist  
 macho m male; large banana  
 machete m [macheteh] long, broad knife  
 madera f [madaira] wood  
 madrazo m [madraso] beating  
 madre f [madreh] mother  
 dar en la madre a uno to give someone a good beating  
 ¡me vale madre! [meh baleh] I don't give a shit!

**madrina** **f** [**madreena**] godmother  
**madrugada** **f** *small hours*  
*las cuatro de la madrugada* four o'clock in the morning  
**madrugador** **m** someone who stays up very late/gets up very early, early riser  
**madrugar** to stay up very late; to get up very early  
**madurar** to mature, to ripen; to come to term  
**maduro** ripe  
**maestra** **f** [**ma-estra**], **maestro** **m** teacher; primary school teacher  
**magna sin** [**seen**] unleaded  
**maguey** **m** [**magay**] agave cactus  
**maíz** **m** [**maees**] maize, (US) corn  
**mal** (**m**) wrong; evil; bad; badly  
**maleducado** rude  
**malentendido** **m** misunderstanding  
**maleta** **f** suitcase  
*hacer las maletas* to pack  
**maletero** **m** [**maletairo**] boot (of car), (US) trunk  
**mal genio** **m** [**Hen-yo**] bad temper  
**mal humor** **m** [**oomor**] bad mood; bad temper; anger  
**Malinche** **f** [**maleencheh**] Cortés' interpreter who later became his lover  
**malinchismo** **m** betrayal of one's country  
**malo** bad; sick, ill, unwell

**mamá** **f** *mum*  
**mamón!** idiot!  
**manantial** **m** [**manant-yal**] spring  
**mancha** **f** stain  
**manchar** to stain, to dirty  
**mandar** to send; to order  
**mandatario: el primer mandatario** [**mandator-yo**] leader; President; Prime Minister  
**mandato** **m** period in government  
**¿mande?** [**mandeh**] sorry?, pardon (me)?  
**mandíbula** **f** jaw  
**manejar** [**manehar**] to drive  
*maneje con cuidado* drive with care  
**manejo** [**maneho**] I drive  
**manera: de esta manera** [**deh - manaira**] in this way  
*de manera que so* (that)  
**manga** **f** sleeve  
*sin manga* sleeveless  
**manglar** **m** mangrove swamp  
**mango** **m** handle; mango  
**manifestación** **f** [**maneefestasyon**] demonstration; manifestation  
**mano** **f** hand; pal, mate, buddy  
**manoplas** **fpl** mittens  
**manta** **f** blanket, rug  
**mantel** **m** tablecloth  
**mantelerías** **fpl** [**mantelairee-as**] table linen  
**mantenga limpia la ciudad** keep our city tidy  
**manténgase en lugar fresco** store in a cool place

manténgase fuera del alcance de los niños **keep out of the reach of children**

mantenimiento **m** [manteneem-yento] **maintenance**

manzana **f** [mansana] **apple**; **city block**

mañana **(f)** [man-yana] **morning**; **tomorrow**

por la mañana/de mañana **in the morning**

¡hasta mañana! **see you tomorrow!**

pasado mañana **the day after tomorrow**

mañana por la mañana **tomorrow morning**

mañana por la tarde [tardeh] **tomorrow afternoon**;

**tomorrow evening**

mañanitas: cantar las

mañanitas [man-yaneetas] **to serenade someone for their birthday**

mapa **m** **map**

mapa de carreteras [deh karretairas] **road map**

mapa de recorrido **network map**

maquiladora **f** [makeeladora] **foreign-owned assembly plant located in Mexico**

maquillaje **m** [makee-yaHeh] **make-up**

maquillarse [makee-yarseh] **to put one's make-up on**

máquina de afeitar eléctrica **f** [makeena deh afaytar] **electric shaver**

máquina de escribir **typewriter**

máquina de fotos **camera**

maquinaria **f** [makeenar-ya] **machinery**

máquina tragaperras **slot machine**

maquinilla de afeitar **f** [makeenee-ya deh afaytar] **electric shaver**

mar **m** **sea**

maravilloso [marabee-yoso] **marvellous**

marcar **to dial**; **to mark**

marca registrada **f** [reHeestrada] **registered trade mark**

marcar el número **dial the number**

marcha **f** **gear**

marcha atrás **reverse gear**

marcharse [marcharseh] **to go away**

marea **f** [mareh-a] **tide**

mareado [mareh-ado] **dizzy**; **sick**; **drunk**

mareo **m** [mareh-o] **sickness**; **faintness**

marica **m**, maricón **m** **queer**

marido **m** **husband**

marina **f** **navy**

mariposa **f** **butterfly**; **fairy**, **pansy**

marisquería **f** [mareeskairree-a] **shellfish restaurant**

marque ... **dial ...**

martes **m** [mart-es] **Tuesday**

martes de carnaval [deh karnabal] **Shrove Tuesday**

martillo **m** [martee-yo] **hammer**

marzo **m** [marso] **March**

más **more**  
 más de/que [deh/keh] **more than**  
 más pequeño **smaller**  
 el más caro **the most expensive**  
 ya no más **that's enough**  
 más o menos **more or less**  
 matar **to kill**  
 matrícula **f licence plate; registration; registration fees**  
 máximo personas **maximum number of people**  
 maya (m/f) [mī-ya] **Maya; Mayan**  
 mayo **m [mī-yo] May**  
 mayor [mī-yor] **adult; bigger; older; biggest; oldest**  
 la mayor parte (de) [parteh (deh)] **most (of)**  
 mayor de edad **of age (18), adult**  
 mayoría: la mayoría [mī-yoree-a] **most; the majority**  
 me **me; myself**  
 me duele aquí [dweleh] **I have a pain here**  
 mecánico **m mechanic**  
 mecate **m [mekateh] string; rope; cord**  
 media docena (de) **f [med-ya dosena (deh)] half a dozen**  
 media hora **f [ora] half an hour**  
 mediano [med-yano] **medium; average**  
 medianoche **f [med-yanocheh] midnight**  
 media pensión **f [pens-yon] half board**

medias **fpl [med-yas] stockings; tights, pantyhose**  
 ir/pagar a medias **to go Dutch, to share the costs**  
 medicina **f [medeeseena] medicine**  
 médico **m [medeeko] doctor**  
 médico general [Henairal] **GP**  
 medida **f size; measure**  
 medida del cuello **f [kweh-yo] collar size**  
 medio **m [med-yo] middle**  
 por medio de [deh] **by (means of)**  
 de tamaño medio [taman-yo] **medium-sized**  
 medio boleto **m half fare**  
 mediodía **m [med-yodee-a] midday**  
 medio litro **m half a litre**  
 medir **to measure**  
 medusa **f jellyfish**  
 mejor [mehor] **better; best**  
 mejorar [mehorar] **to improve**  
 se está mejorando [seh] **he's getting better**  
 mencionar [mens-yonar] **to mention**  
 menor **smaller; younger; smallest; youngest**  
 menor de edad **minor, underage**  
 menos **less; least; fewer; fewest**  
 a menos que [keh] **unless**  
 mensual [menswal] **monthly**  
 mentar: mentarle la madre a uno [mentarleh la madreh] **to insult someone, to swear at**



someone  
 menú turístico **m** set menu  
 menudo *tiny, minute*  
 a menudo *often*  
 mercado **m** [**mairkado**] market  
 mercado cubierto [**koob-yairto**]  
*indoor market*  
 mercado de divisas [**deh**  
**deebesas**] *exchange rates*  
 mercería **f** [**mairsairee-a**]  
*haberdashery*  
 merendar *to have an afternoon*  
*snack*  
 merendero **m** [**mairendairo**]  
*open-air café*  
 merienda **f** [**mair-yenda**] *tea,*  
*afternoon snack*  
 mero [**mairo**] *exact; almost,*  
*nearly*  
 ya mero *any minute now,*  
*right away*  
 el mero mero *the big cheese*  
 está aquí mero *it's just near*  
*here*  
 mes **m** month  
 mesa **f** table  
 mesera **f** [**mesaira**] *waitress;*  
*chambermaid*  
 mesero **m** waiter  
 mesón **m** restaurant  
*specializing in regional dishes*  
 mestizo [**mesteeso**] *mixed race,*  
*interracial*  
 meta **f** goal  
 metate **m** [**metateh**] *mortar and*  
*pestle*  
 metro **m** metre; *underground,*  
*(US) subway*  
 mexicana (**f**), [**meHeekana**]

mexicano (**m**) Mexican  
 México **m** [**meHeeko**] Mexico;  
 Mexico City  
 mezquita **f** [**meskeeta**] mosque  
 mi *my*  
 mí *me*  
 mía [**mee-a**] mine  
 microondas: horno microondas  
 [**orno meekro-ondas**] *microwave*  
*oven*  
 miedo **m** [**m-yedo**] fear  
 tengo miedo (de/a) [**deh**] *I'm*  
*afraid (of)*  
 miel **f** [**m-yel**] honey  
 mientras [**m-yentras**] while  
 mientras que [**keh**] whereas  
 mientras tanto *meanwhile*  
 miércoles **m** [**m-yairkol-es**]  
 Wednesday  
 miércoles de ceniza [**deh**  
**seneesa**] *Ash Wednesday*  
 ¡mierda! [**m-yairda**] *shit!*  
 mil [**meel**] thousand  
 militar **m** soldier, serviceman  
 millón **m** [**mee-yon**] million  
 un millón de ... [**deh**] *a*  
*million ...*  
 milpa **f** maize field  
 mina **f** mine  
 minifalda **f** mini-skirt  
 minúsculo *tiny*  
 minusválido (**m**)  
 [**meenoosbaleedo**] *disabled;*  
*disabled person*  
 minuto **m** minute  
 mío [**mee-o**] mine  
 miope [**m-yopeh**] *short-sighted*  
 mirador **m** scenic view;  
 vantage point

mirar to look (at); to see  
 mis my  
 misa **f** mass  
 mismo same  
 mitad **f** [meeta] half  
 mitad de precio [deh pres-yo]  
 half price  
 mixteca (**f**) [meesteka] from/  
 of the Mixtec region;  
 indigenous language of  
 Southern Mexico  
 M.N. (moneda nacional) **f**  
 national currency  
 mochila **f** rucksack  
 moda **f** fashion  
 de moda fashionable  
 moda juvenil [Hoobeneel] young  
 fashions  
 modas caballeros **fpl** [kaba-  
 yairos] men's fashions  
 modas niños/niñas [neen-yos]  
 children's fashions  
 modas pre-mamá maternity  
 fashions  
 modas señora [sen-yora] ladies'  
 fashions  
 modelo **m** model; design; style  
 moderno [modairno] modern  
 modista **f** dressmaker; fashion  
 designer  
 modisto **m** fashion designer  
 modo: de modo que [deh – keh]  
 so (that)  
 ni modo that's how it is, what  
 can you do?  
 modo de empleo instructions  
 for use  
 mojado [moHado] wet  
 molcajete **m** [molkaHeteH]

mortar and pestle  
 moldeado con secador de  
 mano [moldeh-ado – deh] blow-  
 dry  
 molestar to disturb; to bother  
 molesto annoying  
 monasterio **m** [monastair-yo]  
 monastery  
 moneda nacional **f** [nas-yonal]  
 national currency  
 monedas **fpl** coins  
 monedero **m** [monedairo] purse  
 montacargas **m** service lift,  
 service elevator  
 montaje **m** [montaHeH] assembly  
 montaña **f** [montan-ya]  
 mountain  
 montaña rusa **f** big dipper,  
 roller coaster  
 montañismo **m** [montan-yeesmo]  
 climbing  
 montar to get in; to ride; to  
 assemble  
 montar a caballo [kaba-yo] to  
 go horse-riding  
 montar en bicicleta [beeseekleta]  
 to cycle  
 morado purple  
 morbo **m** morbid interest  
 mordedura **f** bite  
 morder [mordair] to bite  
 mordida **f** bribe  
 moreno dark-haired; dark-  
 skinned  
 moretón **m** bruise  
 morir to die  
 mosca **f** fly  
 mostrador **m** counter  
 mostrar to show

**motel-garaje m** [garaHeh] hotel  
 where rooms are rented by  
 the hour  
**moto f** motorbike  
**motora f** motorboat  
**mover** [mobair] to move  
**mucha** [moocha] much; a lot;  
 a lot of  
**muchacha f** girl  
**muchacho m** boy  
**muchas** a lot; a lot of; many  
**muchas gracias** [gras-yas]  
 thank you very much  
**muchísimas gracias** thank you  
 very much indeed  
**muchísimo** enormously, a  
 great deal  
**mucho** [moochos] much; a lot;  
 a lot of  
**mucho más** a lot more  
**mucho menos** a lot less  
**mucho gusto** a pleasure to  
 meet you  
**muchos** a lot; a lot of; many  
**muebles mpl** [mwebl-es]  
 furniture  
**muela f** [mwela] tooth  
**sacarse una muela** [sakarseh]  
 to have a tooth taken out  
**muela del juicio** [Hwees-yo]  
 wisdom tooth  
**muelle m** [mweh-yeh] spring;  
 quay  
**muerte f** [mwairteh] death  
**muerto (m)** [mwairto] dead;  
 dead person  
**mugriento** [moogr-yento] filthy  
**mujer f** [moohair] woman; wife  
**muletas fpl** crutches

**multa f** fine; parking ticket  
**multa por uso indebido** penalty  
 for misuse  
**mundo m** world  
**muñeca f** [moon-yeka] wrist;  
 doll  
**muro m** wall  
**músculo m** muscle  
**museo m** [mooseh-o] museum  
**museo de arte** [deh arteh] art  
 gallery  
**música f** music  
**muslo m** thigh  
**musulmán** Muslim  
**muy** [mwee] very  
**muy bien** [b-yen] very well

## N

**N\$ m** new peso  
**nácar m** mother-of-pearl  
**nacer** [nasair] to be born  
**nacido** [naseedo] born  
**nacimiento m** [naseem-yento]  
 birth; Nativity  
**nacional** [nas-yonal] domestic  
**el turismo nacional** Mexican  
 tourism, local tourism  
**nacionalidad f** [nas-yonaleeda]  
 nationality  
**nacionalismo m** [nas-  
 yonaleesimo] nationalism  
**nacionalización f** [nas-  
 yonaleesas-yon] nationalization  
**nada** nothing  
**de nada** [deh] you're  
 welcome, don't mention it  
**antes que nada** [ant-es keh]

first of all  
 nada que declarar **nothing** to declare  
 nadar **to swim**  
 nadie [nad-yeh] **nobody**  
 náhuatl (m) [nawatl] **Aztec**; language of the Aztecs  
 narcotraficante **m/f** [-kanteh] **drug trafficker**  
 narcotráfico **m** **drug trade**, **drug traffic**  
 nariz **f** [narees] **nose**  
 natación **f** [natas-yon] **swimming**  
 natural [natooral] **natural**  
 al natural **at room temperature**  
 naturaleza **f** [natooralesa] **nature**  
 naturalmente [-menteh] **naturally**; of course  
 náusea: siento náuseas [s-yento nowseh-as] **I feel sick**  
 navaja **f** [nabaHa] **penknife**; **flick knife**  
 Navidad **f** [nabeeda] **Christmas**  
 ¡feliz Navidad! [felees] **merry Christmas!**  
 nayarita [ni-yareeta] **from/of Nayarit**  
 neblina **f** **mist**  
 necesario [nesesar-yo] **necessary**  
 necesitar [neseseetar] **to need**  
 negar **to deny**  
 negativa **f** [negateeba] **denial**; **refusal**  
 negativo **m** **negative**  
 negocio **m** [negos-yo] **business**  
 negro (m) **black**; **furious**; **black man**

mena **f** **baby girl**; **little girl**  
 nene **m** [neneh] **baby boy**; **little boy**  
 nervioso [nairb-yoso] **nervous**  
 me pone nervioso [meh poneh] **it makes me nervous**  
 neurótico [neh-ooroteeko] **neurotic**  
 nevar [nebar] **to snow**  
 nevería **f** [neberee-a] **ice cream parlour**  
 ni **neither**; **nor**  
 ¡ni modo! **what can you do!**  
 ni ... ni ... **neither ... nor ...**  
 nica **m/f** **Nicaraguan**  
 nicaraguense (m/f) [neekaragwenseh] **Nicaraguan**  
 niebla **f** [n-yebLa] **fog**  
 nieta **f** [n-yeta] **granddaughter**  
 nieto **m** [n-yeto] **grandson**  
 nieva [n-yeba] **it is snowing**  
 nieve **f** [n-yebeh] **snow**; **ice cream**; **sorbet**  
 ningún **none**; **not one**; **no ... en ningún sitio** [seet-yo] **nowhere**  
 ninguno **nobody**; **none**; **not one**  
 niña **f** [neen-ya] **child**  
 niñera **f** [neen-yaira] **nanny**  
 niño **m** [neen-yo] **child**  
 nivel del aceite **m** [neebel del asayteh] **oil level**  
 no **no**; **not**  
 noche **f** [nocheh] **night**  
 de noche **at night**  
 buenas noches [bwenas noch-es] **good night**  
 esta noche **tonight**

por la noche **at night**  
 pasar la noche **to spend the night**  
 Nochebuena **f** [nocheh-bwena] **Christmas Eve**  
 Nochevieja **f** [nocheh-b-yeha] **New Year's Eve**  
 no contiene alcohol **does not contain alcohol**  
 nocturno [noktoorno] **night**  
 no estacionarse **no parking**  
 no estacionarse, se usa grúa **illegally parked vehicles will be towed away**  
 no exceda la dosis indicada **do not exceed the stated dose**  
 no fumadores [foomador-es] **no smoking**  
 no fumar **no smoking**  
 no funciona [foons-yona] **out of order**  
 no hay de qué [i deh keh] **you are welcome**  
 no hay localidades **sold out**  
 no le hace [leh aseh] **don't worry about it**  
 nomás **just, only**  
 díselo nomás [deeselo] **just tell him/her**  
 nombre **m** [nombreh] **name**  
 nombre de pila [deh] **first name**  
 nombre de soltera [soltaira] **maiden name**  
 no molestar **do not disturb**  
 nopal **m** **cactus leaf**  
 no para en ... **does not stop in ...**  
 no pisar el pasto **keep off the grass**

nordeste **m** [nordesteh] **north-east**  
 no rebasar **no overtaking, no passing**  
 no recomendada para menores de 18 años **not recommended for those under 18 years of age**  
 normal (**m**) [nor-mal] **normal; lower grade petrol, (US) regular (gas)**  
 normalmente [-menteh] **usually**  
 noroeste **m** [noro-esteh] **north-west**  
 norte **m** [norteh] **north**  
 al norte de la ciudad [deh la s-yooda] **north of the city**  
 norteamericana (**f**) [norteh-amaireekana], norteamericano (**m**) **North American**  
 norteño [norten-yo] **from the north of Mexico**  
 Noruega **f** [norwega] **Norway**  
 nos **us; ourselves**  
 no se admiten devoluciones **no refunds given**  
 no se admiten perros **no dogs allowed**  
 no ... sino ... **not ... but ...**  
 nosotras, nosotros **we; us**  
 nota **f** **note**  
 nota de consumo [deh] **receipt**  
 noticias **fpl** [notees-yas] **news**  
 noticiero **m** [notees-yairo] **news bulletin**  
 no tocar **please do not touch**  
 no utilizar lejía **do not bleach**  
 nova **f** [noba] **two-star petrol, (US) regular gas**

nova plus four-star petrol, (US) premium gas  
 novecientos [nobes-yentos] nine hundred  
 novecito [nobeseeto] very new  
 novela f [nobela] novel  
 noveno [nobeno] ninth  
 noventa [nobenta] ninety  
 novia f [nob-ya] girlfriend; fiancée; bride  
 noviembre m [nob-yembreh] November  
 novillada f [nobee-yada] bullfight featuring young bulls  
 novio m [nob-yo] boyfriend; fiancé; groom  
 Nte. north  
 nube f [noobeh] cloud  
 nublado cloudy  
 nuboso cloudy  
 nuera f [nwaira] daughter-in-law  
 nuestra [nwestra], nuestras, nuestro, nuestros our  
 Nueva York [nweba] New York  
 nueve [nwebeh] nine  
 nuevo [nwebo] new  
 nuevoleonés [nwebileh-on-es] from/of Nuevo Leon  
 nuevo peso m new peso  
 número m [noomairo] number; size  
 número de calzado [deh kalsado] shoe size  
 número de teléfono phone number  
 nunca never

nutritivo [nootreeteebo] nutritious

## O

o or  
 o ... o ... either ... or ...  
 oaxaqueño [wahaken-yo] from/of Oaxaca  
 obispo m [obeespo] bishop  
 objeción f [obhes-yon] objection  
 objetar [obhetar] to object  
 objetivo m [obheteebo] lens; objective  
 objetos de escritorio [obhetos deh eskreetor-yo] office supplies  
 objetos perdidos lost property, lost and found  
 obra f work; play  
 obras fpl roadworks  
 obrero m [obrairo] worker  
 obsequio m [obsek-yo] gift  
 obstruido [obstroo-eedo] blocked  
 obturador m shutter  
 ocasión f [okas-yon] occasion; opportunity; bargain  
 de ocasión [deh] second hand  
 occidental [okseedental] Western  
 occidente m [okseedenteh] West  
 Océano Pacífico m [oseh-ano] Pacific Ocean  
 ochenta eighty  
 ocho eight  
 ochocientos [ochos-yentos] eight hundred  
 ocho días mpl [dee-as] week

ocote **m** [okoteh] resinous pine  
used for burning  
octavo [oktabo] eighth  
octubre **m** [oktoobreh] October  
oculista **m/f** optician  
ocultar to hide  
oculto hidden  
ocupado engaged; occupied;  
busy  
ocupar to occupy  
ocurrir [okoooreer] to occur,  
happen  
ocurre que [okoorreh keh] it so  
happens that  
odiar [od-yar] to hate  
odio (**m**) [od-yo] hate, hatred;  
I hate  
odioso odious, revolting;  
horrible  
oeste **m** [o-esteh] west  
al oeste de la ciudad [deh la  
s-yooda] west of the city  
ofender [ofendair] to offend  
oferta **f** [ofairta] special offer  
oficial (**m/f**) [ofees-yal] officer;  
official  
oficina **f** [ofeesena] office  
oficina de correos [deh korreh-  
os] post office  
oficina de correos y telégrafos  
post office and telegrams  
oficina de información y  
turismo [eenformas-yon] tourist  
information office  
oficina de objetos perdidos  
[obhetos] lost property office,  
lost and found  
oficina de reclamaciones  
[reklamas-yon-es] complaints

department  
oficina de registros [reHeestros]  
registrar's office  
oficina de turismo tourist  
information office  
oficinista **m/f** [ofeeseeneesta]  
office worker  
oficio **m** [ofees-yo] job; trade  
ofrecer [ofresair] to offer  
oído (**m**) [o-eedo] ear; hearing;  
heard  
¡oiga! [oyga] listen here!;  
excuse me!  
oigo I am listening  
oír [o-eer] to listen  
ojo **m** [oHo] eye  
¡ojo! watch out!  
ola **f** wave  
ola de calor [deh] heatwave  
oler [olair] to smell  
olfato **m** sense of smell  
olmeca from/of ancient  
Olmec culture  
olor **m** smell  
olvidar [olbeedar] to forget  
once [onseh] eleven  
ONU **f** [o eneh oo] UN  
operación **f** [opairas-yon]  
operation  
operadora **f** operator  
operarse [opairarseh] to have an  
operation  
oportunidad **f** [oportoonida]  
chance, opportunity  
oposición **f** [oposees-yon]  
opposition  
óptica **f** optician's  
óptico **m** optician  
optimista optimistic

¡órale! [o'raleh] go on then!, get on with it!

orden **f** order, instruction  
a sus órdenes at your service

orden **m** order  
en orden in order

organización **f** [organeesas-yon] organization

organizar [organeesar] to organize

orgulloso [orgoo-yoso] proud

oriental east, eastern

orientar to direct, to guide

oriente **m** [or-yenteh] east

orilla **f** [oree-ya] shore; side

oro **m** gold

orquesta **f** [orkesta] orchestra

oscuro dark

Ote. east

otoño **m** [oton-yo] autumn, (US) fall

otorrinolaringólogo **m** ear, nose and throat specialist

otra vez [bes] again

otro another (one); other

oveja **f** [obeHa] sheep

overol **m** [obairol] overall

oye [o-yeh] he/she listens; you listen; he/she hears; you hear

## P

pabellón **m** [pabeh-yon] (hospital) ward

pachanga **f** party; partying

paciente **m/f** [pas-yenteh] patient

padecer [padesair] to suffer

padecer del corazón [korason] to have a heart condition

padre **m** [padreh] father

¡está padre! it's great!

padres **mpl** [pad-res] parents

padrino **m** [padreeno] godfather

pagadero [pagadairo] payable

pagar to pay

página **f** [paHeena] page

páginas amarillas [amaree-yas] yellow pages

pago **m** payment

país **m** [pa-ees] country

paisaje **m** [pisaHeh] landscape; scenery

pájaro **m** [paHaro] bird

pala **f** spade

palabra **f** word

palacio **m** [palas-yo] palace

Palacio de Justicia [deh Hoostees-ya] Law Courts

palanca de velocidades **f** [beloseedad-es] gear lever

palco **m** box (at theatre)

paleta **f** ice lolly

paliacate **m** [pal-yakateh] headscarf

palmera **f** [palmaira] palm tree

palo **m** stick; tree

palomitas **fpl** popcorn

palos de golf **mpl** [deh] golf clubs

paludismo **m** [paloodeesimo] malaria

PAN (Partido de Acción Nacional) **m** National Action Party (centre-right party)

panadería **f** [panadairee-a] baker's



**panal m** honeycomb  
**panameño (m)** [panamen-yo] Panamanian  
**pantalla f** [panta-ya] screen  
**pantalón corto m** shorts  
**pantalones mpl** [pantalón-es] trousers, (US) pants  
**panteón m** [panteh-on] cemetery  
**pantimedias fpl** tights, pantyhose  
**panza f** [pansa] belly  
**pañal m** [pan-yal] nappy, diaper  
**pañuelo m** [panwelo] handkerchief; scarf  
**papa f** [papa] potato  
**papá m** dad  
**papalote m** [-loteh] kite  
**papel m** [papel] paper; rôle  
**papel de envolver** [deh embolbair] wrapping paper  
**papel de escribir** writing paper  
**papel de plata** silver foil  
**papelera f** [papelaira] litter; litter bin  
**papelería f** [papelairee-a] stationery, stationer's  
**papel sanitario** [saneetar-yo] toilet paper  
**papel tapiz** [tapees] wallpaper  
**paquete m** [pakete] packet; package holiday  
**paquetería f** [paketairee-a] left luggage office, baggage check  
**par m** pair  
**para for; in order to**  
**cuarto para las tres** quarter to three  
**parabrisas m** windscreen

**paracaidismo m** [parakíeesmo] parachuting; squatting  
**paracaidista m/f** parachutist; squatter  
**parachoques m** [parachok-es] bumper, (US) fender  
**parada f** stop  
**parada de camión** [deh] bus stop  
**paradero f** [paradairo] stop  
**paraguas m** [paragwas] umbrella  
**para que** [keh] in order that  
**parar** to stop  
**pararse** to stand (up)  
**para uso del personal** staff only  
**para uso externo** not to be taken internally  
**parcela f** [parsela] plot (of land)  
**parecer** [paresair] to seem; to resemble  
**parece que sí/no** it seems so/not  
**me parece (que) ...** I think (that) ...  
**parecido** [paresedo] similar  
**pared f** [pareh] wall  
**pareja f** [pareha] pair; couple; partner  
**parezco** [paresko] I am like  
**pariente m/f** [par-yenteh] relative  
**parir** to give birth  
**parque m** [parkeh] park  
**parque de atracciones** [deh atraks-yon-es] amusement park  
**parque de bomberos** [bombairos] fire station  
**parque de recreo** [rekreh-o]

amusement park  
 parque infantil [eenfanteel]  
 children's park  
 parrilla f [parree-ya] grill  
 párroco m parish priest  
 parte m [parteh] report  
 parte f [parteh] part  
 en todas partes [part-es]  
 everywhere  
 en otra parte elsewhere  
 en alguna parte somewhere  
 ¿de parte de quién? [deh -  
 k-yen] who's calling?  
 participar [parteesepar] to take  
 part; to inform  
 particular [parteekeolar] private  
 un particular a private  
 individual  
 partida f game  
 partido m match, game, bout;  
 (political) party  
 partir to cut (into pieces); to  
 leave, to go  
 a partir de mañana from  
 tomorrow onwards  
 parto m birth  
 parvulario m [parboolaree-o]  
 nursery school  
 pasado last  
 la semana pasada last week  
 pasado mañana [man-yana]  
 the day after tomorrow  
 pasado de moda [deh] out of  
 fashion  
 pasaje m [pasaheh] ticket; fare  
 pasajero m [pasañairo]  
 passenger  
 pasajeros de tránsito transit  
 passengers

pasaporte m [pasaporteh]  
 passport  
 pasaportes passport control  
 pasar to pass; to overtake; to  
 happen  
 pasar la aduana [adwana] to go  
 through Customs  
 pasarlo bien [b-yen] to enjoy  
 oneself  
 pasatiempo m [pasat-yempo]  
 hobby  
 Pascua [paskwa] Easter  
 pase [paseh] come in  
 pasear [paseh-ar] to go for a  
 walk; to take for a walk  
 paseo m [paseh-o] walk; drive;  
 ride  
 paseo de ... .. avenue  
 pasillo m [pasee-yo] corridor  
 paso m passage; pass; step  
 estar de paso [deh] to be  
 passing through  
 pasó: ¿qué pasó? how's it  
 going?, what's happening?  
 paso a desnivel underpass  
 paso a nivel level crossing, (US)  
 grade crossing  
 paso de contador [deh]  
 (metered) unit  
 paso de peatones [peh-aton-es]  
 pedestrian crossing  
 paso prohibido no admittance,  
 no entry  
 paso subterráneo pedestrian  
 underpass  
 pasta de dientes f [deh d-yent-  
 es] toothpaste  
 pastelería f [pastelairee-a] cake  
 shop

**pastilla f** [pastee-ya] pill, tablet  
**pastillas para la garganta**  
 throat pastilles  
**patatas fritas** crisps, (US) potato  
 chips  
**patinaje m** [pateenaHeh] skating  
**patinar** to skid; to skate  
**patria f** [patree-a] motherland,  
 home country  
**las fiestas patrias** celebration  
 of national independence  
**paz f** [pas] peace  
**PB** ground floor, (US) first  
 floor  
**peatón m** [peh-aton] pedestrian  
**peatonal** pedestrian  
**peatón, circula por tu izquierda**  
 pedestrians keep to the left  
**peatones** [peh-aton-es]  
 pedestrians  
**pecado m** sin  
**pecho m** chest; breast  
**pedazo m** [pedaso] piece  
**pediatra m/f** [pedee-atra]  
 pediatrician  
**pedir** to order; to ask for  
**pedir hora** [ora] to ask the  
 time  
**pedir disculpas** to apologize  
**pegar** to hit; to stick  
**no me pega la gana** I don't  
 feel like it  
**peinar** [paynar] to comb  
**peinarse** [paynarseh] to comb  
 one's hair  
**peine m** [payneh] comb  
**pelado** cropped; bare, barren;  
 skint, penniless  
**pelea f** [peleh-a] fight

**peletería f** [peletairee-a] furs,  
 furrier  
**película f** film, movie  
**película de color** [deh] colour  
 film  
**película en versión original**  
 [bairs-yon oreeHeenal] film/  
 movie in the original  
 language  
**peligro m** danger  
**peligro de incendio** danger:  
 fire hazard  
**peligro deslizamientos** slippery  
 road surface  
**peligroso** dangerous  
**es peligroso bañarse** danger:  
 no swimming  
**es peligroso asomarse** do not  
 lean out  
**pelirrojo** [peleerroHo] redheaded  
**pelo m** hair  
**pelón** bald  
**pelota f** ball  
**peluca f** wig  
**peluquera f** [pelookaira],  
**peluquero m** hairdresser  
**peluquería f** [pelookairee-a]  
 hairdresser's  
**peluquería de caballeros** [deh  
 kaba-yairos] gents' hairdresser's  
**peluquería de señoras** [sen-  
 yoras] ladies' salon  
**Pemex** State-owned oil  
 company  
**pena f** sadness, sorrow  
**¡qué pena!** [keh] what a pity!  
**me da mucha pena** [meh] I'm  
 very sorry  
**tener pena** [tenair] to be shy,

embarrassed  
 penca **f** cactus leaf  
 pendejada **f** [pendeHada] (piece of) stupidity  
 pendejo **m** [pendeHo] bloody idiot, (US) jerk  
 pendiente **m** [pend-yenteh] slope  
 estar pendiente de [deh] to be waiting for  
 estar al pendiente de to watch out for  
 pene **m** [peneh] penis  
 penetrar [penetrar] to enter  
 penicilina **f** [peneeseelena] penicillin  
 pensamiento **m** [pensam-yento] thought  
 pensar to think  
 pensión **f** [pens-yon] guesthouse, boarding house; pension  
 pensión completa [kompleta] full board  
 pensionista **m** [pens-yoneesta] old-age pensioner  
 peña **f** [pen-ya] rock, boulder; singing club  
 peón **m** [peh-on] labourer; pawn  
 peor [peh-or] worse; worst  
 pepenar to scavenge, to scour rubbish tips  
 pequeño (m) [peken-yo] small; child  
 perder [paidair] to lose  
 echar a perder to miss  
 perderse [paidairseh] to get lost  
 pérdida **f** [paidreeda] loss  
 perdón [paidron] sorry, excuse

me; pardon, pardon me  
 perfecto [pairfeko] perfect  
 perfumería **f** [pairfoomairee-a] perfume shop  
 periódico **m** [pair-yodeeko] newspaper  
 periodista **m/f** [pair-yodeesta] journalist  
 período **m** [pairee-odo] period  
 perla **f** [pairla] pearl  
 permiso **m** [pairmeeso] licence; permit  
 con permiso excuse me, may I pass  
 permitir [pairmeeteer] to allow  
 pero [pairro] but  
 perro **m** [pairro] dog  
 perro caliente **m** [kal-yenteh] hot dog  
 persona **f** [pairsona] person  
 persona mayor [mi-yor] elderly person, senior citizen  
 pesadilla **f** [pesadee-ya] nightmare  
 pesado heavy; boring, tedious  
 pésame: dar el pésame [pesameh] to offer one's condolences  
 pesar: a pesar de que [deh keh] despite the fact that  
 a pesar de in spite of  
 pesca **f** fishing  
 ir a pescar to go fishing  
 pescadería **f** [peskadairre-a] fishmonger's  
 pescar to fish; to catch out  
 pesero **m** [pesairo] collective taxi  
 peso **m** weight; Mexican

national currency  
**peso máximo** *maximum*  
 weight  
**peso neto** *net weight*  
**pestañas fpl** [*pestan-yas*]  
*eyelashes*  
**petate m** [*petateh*] *straw mat*  
**petróleo para lámparas m**  
 [*petroleh-o*] *paraffin oil,*  
*kerosene oil*  
**pez m** [*pes*] *fish*  
**picadura f** *bite*  
**picante** [*peekanteh*] *hot, spicy*  
**picar** *to sting; to itch*  
**pico: horas pico fpl** *rush hour*  
**picor m** *itch*  
**picoso** [*peekoso*] *hot*  
**pidió** [*peed-yo*] *he/she asked*  
*for; you asked for*  
**pie m** [*p-yeh*] *foot*  
*a pie on foot*  
**pedra f** [*p-yedra*] *stone*  
**pedra preciosa** [*pres-yosa*]  
*precious stone*  
**piel f** [*p-yel*] *skin*  
**pienso** [*p-yenso*] *I think*  
**pierna f** [*p-yairna*] *leg*  
**pijama m** [*peehama*] *pyjamas*  
**pila f** *battery*  
**pildora f** *pill*  
**piloto m** *pilot*  
**pilotos mpl** *rear lights*  
**pincel m** [*peensel*] *paint brush*  
**pinchazo m** [*peenhaso*]  
*puncture*  
**pinche** [*peencheh*] *bloody,*  
*lousy*  
**pintada f** *graffiti*  
**pintar** *to paint*

**pintura f** *painting; paint*  
**pinzas fpl** [*peensas*] *tweezers*  
**piña f** [*peen-ya*] *pineapple*  
**pipa f** *pipe*  
**piragua f** [*peeragwa*] *canoe*  
**piragüismo m** [*peeragweesmo*]  
*canoeing*  
**pirámide f** [*peerameedeh*]  
*pyramid*  
**piscina f** [*peeseena*] *swimming*  
*pool*  
**piscina cubierta** [*koob-yairta*]  
*indoor swimming pool*  
**pisó m** *floor*  
**pista f** *track; clue*  
**pista de baile** [*deh biléh*] *dance*  
*floor*  
**pista de tenis** *tennis court*  
**pistola f** *gun*  
**placa f** [*plaka*] *number plate,*  
*licence plate*  
**plancha f** *iron*  
**planchar** *to iron*  
**planear** [*planeh-ar*], **planificar**  
 [*planeefeekar*] *to plan*  
**plano (m)** *flat; map*  
**planta f** *plant; floor*  
**planta baja** [*baHa*] *ground*  
*floor, (US) first floor*  
**plástico (m)** *plastic*  
**plata f** *silver; money, (US)*  
*dough*  
**plateado** [*plateh-ado*] *silver*  
**plática** [*plateeka*] *conversation;*  
*talk*  
**platicar** [*plateekar*] *to talk, to*  
*converse*  
**platillo m** [*platee-yo*] *saucer*  
**plato m** *plate; dish, course*

playa **f** [pli-ya] beach  
 playera **f** [pli-yaira] T-shirt  
 playeras **fpl** [pli-yairas] trainers  
 plaza **f** [plasa] square; seat  
 plaza de toros [deh] bullring  
 plazas libres [leeb-res] seats  
 available  
 plomero **m** [plomairo] plumber  
 pluma **f** pen; feather  
 plumón **m** [ploomon] felt-tip pen  
 población **f** [poblas-yon] village;  
 town; population  
 poblano from/of Puebla  
 pobre [pobreh] poor  
 pobreza **f** [pobresa] poverty  
 pocho Americanized (used to  
 refer to Americanized Mexican)  
 poco little; rarely  
 poco profundo shallow  
 pocos few  
 unos pocos a few  
 poder (**m**) [podair] to be able  
 to; power  
 podrido rotten  
 policía **f** [poleese-a] police  
 policía **m/f** policeman;  
 policewoman  
 política **f** politics  
 político (**m**) politician; political  
 póliza de seguros **f** [poleesa deh]  
 insurance policy  
 polvo **m** [polbo] powder; dust  
 pólvora **f** [polbora] gunpowder  
 pomada **f** ointment  
 poner **put**  
 poner [ponair] to put  
 ponerse de pie [ponairseh deh  
 p-yeh] to stand up  
 ponerse en marcha to set off

pongo I put  
 poniente **m** [pon-yenteh] west  
 popote **m** [popoteh] (drinking)  
 straw  
 poquito: un poquito [pokeeto] a  
 little bit  
 por by; through; for  
 por allí [a-yee] over there  
 por fin [feen] at last  
 por lo menos at least  
 por qué [keh] why  
 por semana per week  
 por avión [ab-yon] airmail  
 porcentaje **m** [porsentaHeh]  
 percentage  
 por ciento [s-yento] per cent  
 por correo terrestre [korreh-o  
 tairrestreh]  
 por favor [fabor] please  
 porfiriato **m** [porfeer-yato]  
 period under rule of Porfirio  
 Diaz 1876-1911  
 por qué [keh] why  
 porque [porkeh] because  
 portada **f** cover  
 portaequipajes **m** [porta-  
 ekeepaH-es] luggage rack  
 portátil [portateel] portable  
 portero **m** [portairo] porter;  
 doorman; goalkeeper  
 portugués [portoog-es]  
 Portuguese  
 posada **f** hotel  
 posible [poseebleh] possible  
 postal **f** [pos-tal] postcard  
 potosino from/of San Luis  
 Potosí  
 PRD (Partido Revolucionario  
 Democrático) **m** Democratic

Revolutionary Party (left-wing party)  
 precaución **f** [prekows-yon] caution  
 precio **m** [pres-yo] price  
 precios fijos [feehos] fixed prices  
 precioso [pres-yoso] beautiful; precious  
 precio unidad [ooneeda] price per unit, price per item  
 preferencia **f** [prefairens-ya] right of way; preference  
 preferir [prefaireer] to prefer  
 prefijo **m** [prefehoh] dialling code, area code  
 pregunta **f** question  
 preguntar to ask  
 premio **m** [prem-yo] prize  
 prenda las luces switch on your lights  
 prendas **fp** clothing  
 prender [prendair] to light; to switch on  
 prender luces de cruce switch headlights on  
 prensa **f** press; newspapers  
 preocupado [preh-okoopado] worried  
 preocuparse [preh-okooparseh] to worry (about)  
 ¡no te preocupes! [teh preh-okoop-es] don't worry!  
 preparar to prepare  
 prepararse [prepararseh] to get ready  
 prepa(ratoria) **f** pre-university level school  
 prepotente [prepotenteh]

arrogant  
 presentar to introduce  
 preservativo **m** [presairbatebo] condom  
 presidencia **f** [preseedens-ya] presidency  
 presión **f** [pres-yon] pressure  
 presión de las llantas [deh las yantas] tyre pressure  
 prestado: pedir prestado to borrow  
 prestar to lend  
 PRI (Partido Revolucionario Institucional) **m** Institutional Revolutionary Party (party of government since 1920)  
 prieto [pree-yeto] dark-skinned; black  
 prima **f** cousin  
 primavera **f** [preemabaira] spring  
 primera (clase) **f** [klaseh] first class  
 primera especial [espes-yal] deluxe first-class  
 primero first  
 primeros auxilios [owk-seel-yos] first-aid post  
 primer piso first floor, (US) second floor  
 primer plato **m** first course  
 primo **m** cousin  
 principal [preenseepal] main  
 principiante **m/f** [preenseep-yanteh] beginner  
 principio **m** [preenseep-yo] beginning  
 prioridad a la derecha give way/yield to vehicles coming from the right

prisa: tener prisa to be in a hurry

privado (m) [preebado] private; cul-de-sac

privatización f [preebateesas-yon] privatization

probablemente [probableh-menteh] probably

probador m fitting room

probarse [probarseh] to try on

problema m problem

producto preparado con ingredientes naturales  
product prepared using natural ingredients

productos alimenticios [prodooktos aleementees-yos] foodstuffs

productos de belleza [deh beh-yesa] beauty products

profesor m, profesora f teacher; lecturer

profundidad f [profoondeeda] depth

profundo deep

prohibida la entrada no entry, no admission

prohibida la entrada a menores de ... no admission for those under ... years of age

prohibida la vuelta en U no U-turns

prohibida su reproducción copyright reserved

prohibida su venta not for sale

prohibido [pro-eebeedo] prohibited, forbidden; no

prohibido asomarse do not lean out of the window

prohibido bañarse no swimming

prohibido cantar no singing

prohibido echar basura no litter

prohibido el paso no entry; no trespassing

prohibido escupir no spitting

prohibido estacionarse no parking

prohibido estacionarse excepto carga y descarga no parking except for loading and unloading

prohibido fijar carteles stick no bills

prohibido fumar no smoking

prohibido girar a la izquierda no left turn

prohibido hablar con el chofer do not speak to the driver

prohibido hacer auto-stop no hitch-hiking

prohibido pescar no fishing

prohibido pisar el pasto keep off the grass

prohibido prender fuego no campfires

prohibido sacar fotografías no photographs

prohibido tocar el claxon do not sound your horn

prometer [prometair] to promise

prometida f fiancée

prometido (m) engaged; fiancé

pronóstico del tiempo m [t-yempo] weather forecast

pronto early; soon

de pronto suddenly



¡hasta pronto! [asta] see you soon!  
 llegar pronto [yegar] to be early  
 pronunciar [pronoons-yar] to pronounce  
 propaganda **f** advertising; publicity; propaganda  
 propiedad privada [prop-yeda preebada] private property  
 propietario **m** [prop-yetar-yo] owner  
 propina **f** tip  
 propósito: a propósito deliberately  
 proteger [proteHair] to protect  
 provecho: ¡buen provecho! [bwen probecho] enjoy your meal!  
 provincia **f** [probeens-ya] province  
 en provincia in the country, in the provinces  
 provocar [probokar] to cause  
 ¿te provoca un café? [teh] do you feel like a coffee?  
 próximo next  
 la semana próxima next week  
 prudente [proodenteh] careful  
 prueba de alcoholemia **f** [prweba deh alko-olem-ya] breath test  
 prueba de embarazo [embaraso] pregnancy test  
 Pte. west  
 público (**m**) public; audience  
 pueblo **m** [pweblo] village; people; nation; ordinary people

puede [pwedeh] he/she can; you can  
 puede ser [sair] maybe  
 puedo [pwedo] I can  
 puente **m** [pwenteh] bridge  
 puente aéreo [a-airéh-o] shuttle flight  
 puente colgante [kolganteh] rope bridge  
 puente de cuota [kwota] toll bridge  
 puerta **f** [pwairta] door; gate  
 por la otra puerta use other door  
 puerta de embarque [embarkeh] gate  
 puerta n°. gate no.  
 puerto **m** [pwairto] harbour, port  
 puerto de montaña [deh montanya] mountain pass  
 puerto deportivo marina  
 pues [pwes] since; so  
 puesta de sol **f** [pwesta deh] sunset  
 puesto de periódicos **m** [pair-yodeekos] newspaper kiosk  
 puesto de socorro first-aid post  
 puesto que [keh] since  
 pulga **f** flea  
 pullman **m** luxury bus  
 pulmones **mpl** [poolmon-es] lungs  
 pulmonía **f** [poolmonee-a] pneumonia  
 pulque **m** [poolkeh] drink made from fermented agave cactus sap

pulquería **f** [poolkair~~ee~~-a] bar specializing in pulque  
 pulsera **f** [poolsaira] bracelet  
 pulso **m** pulse  
 punto **m** dot; spot; point  
 hacer punto [asair] to knit  
 punto de vista [deh beesta] point of view  
 puntual: llegar puntual [yegar poontwal] to arrive on time  
 pura lana virgen pure new wool  
 puro (**m**) [pooro] cigar; pure  
 es la pura verdad [vairda] it's the absolute truth  
 puse [pooseh] I put

## Q

que [keh] who; that; which; than  
 ¿qué? what?; which?  
 quedar [kedar] to stay; to remain  
 quédate con él [kedateh] keep it  
 no me queda otra [meh keda] I've no choice  
 ¿dónde queda? [dondeh] where is it?  
 queda muy cerca it's very near  
 quedarse [kedarseh] to stay  
 quedarse con to keep  
 quedarse sin gasolina to run out of petrol/gas  
 ¿qué hubo? [oobo] what's happening?; how's things?

quejarse [keh-Harseh] to complain  
 quemadura **f** [kemadoora] burn  
 quemadura de sol [deh] sunburn  
 quemar [kemar] to burn  
 quemarse [kemarseh] to burn oneself  
 querer [kerair] to love; to want  
 querido [kairredo] dear  
 queso **m** [keso] cheese  
 ¿qué tal? how do you do?  
 ¡qué va! [ba] no way!  
 ¿quién? [k-yen] who?  
 quiero [k-yairo] I want; I love  
 no quiero I don't want to  
 ¿quihubo? [k-yoobo] how's it going?  
 quince [keenseh] fifteen  
 quince días [dee-as] fortnight  
 quinientos [keen-yentos] five hundred  
 quinto [keento] fifth  
 quiosco **m** [k-yosko] kiosk  
 quisiera [kees-yaira] I would like; he/she would like; you would like  
 quiso [keeso] he/she wanted; you wanted  
 quitaesmalte **m** [keeta-esmalteh] nail polish remover  
 quitar [keetar] to remove  
 quizá(s) [keesa(s)] maybe

## R

rabia **f** [rab-ya] rage; rabies  
 me da rabia it makes me mad

rabioso [rab-yoso] furious  
 ración f [ras-yon] portion  
 radiador m [rad-yador] radiator  
 radio m [rad-yo] spoke  
 radio f radio  
 radiografía f [rad-yografee-a]  
 X-ray  
 rajarse [raHarseh] to back  
 down, to run away  
 ranchero m [ranchairo] small  
 farmer  
 rancho m small farm,  
 smallholding  
 rápidamente [-menteh] quickly  
 rápido fast  
 raro rare; strange  
 rascar to scratch  
 rasgar to tear  
 rasgo m feature  
 rasuradora f shaver  
 rasurarse [rasoorarseh] to shave  
 rata f rat  
 rato: espera un rato wait a  
 minute, wait a bit  
 pasar buen/mal rato to have a  
 good/bad time  
 cada rato every now and then  
 ratón m mouse  
 rayas: de rayas [deh rī-yas]  
 striped  
 razón f [rason] reason; rate  
 tiene razón [t-yeneh] you're  
 right  
 con razón ... so that's why ...  
 razonable [rasonableh]  
 reasonable  
 realizar [reh-aleesar] to carry  
 out  
 realmente [reh-almenteh] really;

in fact  
 rebajado [rebaHado] reduced  
 rebajas fpl [rebaHas] reductions,  
 sale  
 rebajas de verano [deh bairano]  
 summer sale  
 rebasar to overtake, to pass  
 rebozo m [rebozo] shawl  
 recado m message  
 ¿quiere dejar recado? would  
 you like to leave a message?  
 recámara f bedroom  
 recepción f [reseps-yon]  
 reception  
 recepcionista m/f [reseps-  
 yoneesta] receptionist  
 receta f [reseta] recipe;  
 prescription  
 con receta médica only  
 available on prescription  
 recetar [resetar] to prescribe  
 recibir [reseebereh] to receive  
 recibo m [reseebo] receipt  
 recién [res-yen] recently  
 recién salía de casa cuando ...  
 I'd just left home when ...  
 recién pintado wet paint  
 reclamación de equipajes f  
 [reklamas-yon deh ekeepaH-es]  
 baggage claim  
 reclamaciones fpl [reklamas-yon-  
 es] complaints  
 recoger [rekoHair] to collect; to  
 pick up  
 recogida de equipajes f  
 [rekoHeeda deh ekeepaH-es]  
 baggage claim  
 recoja su boleto take your  
 ticket

recomendar to recommend  
 reconocer [rekonosair] to recognize; to examine  
 reconocimiento **m** [rekonoseem-yento] examination  
 reconocimiento médico medical examination  
 recordar to remember  
 recorrer [rekorair] to travel; to travel through; to move along  
 recorrido **m** journey  
 recreo **m** [recreh-o] playtime, break  
 recto straight  
 todo recto straight ahead  
 recuerdo (**m**) [rekwairdo] memory; souvenir; I remember  
 red **f** [reh] network; net  
 redondo round  
 reduzca la velocidad reduce speed now  
 reembolsar [reh-embolsar] to refund  
 reembolsos refunds  
 reestreno **m** [reh-estreno] re-release (of a classic movie)  
 refacciones **fpI** [refaks-yon-es] spare parts, spares  
 regadera **f** [regadaira] shower  
 regalo **m** present  
 regalón spoiled  
 regatear [regateh-ar] to haggle  
 regenta **f** [rehenta], regente **m** [rehenteh] mayor  
 régimen **m** [reheemen] diet; regime  
 regiomontano [reh-yomontano]

from/of Monterrey  
 registrar [reHeestrar] to search; to register, to certify  
 registro de equipajes **m** [reHeestro deh ekeepah-es] check-in  
 regla **f** rule; period  
 reglamento **m** rule  
 regresar to return  
 regresar a casa to go home  
 regreso **m** return  
 reina **f** [rayna] queen  
 Reino Unido **m** United Kingdom  
 reír [ray-eer] to laugh  
 relajarse [relaharseh] to relax  
 relajo **m** [relaHo] disorder; noise, hubbub  
 rellenar [reh-yenar] to fill in; to fill  
 reloj **m** [reloH] watch; clock  
 reloj de pulsera [deh poolsaira] watch, wristwatch  
 relojería **f** [reloHairee-a] watches and clocks; watchmaker's shop  
 remar to row  
 remate **m** [remateh] sale, auction sale; the final detail  
 remitente **m/f** [remeetenteh] sender  
 remo **m** oar  
 remolque **m** [remolkeh] trailer  
 renta **f** rent; rental  
 rentado rented  
 rentar to rent; to hire  
 se renta to rent, for hire  
 renunciar [renoons-yar] to resign  
 reparación **f** [reparas-yon]

repair(s)  
 reparación de calzado [deh kalsado] shoe repairs  
 reparaciones [reparas-yon-es] faults service  
 reparar to repair  
 repelente de mosquitos **m** [repelenteh deh] mosquito repellent  
 repente: de repente [deh repenteh] suddenly  
 repetir to repeat; to have a second helping  
 reponerse [reponairseh] to recover  
 representante **m/f** [representanteh] representative, agent  
 repuestos **mpl** [repwestos] spare parts  
 repugnante [repoognanteh] disgusting  
 requisito **m** [rekeeseeto] requirement, condition  
 res **m** cow, bull  
 resbaladizo [resbaladeeso] slippery  
 resbalar to slip  
 rescatar to rescue  
 reserva **f** [resairba] reservation  
 reserva de asientos [deh as-yentos] seat reservation  
 reservado [resairbado] reserved  
 reservado el derecho de admisión the management reserve the right to refuse admission  
 reservar [resairbar] to reserve; to book

reservas **fpl** reservations  
 resfriado **m** [resfree-ado] cold  
 respeto **m** respect  
 respirar to breathe  
 responder [respondair] to answer, to reply  
 responsable (**m/f**) [responsableh] the person in charge; responsible  
 respuesta **f** [respwesta] answer  
 restaurante **m** [restowranteh] restaurant  
 resto **m** rest  
 retar to challenge  
 rete: está rete lindo [reteh] it's really beautiful  
 reumatismo **m** [reh-oomateesmo] rheumatism  
 reunión **f** [reh-oon-yon] meeting  
 revelado **m** [rebelado] film processing  
 revelar [rebelar] to develop; to reveal  
 revisar [rebeesar] to check  
 revisor **m** [rebeesor] conductor; guard  
 revista **m** [rebeesta] magazine  
 revolución **f** [reboloos-yon] revolution  
 la Revolución Mexicana the Mexican Revolution 1910-17  
 rey **m** [ray] king  
 Reyes: día de los Reyes **m** [dee-a deh los ray-es] 6th of January, Epiphany  
 rico rich  
 ridículo ridiculous

riego: tierras de riego **fpl**  
irrigated land  
rímel **m** mascara  
rincón **m** corner  
riñón **m** [reen-yon] kidney  
río **m** [ree-o] river  
risa **f** laughter  
me da risa [meh] it makes me  
laugh  
rizado [reesado] curly  
robar **to** steal  
robo **m** theft  
roca **f** rock  
rodilla **f** [rodee-ya] knee  
rogar **to** beg  
rojo [roHO] red  
rómpase en caso de  
emergencia break in case of  
emergency  
romper **to** break  
ropa **f** clothes  
ropa de caballeros [deh kaba-  
yaios] men's clothes  
ropa de cama bed linen  
ropa de señoras [sen-yoras]  
ladies' clothes  
ropa infantil [eenfanteel]  
children's clothes  
ropa interior [eentair-yor]  
underwear  
ropa sucia [soos-ya] laundry  
rosa (**f**) pink; rose  
roto broken  
rubeola **f** [roobeh-ola] German  
measles  
rubí **m** [roobee] ruby  
rubio [roob-yo] blond  
rueda **f** [rweda] wheel  
rueda de repuesto **f** [deh

repwesto] spare wheel  
ruega: se ruega ... [seh rwega]  
please ...  
ruego **I** request  
ruido **m** [rweedo] noise  
ruidoso [rweedoso] noisy  
ruinas **fpl** [rweenas] ruins  
rural [rooral] rural, country  
ruta **f** route

## S

S.A. (Sociedad Anónima) PLC,  
Inc  
sábado **m** Saturday  
sábana **f** sheet  
saber [sabair] to know  
saber a to taste of  
sabor **m** taste  
sabroso tasty, delicious  
sacacorchos **m** corkscrew  
sacar **to** take out; to get out  
sacar una foto to take a photo  
sacar un boleto to buy a ticket  
saco **m** jacket  
sal (**f**) salt; leave  
sala **f** room; lounge; hall  
sala climatizada [kleematisada]  
air-conditioned  
sala de belleza [beh-yesa]  
beauty salon  
sala de cine [deh seeneh]  
cinema, movie theater  
sala de conciertos [kons-yairtos]  
concert hall  
sala de embarque [embarkeh]  
departure lounge

sala de espera [espaíra]  
waiting room  
sala de exposiciones [esposees-  
yon-es] exhibition hall  
sala de tránsito transit lounge  
salado salty  
sala X X-rated cinema, adult  
movie theater  
saldar to sell at a reduced price  
saldo **m** clearance; balance  
sales de baño **fpl** [sal-es deh  
ban-yo] bath salts  
salgo I'm leaving, I'm going  
out  
salida **f** exit; departure  
salida ciudad take this  
direction to leave the city  
salida de ambulancias  
ambulance exit  
salida de autopista end  
of motorway/highway;  
motorway/highway exit  
salida de camiones heavy  
goods vehicle exit, works exit  
salida de emergencia [deh  
emairHens-ya] emergency exit  
salida de incendios [eensend-  
yos] fire exit  
salida de socorro **f** emergency  
exit  
salidas **fpl** departures  
salidas internacionales  
[eentairnas-yonal-es]  
international departures  
salidas nacionales [nas-yonal-  
es] domestic departures  
salir to go out; to leave  
salón de baile **m** [deh bāleh]  
dance hall

salón de belleza [beh-yesa]  
beauty salon  
salón de demostraciones  
[demostras-yon-es] exhibition  
hall  
salón de peluquería  
[pelookairee-a] hairdressing  
salon  
salpicadera **f** [salpeekadaira]  
mudguard  
saltar to jump  
Salubridad **f** Ministry of  
Health  
salud **f** [saloo] health  
saludar to greet  
saludos best wishes  
salvadoreño (**m**) [salbadoren-yo]  
Salvadoran  
salvo que [keh] except that  
sangrar to bleed  
sangre **f** [sangreh] blood  
sanitarios **mpl** [saneetar-yos]  
toilets, rest rooms  
sano healthy  
sarampión **m** [saramp-yon]  
measles  
sarape **m** [sarapeh] woven  
blanket  
sartén **f** frying pan  
sastre **m** [sastreh] tailor  
scotch® **m** Sellotape®, Scotch  
tape®  
se [seh] himself; herself;  
itself; yourself; themselves;  
yourselves; oneself  
sé I know  
no sé I don't know  
se aceptan tarjetas de crédito  
we accept credit cards

secador de pelo **m** [deh] hair dryer  
 secar to dry  
 secarse el pelo [sekarseh] to dry one's hair, to have a blow-dry  
 sección **f** [seks-yon] department  
 seco dry  
 secretaria **f**, secretario **m** secretary  
 secretaría **f** Ministry  
 Secretaría de Turismo Ministry of Tourism  
 secreto secret  
 Sector tourist office  
 sed: tengo sed [seh] I'm thirsty  
 seda **f** silk  
 seda natural pure silk  
 sede **f** [sedeh] head office, headquarters  
 seguida: en seguida [segeeda] immediately, right away  
 seguido [segeedo] often  
 seguir [segeer] to follow  
 según according to  
 segunda (clase) **f** [klaseh] second class  
 segundo (**m**) second  
 de segunda mano second-hand  
 segundo piso **m** second floor, (US) third floor  
 seguridad **f** [segooreeda] safety; security  
 seguro (**m**) safe; sure; insurance; safety pin  
 seguro de viaje **m** [deh b-yaHeh] travel insurance

se habla inglés English spoken  
 se hacen fotocopias photocopying service  
 seis [says] six  
 seiscientos [says-yentos] six hundred  
 selva **f** [selba] jungle; rain forest  
 semáforo **m** traffic lights  
 semana **f** week  
 semanal weekly  
 Semana Santa Holy Week  
 senador **m** Senator  
 sencillo [sensee-yo] simple  
 se necesita ... .. needed, required  
 sensible [senseebleh] sensitive  
 sentar: sentar bien (a) [b-yen] to suit  
 sentarse [sentarseh] to sit down  
 sentido **m** direction; sense; meaning  
 sentir to feel; to hear  
 señas **fpl** [sen-yas] address  
 señor [sen-yor] gentleman, man; sir  
 el señor López Mr López  
 señora **f** [sen-yora] lady, woman; madam  
 la señora López Mrs López  
 señoras **fpl** ladies; ladies' toilet, ladies' room; ladies' department  
 señores **mpl** [sen-yor-es] men; gents' toilet, men's room  
 señorita **f** [sen-yoreeta] young lady, young woman; miss  
 la señorita López Miss López  
 separado separate; separated



por separado **separately**  
 se precisa ... .. **needed**  
 se prohíbe ... .. **forbidden**  
 se prohíbe echar basura **no litter**  
 se prohíbe fumar **no smoking**  
 se prohíbe hablar con el chofer **do not speak to the driver**  
 se prohíbe la entrada **no entry, no admittance**  
 se prohíbe la entrada a mujeres, uniformados e integrantes de la fuerzas armadas **no admittance to women, members of the armed forces and anyone in uniform**  
 septiembre **m** [set-yembreh] **September**  
 séptimo [septemo] **seventh**  
 sequía **f** [sekee-a] **drought**  
 ser [sair] **to be**  
 a no ser que [keh] **unless**  
 se renta **for hire, to rent**  
 se renta departamento **flat to let, apartment for rent**  
 se rentan cuartos **rooms to rent**  
 serio [sair-yo] **serious**  
 en serio **seriously**  
 serpiente **f** [sairp-yenteh] **snake**  
 serranía **f** **mountains**  
 se ruega **please ...**  
 se ruega desalojen su cuarto antes de las doce **please vacate your room by twelve noon**  
 se ruega no ... **please do not ...**  
 se ruega no estacionarse **no**

**parking please**  
 se ruega no molestar **please do not disturb**  
 se ruega pagar en caja **please pay at the desk**  
 se vende **for sale**  
 servicio a través de operadora **operator-connected calls**  
 servicio automático **direct dialling**  
 servicio de cuarto [sairbees-yo deh kwarto] **room service**  
 servicio de fotocopias **photocopying service**  
 servicio estrella [estreh-ya] **first class (coach) service**  
 servicios mpl [sairbees-yos] **toilets, rest rooms**  
 servicios de rescate [deh reskateh] **mountain rescue**  
 servicios de socorro **emergency services**  
 servilleta **f** [sairbee-yeta] **serviette, napkin**  
 servir [sairbeer] **to serve**  
 sesenta [sesenta] **sixty**  
 sesión continua **continuous showing**  
 setecientos [setes-yentos] **seven hundred**  
 setenta **seventy**  
 sexenio **m** **six year Presidential term**  
 sexo **m** **sex**  
 sexto [sesto] **sixth**  
 si [see] **if**  
 sí **yes; oneself; herself; itself; yourself; themselves; yourselves; each other**

**SIDA m** [seeda] AIDS  
 sido *been*  
 siempre [s-yempreh] always  
 siempre que [keh] whenever;  
 as long as  
 siento [s-yento] I sit down; I  
 feel  
 lo siento I'm sorry  
**sierra f** [s-yairra] mountain  
 range  
**siesta f** siesta, nap  
 siete [s-yeteh] seven  
 siga recto straight ahead  
**siglo m** century  
 significado **m** meaning  
 significar to mean  
 siguiente [seeg-yenteh] next  
 al día siguiente the day after  
**silencio m** [seelens-yo] silence  
**silla f** [see-ya] chair  
 silla de ruedas [deh rvedas]  
 wheelchair  
 sillita de ruedas [see-yeeta]  
 pushchair, buggy  
**sillón m** [see-yon] armchair  
 simpático nice  
 sin [seen] without  
**sinagoga f** synagogue  
 sincero [seensaíro] sincere  
**sindicalista m/f** trade unionist  
**sindicato m** trade union, labor  
 union  
 sin duda undoubtedly  
 sin embargo however,  
 nevertheless  
 sino: no ... sino ... not ... but ...  
 si no otherwise  
 sino que [keh] but  
 sin plomo unleaded

siquiera [seek-yaira] even if;  
 at least  
**sírvase** [seerbaseh] please  
**sírvase frío** serve cold  
**sírvase Usted mismo** help  
 yourself  
**sitio m** [seet-yo] place  
 en ningún sitio [neen-goon]  
 nowhere  
**smoking m** [smokeen] dinner  
 jacket  
**sobrar** to be left over; to be  
 too many  
**sobre (m)** [sobreh] envelope;  
 on; above  
**sobrecarga** [sobrekarga] excess  
 weight; extra charge  
**sobrevivir** [sobreebeer] to  
 survive  
**sobrina f** niece  
**sobrino m** nephew  
**sobrio** [sobr-yo] sober  
**sociedad f** [sos-yeda] society;  
 company  
**socio m** [sos-yo] associate;  
 member  
**socorrer** [sokorair] to help  
**socorrista m/f** lifeguard  
 ¡socorro! help!  
**sois** [soys] you are  
**sol m** sun  
 al sol in the sun  
**solamente** [solamenteh] only  
**soleado** [soleh-ado] sunny  
**solo** lonely  
**sólo** only  
 no sólo ... sino también ...  
 [tamb-yen] not only ... but  
 also ...

sólo camiones **buses only**  
 sólo carga y descarga **loading and unloading only**  
 sólo laborables **weekdays only**  
 sólo motos **motorcycles only**  
 sólo para residentes (del hotel) **hotel patrons only**  
 soltera (f) [soltaira] **single; single woman**  
 soltero (m) [soltairo] **single; bachelor**  
 solterón m [soltairon] **bachelor**  
 solterona f [soltairona] **spinster**  
 sombra f **shade; shadow**  
 sombra de ojos [deh oHos] **eyeshadow**  
 sombrero m [sombrairo] **hat**  
 sombrilla f [sombree-ya] **parasol**  
 somnifero m [somneefairo] **sleeping pill**  
 somos **we are**  
 son **they are; you are**  
 sonreír [sonreh-eer] **to smile**  
 sonrisa f **smile**  
 sordo **deaf**  
 sorprendente [sorprendenteh] **surprising**  
 sorpresa f **surprise**  
 sótano m **lower floor; basement**  
 soy **I am**  
 sport: de sport [deh] **casual**  
 Sr (Señor) **Mr**  
 Sra (Señora) **Mrs**  
 Sres (Señores) **Messrs**  
 Srta (Señorita) **Miss**  
 su [soo] **his; her; its; their; your**  
 suave [swabeh] **soft; quiet**

subir **to go up; to get on; to get in; to take up**  
 subtitulado **sub-titled**  
 subtítulos **mpl subtitles**  
 suburbios **mpl [sooboorb-yos] suburbs; poor quarters**  
 suceder [soosedair] **to happen**  
 sucio [soos-yo] **dirty**  
 sucursal f **branch**  
 sudamericana (f) [soodamaireekana], **sudamericano (m) South American**  
 sudar **to sweat**  
 Suecia f [swes-ya] **Sweden**  
 sueco [sweko] **Swedish**  
 suegra f [swegra] **mother-in-law**  
 suegro m [swegro] **father-in-law**  
 suela f [swela] **sole**  
 suelo (m) **floor; I am used to**  
 suelto [swelto] **small change**  
 sueño (m) [swen-yo] **dream; I dream**  
 tener sueño [tenair] **to be tired/sleepy**  
 suerte f [swairteh] **luck**  
 por suerte **luckily, fortunately**  
 ¡buena suerte! [bwena] **good luck!**  
 suéter m [swetair] **sweater**  
 suficiente: es suficiente [soofees-yenteh] **that's enough**  
 sufragio efectivo, no reelección **effective suffrage, no re-election** (slogan on many official documents)

suicidarse [sweeseedarse] to commit suicide  
 Suiza f [sweesa] Switzerland  
 sumar to add; to add up to  
 supe [soopeh] I knew  
 súper [soopair] four-star petrol, (US) premium (gas); supermarket  
 supermercado m [soopairmairkado] supermarket  
 supuesto: por supuesto [soopwesto] of course  
 sur m south  
 al sur de [deh] south of  
 sureste m [sooresteh] south-east  
 suroeste m [sooro-esteh] south-west  
 surtido m assortment  
 sus [soos] his; her; its; their; your  
 susto m shock  
 susurrar to whisper  
 sutil subtle  
 suya [soo-ya], suyas, suyo, suyos his; hers; its; theirs; yours

## T

tabaco m tobacco; cigarettes  
 tabasqueño [tabasken-yo] from/of Tabasco  
 tabique m [tabeekeh] brick  
 tabla de surf f [deh soorf] surfboard  
 tabla de windsurf f sailboard  
 tablero de instrumentos m

[tablairo deh eenstroomentos] dashboard  
 tablón de anuncios m [anoons-yos] notice board, bulletin board  
 tablón de información [deh eenformas-yon] indicator board  
 tacón m heel  
 tacones altos [takon-es] high heels  
 tacones planos flat heels  
 tal such  
 con tal (de) que provided that  
 talco m talcum powder  
 talla f [ta-ya] size  
 ¿qué número talla? what size are you?  
 tallas grandes [grand-es] large sizes  
 tallas sueltas [sweltas] odd sizes  
 taller mecánico m [ta-yair mekaneeko] garage  
 talón m heel  
 talonario (de cheques) m [talonar-yo (deh chek-es)] cheque book, checkbook  
 talón de equipajes [ekeepaH-es] baggage slip  
 tal vez [bes] maybe  
 tamaño m [taman-yo] size  
 tamaulipeco [tamowleepeko] from/of Tamaulipas  
 también [tamb-yen] also  
 yo también me too  
 tampoco neither, nor  
 yo tampoco me neither, nor me  
 tan: tan bonito so beautiful  
 tan pronto como as soon as

- tanque **m** [tankeh] tank
- tantito: espere tantito wait a moment
- tanto (**m**) so much; point
- tanto ... como ... both ... and ...
- tantos so many
- tapa **f** lid
- tapar to cover
- tapas **fpl** savoury snacks, tapas
- tapatío from/of Guadalajara
- tapete **m** [tapeteh] rug, carpet
- tapón **m** plug
- taquería **f** [takairee-a] taco restaurant, taco stall
- taquilla **f** [takee-ya] ticket office
- tarahumara **m/f** [tara-oomara] indigenous person from northern Mexico
- tarasco (**m**) indigenous person from Michoacan; from/of Tarascan culture
- tardar: ¿cuánto tarda? [kwanto] how long does it take?  
no tarda he/she won't be long  
no tardes [tard-es] don't be long
- tarde (**f**) [tardeh] afternoon; evening; late  
a las tres de la tarde [deh] at 3 p.m.  
esta tarde this afternoon, this evening  
por la tarde in the evening  
llegar tarde [yegar] to be late
- tarifa **f** charge, charges
- tarifa especial estudiante [espes-yal estood-yanteh] student reduced rate
- tarifa normal standard rate
- tarifa reducida [redooseda] reduced rate
- tarjeta **f** [tarHeta] card
- tarjeta verde Green Card (tourist permit in Mexico)
- tarjeta bancaria [bankar-ya] cheque card
- tarjeta de crédito [deh kredeeto] credit card
- tarjeta de embarque [embarkeh] boarding pass
- tarjeta postal postcard
- tarjeta telefónica phonecard
- tauromaquia **f** [towromak-ya] bullfighting
- taxista **m/f** taxi driver
- taza **f** [tasa] cup
- te [teh] you; yourself
- té **m** tea
- teatro **m** [teh-atro] theatre
- techo **m** ceiling
- teclado **m** keyboard
- técnica **f** technique; technology
- técnico technical
- tecnología **f** [teknoloHee-a] technology
- tecolote **m** [-loteh] owl
- tejado **m** [teHado] roof
- tejanos **mpl** [teHanos] jeans
- tejidos **mpl** [teHeedos] materials, fabrics
- tela **f** material
- teleférico **m** cable car
- teléfono **m** telephone
- teléfono interurbano long-distance phone
- teléfonos de emergencia

- emergency telephone numbers
- telesilla **m** [telee-ya] chairlift
- Televisa largest Mexican television corporation
- televisión **f** [telebees-yon] television
- televisor **m** television (set)
- temblor **m** earthquake
- temer [temair] to fear
- temor **m** fear
- tempestad **f** [tempesta] storm
- templo **m** temple; church
- temporada **f** season
- ten hold
- tenedor **m** fork
- tener [tenair] to have
- tener derecho to have the right
- tener prisa to be in a hurry
- tener prioridad [pree-oreeda] to have right of way
- tener que [keh] to have to
- ¡tenga cuidado! [kweedado] be careful!
- tengo I have
- tengo que I have to, I must
- tensión **f** [tens-yon] blood pressure
- teñirse el pelo [ten-yeerseh] to dye one's hair, to have one's hair dyed
- tepetate **m** [tepetateh] type of soft stone used for building
- tercera edad **f** [eda] old age
- tercero third
- tercer piso **m** [tairsair] third floor, (US) fourth floor
- tercio **m** [tairs-yo] third
- terciopelo **m** [tairs-yopelo] velvet
- terco [tairko] stubborn
- terminal **f** [tairmeenal] terminus; terminal
- terminar to finish
- termo **m** Thermos® flask
- termómetro **m** thermometer
- terratiente **m/f** [tairra-ten-yenteh] large landowner
- terreno **m** [tairreno] piece/plot of land
- testigo **m** witness
- testimonio **m** [testeemon-yo] evidence; statement
- tetera **f** [tetaira] teapot
- tezontle **m** [tesontleh] volcanic marble-like rock
- ti [tee] you
- tía **f** [tee-a] aunt
- tianguis **m** [t-yangees] market
- tibio [teeb-yo] lukewarm
- tiburón **m** shark
- tiempo **m** [t-yempo] time; weather
- a tiempo on time
- al tiempo at room temperature
- tiempo de recreo [deh rekreh-o] leisure
- tiempo libre [leebreh] free time
- tienda **f** [t-yenda] shop, store; tent
- esta tienda se traslada a ... this business is transferred to ...
- tienda de abarrotes **f** [deh abarrot-es] grocer's, dry goods store
- tienda de artículos de piel

[p-yel] leather goods shop  
 tienda de campaña **tent**  
 tienda de comestibles  
 [komesteebl-es] **grocer's**  
 tienda de deportes [deport-es]  
**sports shop**  
 tienda de electrodomésticos  
**electrical goods shop**  
 tienda de muebles [mwebl-es]  
**furniture shop**  
 tienda de regalos **gift shop**  
 tienda de ultramarinos **grocer's**  
 tienda de vinos y licores  
 [beenos ee leekor-es] **off-  
 licence, liquor store**  
 tienda libre de impuestos  
 [leebreh deh eempwestos] **duty-  
 free shop**  
 tiene: ¿tiene ...? [t-yeh] **have  
 you got ...?, do you have ...?;  
 do you sell ...?**  
 tiene que [keh] **he/she must;  
 you must**  
 tierra **f** [t-yairra] **earth; land**  
 tifo **m** typhus  
 tijeras **fpl** [teeHairas] **scissors**  
 tiliches **mpl** [teeleech-es] **bits  
 and pieces**  
 timbre **m** [teembreh] **bell; stamp**  
 timbre de alarma [deh] **alarm  
 bell**  
 tímido **shy**  
 tina **f** bath(tub)  
 tintorería **f** [teentorairree-a] **dry-  
 cleaner's**  
 tío **m** [tee-o] **uncle**  
 tipo de cambio **m** [deh kamb-yo]  
**exchange rate**  
 tirta **f** Elastoplast®, Bandaid®

tiro **m** shot  
 tlalpalería **f** [tlapalairree-a]  
**hardware store**  
 toalla **f** [to-a-ya] **towel**  
 toalla de baño [deh ban-yo] **bath  
 towel**  
 tobillo **m** [tobee-yo] **ankle**  
 tocadiscos **m** record player  
 tocar **to** touch; to play  
 tocayo **m** [toki-yo] **namesake**  
 todavía [todabee-a] **still; yet  
 todavía no not yet**  
 todo **all, every; everything**  
 todos los días **every day**  
 todo derecho **straight on**  
 todo recto **straight ahead**  
 todos **everyone**  
 tolteca **from/of Toltec culture**  
 tomado **drunk**  
 tomar **to** take; to drink  
 tomar el sol **to sunbathe**  
 tomavistas **m** cine-camera  
 tómese antes de las comidas  
**to be taken before meals**  
 tómese después de las  
 comidas **to be taken after  
 meals**  
 tómese ... veces al día **to be  
 taken ... times per day**  
 tome Usted [tomeh oosteh] **take**  
 tonelada **f** tonne  
 tono **m** dialling tone; shade  
 tonto **silly**  
 topes **mpl** speed bumps,  
 'sleeping policemen'  
 torcer [torsair] **to** twist; to  
 sprain; to turn  
 torcerse el tobillo [tobee-yo] **to  
 twist one's ankle**

torero **m** [torairo] bullfighter  
 tormenta **f** storm  
 tormentoso stormy  
 tornillo **m** [tornee-yo] screw  
 toro **m** bull  
 toros **mpl** bullfighting  
 torpe [torpeh] clumsy  
 torre **f** [torreh] tower  
 tos **f** cough  
 toser [tosair] to cough  
 tosferina **f** [tosfaireena] whooping cough  
 total: en total [tot-al] altogether  
 totalmente [tot-almenteh] absolutely  
 tóxico [tokseeko] poisonous  
 toxicómano **m** [tokseekomano] drug addict  
 trabajador (**m**) [trabador], trabajadora (**f**) worker; industrious  
 trabajar [trabajar] to work  
 trabajo **m** [trabaho] work; job  
 traducir [tradooseer] to translate  
 traer [tra-air] to bring  
 tráfico: tráfico de drogas drug traffic; drug-trafficking  
 tragar to swallow  
 traigo [trigo] I bring  
 tráiler **m** [trilair] large truck; caravan, (US) trailer  
 trainers **mpl** [trinairs] trainers  
 traje (**m**) [traheh] I brought; suit; clothes  
 traje de baño [deh ban-yo] swimming costume  
 traje de noche [nocheh] evening dress

traje de señora [sen-yora] lady's suit  
 traje típico traditional regional costume  
 trámites **mpl** [tra-meet-es] bureaucracy, paperwork  
 tranquilizante [trankeeleesanteh] tranquilizer  
 tranquilizarse [trankeeleesarseh] to calm down  
 tranquilo [trankeelo] quiet  
 transar to sell out, to compromise  
 tránsito **m** traffic  
 tras after  
 trasbordo **m** transfer; change  
 hacer trasbordo en ... change at ...  
 trasero (**m**) [trasairo] bottom; back; rear  
 trasladar to move  
 se traslada under new management  
 traspasar to spend the night  
 tratamiento **m** [-m-yento] treatment  
 tratar to treat; to try  
 trato **m** way of treating people  
 través: a través de [trav-es deh] across, through  
 travieso [trab-yeso] mischievous  
 trece [treseh] thirteen  
 treinta [traynta] thirty  
 tren **m** train  
 tren de carga [deh] goods train  
 tren de lavado automático [labado owtomateeko] carwash  
 tren de pasajeros [pasahairos] passenger train



tren directo **through train**  
 tren tranvía **[tranbee-a]** **stopping train**  
 tres **three**  
 trescientos **[tres-yentos]** **three hundred**  
 tres cuartos de hora **mpl**  
**[kwartos deh ora]** **three quarters of an hour**  
 tribunal **m** **[treeboonal]** **court; tribunal**  
 tripulación **f** **[treepoolas-yon]** **crew**  
 triste **[treesteh]** **sad**  
 tristeza **f** **[treestesa]** **sadness**  
 tronco **m** **body; buddy**  
 tropezar **[tropesar]** **to trip**  
 trueno **m** **[trweno]** **thunder**  
 tu **[too]** **your**  
 tú **you**  
 tubo de escape **m** **[deh eskapeh]** **exhaust**  
 tubo de respirar **snorkel**  
 tuerce a la izquierda **turn left**  
 tuerza **[twairsa]** **turn**  
 tú mismo **yourself**  
 túnel **m** **[too-nel]** **tunnel**  
 turismo **m** **tourism; luxury bus; tourist office**  
 turista **m/f** **tourist**  
 turístico **[tooreesteeeko]** **tourist**  
 turno **m** **[toorno]** **turn; round; shift**  
 es mi turno **it's my turn/round**  
 tus **[toos]** **your**  
 tuya **[too-ya]**, **tuyas, tuyo, tuyos** **yours**

## U

u **[oo]** or  
 ubicarse **[oobeekarseh]** **to be located**  
 ¿lo ubicas? **do you know the one I mean?**  
 Ud (Usted) **[oosteh]** **you**  
 Uds (Ustedes) **[oostedes]** **you**  
 úlcera (de estómago) **f** **[oolsaira]** **(stomach) ulcer**  
 últimamente **[oolteemamenteh]** **recently, lately**  
 último **last; latest**  
 últimos días **[dee-as]** **last days; last few days**  
 ultramarinos **m** **grocer's**  
 un **[oon]** **a**  
 una **[oona]** **a**  
 unas **some**  
 universidad **f** **[ooneebairseeda]** **university**  
 uno **one; someone**  
 unos **some; a few**  
 uña **f** **[oon-ya]** **finger nail**  
 urbanización **f** **[oorbaneesas-yon]** **housing estate**  
 urbano **urban, city**  
 urgencias **[oorhens-yas]** **casualty (department); emergencies**  
 uruguayo **[ooroogwi-yo]** **Uruguayan**  
 usado **used; secondhand**  
 usar **to use**  
 no se usa **[seh]** **it isn't done**  
 uso **use**  
 el uso del tabaco es **perjudicial para su salud**

smoking can damage your health

uso externo not to be taken internally

uso obligatorio cinturón de seguridad seatbelts must be worn

Usted [oosteh] you

Ustedes [oosted-es] you

útil useful

## V

v is pronounced more like a b than an English v

va he/she/it goes; you go

vaca f cow

vacaciones fpl [bakas-yon-es] holiday, vacation

vacilar [baseelar] to party, to have a good time

vacilón [baseelon] fun-loving

vacío [basee-o] empty

vacuna f vaccination

vacunarse [bakoonarseh] to be vaccinated

vagón m carriage, coach

vagón de literas [deh leetairas] sleeping car

vagón restaurante [restowranteh] restaurant car

vajilla f [bahee-ya] dinner service, set of crockery

vale: ¿cuánto vale? [kwanto baleh] how much is it?

me vale (madre) [madreh] I don't give a shit

valer [balair] to be worth

valiente [bal-yenteh] brave

valla f [ba-ya] fence

valle m [ba-yeh] valley

valores mpl [balor-es] securities

válvula f valve

vamos we go

van they go; you go

vapor m steam

vaquero m [bakairo] cowboy

vaqueros mpl jeans

variar [bar-yar] to vary

para variar for a change

varicela f [bareesela]

chickenpox

varios [bar-yos] several; different

varón m male

varonil manly

vas you go

vasco Basque

vaso m glass

vatio m [bat-yo] watt

vaya [bi-ya] go; I/he/she/you should go; I/he/she/you

might go

Vd (Usted) you

Vds (Ustedes) you

ve [beh] go; he/she sees; you see

veces: a veces [bes-es] sometimes

vecindad f [beseenda] inner city slum

vehículos pesados heavy vehicles

v is pronounced more like a b than an English v

vecino m [beseeno] neighbour

veinte [baynteh] twenty  
 vejez f [beh-es] old age  
 vela f candle; sail  
 velero m [belairo] sailing boat  
 velocidad f [beloseeda] speed  
 velocidad controlada por radar  
 radar speed checks  
 velocidades **fpl** [beloseedad-es]  
 gears  
 velocidad limitada speed limits  
 apply  
 velocímetro m [beloseemetro]  
 speedometer  
 ven [ben] come; they see;  
 you see  
 vena f vein  
 venda f bandage  
 vendar to dress (wound)  
 vendemos a ... selling rate  
 vender [bendair] to sell  
 veneno m poison  
 venezolano [benesolano]  
 Venezuelan  
 vengo I come  
 venir to come  
 venta f sale  
 de venta aquí on sale here  
 venta de estampillas stamps  
 sold here  
 venta de localidades tickets  
 (on sale)  
 ventana f window  
 ventanilla f [bentanee-ya]  
 window; ticket office  
 ventas a crédito credit terms  
 available  
 ventas al contado cash sales  
 ventas a plazos hire purchase,  
 (US) installment plan

ventilador m fan  
 ver [bair] to see; to watch  
 veraneante m/f [bairaneh-anteh]  
 holiday-maker, vacationer  
 veranear [bairaneh-ar] to  
 holiday, to take a vacation  
 veraneo: centro de veraneo  
 [sentro deh bairaneh-o] holiday  
 resort  
 verano m [bairano] summer  
 veras: de veras [deh bairas]  
 really, honestly  
 verdad f [bairda] truth  
 ¿verdad? don't you?; do you?;  
 isn't it?; isn't he?; is he? etc  
 verdadero [bairdadairo] true  
 verde (m) [bairdeh] green  
 vergüenza f [bairgwensa] shame  
 versión f [bairs-yon] version  
 en versión original [oreegeenal]  
 in the original language  
 vestido m dress  
 vestir to dress  
 vestirse [besteerseh] to get  
 dressed; to dress  
 vestuarios **mpl** [bestwar-yos]  
 fitting rooms; changing  
 rooms  
 vez f [bes] time  
 una vez once  
 en vez de [deh] instead of  
 vi [bee] I saw  
 vía f [bee-a] platform, (US)  
 track  
 vía aérea: por vía aérea [a-air-  
 eh-a] by air mail  
 viajar [b-yahar] to travel  
 viaje m [b-yahéh] journey  
 ¡buen viaje! [bwen] have a

good trip!  
 viaje de negocios [deh negos-yos] **business trip**  
 viaje de novios [nob-yos] **honeymoon**  
 viaje organizado [organeesado] **package tour**  
 viajero **m** [b-yahairo] **traveller**  
 vía oral **orally**  
 vía rectal **per rectum**  
 víbora **f** [beebora] **snake**  
 vida **f** **life**  
 vidrio **m** [beedr-yo] **glass; window**  
 viejo (**m**) [b-yehO] **old; mate, buddy**  
 mi viejo **my old man, my father**  
 mis viejos **my parents**  
 viene: la semana que viene [keh b-yeneh] **next week**  
 viento **m** [b-yento] **wind**  
 vientre **m** [b-yentreh] **stomach**  
 viernes **m** [b-yairn-es] **Friday**  
 Viernes Santo **Good Friday**  
 vine [beeneh] **I came**  
 vinos y licores **wines and spirits**  
 viñedo [been-yedo] **vineyard**  
 violación **f** [b-yolas-yon] **rape**  
 violar [b-yolar] **to rape**  
 violencia **f** [b-yolensee-a] **violence**  
 violento [b-yolento] **violent**  
 visita **f** **visit**  
 visita con guía [gee-a] **guided tour**  
 visitante **m/f** [beeseetanteh] **visitor**

visitar **to visit**  
 visor **m** **viewfinder**  
 víspera **f** [beespaira] **the day before**  
 vista **f** **view**  
 visto **seen**  
 viuda **f** [b-yooda] **widow**  
 viudo **m** **widower**  
 vivir **to live**  
 vivo **alive; I live**  
 VO (versión original) **original language**  
 voceador **m** [boseador] **newspaper seller**  
 vocero **m** [bosairo] **spokesman**  
 volante **m** [bolanteh] **steering wheel**  
 volar **to fly**  
 volcán **m** [bolkan] **volcano**  
 volibol **m** [boleebol] **volleyball**  
 voltaje **m** [boltaheh] **voltage**  
 voltear [bolteh-ar] **to turn over; to knock over**  
 volver [bolbair] **to come back**  
 volver a hacer algo **to do something again**  
 vomitar **to vomit**  
 v.o. **subtitulada** **version in the original language with subtitles**  
 voy **I go**  
 voz **f** [bos] **voice**  
 vuelo **m** [bwelo] **flight**  
 vuelo nacional [nas-yonal] **domestic flight**  
 v is pronounced more like a **b** than an English **v**  
 vecino **m** [beseeno] **neighbour**

vuelo regular **scheduled flight**  
 vuelta **f** [bweɪta] **tour, trip**  
 a la vuelta **around the corner**  
 dar una vuelta **to go for a walk**  
 vuelto **m** [bweɪto] **change**  
 vuelvo [bweɪbo] **I return**  
 vulcanizadora **f**  
 [boolkaneesadora] **vulcanizer, tyre repairs**

## Y

y [ee] **and**  
 ya **already; now**  
 ya está **there you are**  
 ya mero [mairo] **right here, right now**  
 yace [ya-seh] **lies**  
 yanqui **m/f** [yankee] **Yankee, North American**  
 ya que [keh] **since**  
 yerba **f** [yairba] **herb**  
 yerno **m** [yairno] **son-in-law**  
 yo **I; me**  
 yo mismo **myself**  
 yucateco [yookateko] **from/of Yucatán**

## Z

zacateco [sakateko] **from/of Zacatecas**  
 zafarse [safarseh] **to get away, to escape**  
 zancudo **m** [sankoodo] **mosquito**

zapatería **f** [sapatairee-a] **shoe shop/store**  
 zapatero **m** [sapatairo] **cobbler; shoe repairer**  
 zapatismo **m** [sapateesmo] **peasant movement led by Emiliano Zapata (1911-19); peasant movement in Chiapas 1994-**  
 zapatista **m/f** **follower of the above**  
 zapatos **mpl** [sapatos] **shoes**  
 zapoteco [sapoteko] **from/of Zapotec culture**  
 zenzontle **m** [sensontleh] **mockingbird**  
 zócalo **m** [sokalo] **central square**  
 zona **f** [sona] **area**  
 zona arqueológica [arkeh-ologeeka] **archaeological site**  
 zona de servicios [deh sairbees-yos] **service area**  
 zona industrial [eendoostree-al] **industrial estate**  
 zona monumental **historic monuments**  
 zona postal [pos-tal] **postcode, zip code**  
 zona (reservada) para peatones **pedestrian precinct**  
 zopilote **m** [sopeełoteh] **vulture**  
 zurdo [soordo] **left-handed**





**Menu  
Reader:  
Food**

## Essential Terms

bread	el pan
butter	la mantequilla [mantekee-ya]
cup	la taza [tasa]
dessert	el postre [postreh]
fish	el pescado
fork	el tenedor
glass (tumbler)	el vaso [baso]
(wine glass)	la copa
knife	el cuchillo [koochee-yo]
main course	el plato principal
meat	la carne [karneh]
menu	la carta
pepper (spice)	la pimienta [peem-yenta]
plate	el plato
salad	la ensalada
salt	la sal
set menu	el menú, la comida corrida
soup	la sopa
spoon	la cuchara
starter	la entrada
table	la mesa
another ..., please	otro/otra ..., por favor [fabor]
waiter!	¡señor! [sen-yor]
waitress!	¡señorita! [sen-yoreeta]
could I have the bill, please?	me pasa la cuenta, por favor [meh pasa la kwenta]



aceite [asayteh] oil  
 aceite de oliva [deh oleeba] olive oil  
 aceitunas [asaytoonas] olives  
 aceitunas aliñadas [aleen-yadas] olives with salad dressing  
 aceitunas negras [neh-gras] black olives  
 aceitunas rellenas [reh-yenas] stuffed olives  
 achicoria [acheekor-ya] chicory, endive  
 achiote [achee-oteh] spicy seasoning from Yucatán  
 acocil [akoseel] freshwater shrimp  
 adobado tossed in adobo seasoning  
 adobo red chilli paste used for cooking, in marinades etc  
 aguacate [agwakateh] avocado  
 ahumado [a-oomado] smoked  
 ajo [aHo] garlic  
 a la brasa barbecued  
 a la crema creamed  
 a la criolla [kree-o-ya] in hot, spicy sauce  
 a la marinera [mareenaira] in white wine sauce with garlic  
 a la mexicana [meHeekana] with chilli peppers, onions and garlic  
 a la parrilla [parree-ya] grilled  
 a la plancha grilled  
 a la romana fried in batter  
 a la Tampiqueña [tampeeken-ya] with chilli sauce and black refried beans

a la Veracruzana [bairakroosana] in a tomato-based sauce with olives, capers and chillies  
 al carbón grilled  
 al mojo de ajo [moHo deh aHo] in a garlic sauce  
 al natural [natooral] plain  
 albahaca [alba-aka] basil  
 albóndigas meatballs  
 albóndigas de lomo [deh] pork meatballs  
 alcachofas artichokes  
 alcachofas a la romana artichokes in batter  
 alcaparras capers  
 al horno [orno] baked  
 aliñado [aleen-yado] with salad dressing  
 ali oli garlic mayonnaise  
 almejas [almeh-Has] clams  
 almejas a la marinera [mareenaira] clams stewed in white wine  
 almejas al natural [natooral] live clams  
 almendras almonds  
 almuerzo [almwairso] set menu; lunch  
 anchoas [ancho-as] anchovies  
 anchoas a la barquera [barkaira] marinated anchovies with capers  
 anguila [angeela] eel  
 antojitos [antoHeetos] snacks  
 apio [ap-yo] celery  
 arroz [arros] rice  
 arroz a la cubana boiled rice with fried eggs and either bananas or chillies

- arroz a la mexicana  
 [meHeekana] rice with garlic,  
 tomato and coriander  
 arroz blanco boiled white rice  
 arroz con leche [lecheh] rice  
 pudding  
 arroz con mariscos rice with  
 seafood  
 arroz verde [bairdeh] rice with  
 olives and green peppers  
 asado roast; roast meat  
 ate [ateh] quince jelly  
 atún tuna  
 avellanas [abeh-yanas]  
 hazelnuts  
 aves [ab-es] poultry  
 azafrán [asafran] saffron  
 azúcar [asookar] sugar
- bacalao a la vizcaína [bakalow  
 – beeska-eena] cod served with  
 ham, peppers and onions  
 bacalao al pil pil [peel] cod  
 cooked in olive oil  
 baleada [baleh-ada] corn meal  
 pancake filled with beans,  
 cheese and eggs  
 barbacoa barbecued meat  
 berenjena [bairenHena]  
 aubergine, eggplant  
 besugo sea bream  
 besugo al horno [orno] baked  
 sea bream  
 besugo asado baked sea  
 bream  
 besugo mechado sea bream  
 stuffed with ham and bacon  
 betabel beetroot  
 bien hecho [b-yen echo] well-  
 done  
 bife [beefeh] steak  
 birria [beer-ya] mutton stew  
 bistec steak  
 bistec de ternera [deh tairnaira]  
 veal steak  
 bizcocho [beeskoch] sponge  
 finger  
 blanquillo [blankee-yo] egg  
 bolillo [bole-yo] bread roll  
 bollo [bo-yo] roll  
 bomba helada [elada] baked  
 Alaska  
 bonito tuna  
 bonito al horno [orno] baked  
 tuna  
 bonito con jitomate [Hitomateh]  
 tuna with tomato  
 boquerones fritos [bokairon-es]  
 fried fresh anchovies  
 borracho cake soaked in rum  
 botanas snacks  
 brazo de gitano [braso deh  
 Heetano] swiss roll  
 brochetas kebabs  
 budín bread pudding  
 buey [boo-eh] beef  
 buñuelos [boon-ywelos] light  
 fried pastries; doughnuts  
 burritos stuffed tortilla parcels
- cabeza [kabesa] pig's head  
 (brains, cheeks etc)  
 cabrilla [kabree-ya] sea bass  
 cabrito kid  
 cabrito al pastor grilled kid  
 cabrito asado roast kid  
 cacahuates [kakawat-es]  
 peanuts

caguama [kagwama] turtle  
 cajeta [kaheta] fudge  
 calabacines [kalabaseen-es] courgettes, zucchini; marrow, squash  
 calabacitas courgettes, zucchini  
 calabaza [kalabasa] pumpkin, squash  
 calamares a la romana [kalamar-es] squid rings fried in batter  
 calamares en su tinta squid cooked in their ink  
 calamares fritos fried squid  
 caldeirada [kaldairada] fish soup  
 caldillo [kaldee-yo] stew  
 caldo de ... [deh] ... soup  
 caldo de perdiz [pairdees] partridge soup  
 caldo de pescado clear fish soup  
 caldo de pollo [po-yo] chicken soup  
 caldo gallego [ga-yego] clear soup with green vegetables, beans  
 caldo tlalpeño [tlalpen-yo] chicken broth with vegetables, chicken strips and coriander  
 caldo Xóchitl [socheetl] chicken broth with pumpkin blossoms  
 callos [ka-yos] tripe  
 camarones [kamaron-es] prawns  
 camarones al mojo de ajo

[moHo deh aHo] garlic prawns  
 camote [kamoteh] sweet potato  
 campechana de camarón [deh] spicy prawn cocktail  
 canela cinnamon  
 canelones [kanelon-es] cannelloni  
 capirotada bread pudding  
 caracoles [karakol-es] sea snails  
 carne [karneh] meat  
 carne de choncho [deh] pork  
 carne de puerco [pwairko] pork  
 carne de res beef  
 carne picada minced meat  
 carnero [karnairo] mutton  
 carnes [karn-es] meat; meat dishes  
 carnitas barbecued pork  
 carta menu  
 casero [kasairo] home-made  
 castañas [kastan-yas] chestnuts  
 caza [kasa] game  
 cazuela [kaswela] casserole, stew  
 cazuela de hígado [deh eegado] liver casserole  
 cazuela de mariscos seafood stew  
 cebolla [sebo-ya] onion  
 cebollitas [sebo-yeetas] spring onions  
 cecina [seseena] sun-dried pork  
 cena [sena] dinner, evening meal  
 cerdo [sairdo] pork, pig  
 cereza [sairesa] cherry  
 ceviche [sebeecheh] marinated

- raw seafood cocktail
- chabacano apricot
- chalupa fried tortilla with filling
- champiñones [champeen-yon-es] mushrooms
- chanko pork, pig
- chayote [chi-yoteh] vegetable similar to marrow or squash
- chicharrón pork crackling
- chícharros peas
- chilaquiles [cheelakeel-es] fried tortillas in hot chilli sauce
- chile [cheeh] chilli pepper
- chile de árbol [deh] dried reddish chilli pepper
- chile güero [gwairo] very hot, white chilli pepper
- chile habanero [abanaïro] very hot red or green chilli
- chile jalapeño [halapen-yo] green chilli pepper, usually in vinegar with onions and carrots
- chile Pekin small, green, very hot chilli pepper
- chile poblano large green bell pepper, usually stuffed
- chile rubio very hot, white chilli pepper
- chiles en nogada [cheel-es] stuffed peppers with a sauce made from walnuts and pomegranate seeds
- chile serrano [sairrano] very hot, thin green chilli pepper
- chiles rellenos [reh-yenos] stuffed green peppers
- chimichanga stuffed, fried tortilla
- chipirones [cheepeeron-es] baby squid
- chipotle [cheepotleh] dark chilli sauce
- chirimoya soursop (a tart-flavoured fruit)
- cholgas mussels
- chongos zamoranos [samoranos] curds in syrup
- chorizo [choreeso] spicy red sausage
- chuleta chop, cutlet
- chuleta de cerdo [deh saïro] pork chop
- chuleta de cerdo empanizada [empaneitada] breaded pork chop
- chuleta de chancho pork chop
- chuleta de cordero [kordairo] lamb chop
- chuleta de lomo ahumado [a-oomado] smoked pork chop
- chuleta de ternera [tairnaira] veal chop
- chuleta de ternera empanizada [empaneitada] breaded veal chop
- chuleta de venado [benado] venison chop
- churrasco roast or grilled meat
- churros [choorros] long fritters
- cigalas [seegalas] crayfish
- cigalas a la parrilla [parree-ya] grilled crayfish
- cilantro [seelantro] coriander
- ciruela [seerwela] plum,

greengage  
 ciruela pasa **prune**  
 cochinito asado [kocheenee-yo]  
 roast sucking pig  
 cochinita pibil [peebeel]  
 barbecued pork  
 cocido [koseedo] stew made  
 from meat, chickpeas and  
 vegetables  
 coco coconut  
 coctel de gambas [deh] prawn  
 cocktail  
 coctel de langostinos king  
 prawn cocktail  
 coctel de mariscos seafood  
 cocktail  
 codornices [kodornees-es]  
 quails  
 codornices estofadas braised  
 quails  
 coles de Bruselas [kol-es deh]  
 Brussels sprouts  
 corvina bass  
 coliflor cauliflower  
 coliflor con bechamel  
 [beshamel] cauliflower in  
 white sauce  
 comal griddle  
 comida set menu; meal; food  
 comida corrida set menu  
 comidas para llevar [yebár]  
 take-away meals  
 comino cumin  
 conejo [koneho] rabbit  
 congrio [kon-gryo] conger eel  
 conservas [konsairbas] jams,  
 preserves  
 consomé de pollo [deh po-yo]  
 chicken consommé

cordero [kordairo] lamb  
 cordero asado roast lamb  
 costillas [kosteeyas] ribs  
 costillas de cerdo [deh sairdo]  
 pork rib  
 coyotas biscuits, cookies  
 crema cream  
 crema de espárragos [deh]  
 cream of asparagus soup  
 crema de espinacas cream of  
 spinach soup  
 cremada dessert made from  
 egg, sugar and milk  
 crepa sweet pancake  
 crep(e) pancake  
 crepes imperiales [krep-es  
 eempair-yal-es] crêpes suzette  
 criadillas [kree-adee-yas] bull's  
 testicles  
 crocante [krokanteh] ice cream  
 with chopped nuts  
 croquetas [kroketas] croquettes  
 croquetas de pescado [deh]  
 fish croquettes  
 crudo raw  
 cubierto menu  
 cuerno [kwairno] croissant  
 cuitlacoche [kweetlakocheh]  
 type of edible mushroom  
 which grows on the maize/  
 corn plant  
 damasco apricot  
 dátiles [dateel-es] dates  
 de fabricación casera [deh  
 fabreekas-yon kasaira] home-  
 made  
 desayuno [desi-yoono]  
 breakfast

dorado type of fish  
 dulce de membrillo [doolseh deh  
 membree-yo] quince jelly  
 dulces [dools-es] sweets,  
 candies  
 durazno [doorsno] peach

ejotes [ehot-es] green beans,  
 runner beans  
 elote [eloteh] maize, corn on  
 the cob, corncob  
 embutidos cured pork  
 sausages  
 empanada pasty filled with  
 meat or fish  
 empanizado [empaneasado] in  
 breadcrumbs  
 en escabeche [eskabecheh]  
 pickled  
 enchilada fried corn meal  
 pancake filled with meat,  
 vegetables and cheese  
 enchiladas rojas [rohas] stuffed  
 tortillas in red chilli sauce  
 enchilada suiza [sweesa]  
 stuffed tortilla with soured  
 cream  
 enchiladas verdes [baird-es]  
 stuffed tortillas in green chilli  
 sauce  
 endivias [endeeb-yas] endive,  
 chicory  
 ensalada salad  
 ensalada de frutas [deh] fruit  
 salad  
 ensalada de pollo [po-yo]  
 chicken salad  
 ensalada mixta [meesta] mixed  
 salad

ensalada verde [bairdeh] green  
 salad  
 ensaladilla [ensaladee-ya]  
 vegetables and chicken in  
 mayonnaise  
 ensaladilla rusa Russian salad  
 entrecot de ternera [deh  
 tairnaira] veal entrecôte  
 entremeses [entremes-es] hors  
 d'oeuvres  
 entremeses variados [bar-  
 yados] assorted hors d'oeuvres  
 epazote [epasoteh] commonly  
 used Mexican herb  
 escabeche de ... [eskabecheh  
 deh] pickled ...  
 escamoles [eskamol-es] ants'  
 eggs  
 escarola curly endive  
 espada ahumado [a-oomado]  
 smoked swordfish  
 espaguetis [espagetees]  
 spaghetti  
 espárragos asparagus  
 espárragos con mayonesa  
 [mí-yonesa] asparagus with  
 mayonnaise  
 espárragos dos salsas  
 asparagus with mayonnaise  
 and vinaigrette dressing  
 espárragos en vinagreta  
 [beenagreta] asparagus in  
 vinaigrette dressing  
 especia [espes-ya] spice  
 especialidad [espes-yaleeda]  
 speciality  
 espinacas spinach  
 espinacas a la crema creamed  
 spinach

estragón tarragon

fabada (asturiana) [astoor-yana]  
bean stew with red sausage

fajitas [faheetas] soft wheat  
tortillas stuffed with chicken  
or beef, peppers and onion

faisán [fisan] pheasant

faisán con castañas [kastan-  
yas] pheasant with chestnuts

faisán estofado stewed  
pheasant

faisán trufado pheasant with  
truffles

fiambres [f-yamb-res] cold  
meats, cold cuts

fideos [feedeh-os] thin pasta;  
noodles; vermicelli

filete [feeteleh] meat or fish  
steak

filete a la parrilla [parree-ya]  
grilled beef steak

filete a la plancha grilled beef  
steak

filete de puerco [deh pwairko]  
pork fillet

filete de res beef steak

filete de ternera [tairnaira] veal  
steak

flan crème caramel

flan con nata crème caramel  
with whipped cream

flan de café [deh kafeh] coffee-  
flavoured crème caramel

flan de caramelo crème  
caramel

flan (quemado) al ron [kemado]  
crème caramel with rum

flautas [flowtas] fried tacos

flor de calabaza [deh kalabasa]  
pumpkin flower

frambuesas [frambwesas]  
raspberries

fresas strawberries

fresas con nata strawberries  
and cream/whipped cream

frijol [freehol] bean

frijoles [freehol-es] kidney  
beans

frijoles blancos white beans

frijoles borrachos beans  
cooked with beer

frijoles de olla [deh o-ya] boiled  
beans in gravy-type sauce

frijoles negros [neh-gros] black  
beans

frijoles refritos refried beans

fruta fruit

fruta variada [bar-yada]  
selection of fresh fruit

frutas en almíbar fruit in  
syrup

frutillas [frootee-yas]  
strawberries

galleta [ga-yeta] biscuit, cookie

gallina [ga-yeena] chicken

gamba large prawn

garbanzos [garbansos]  
chickpeas

garnachas tortillas with garlic  
sauce, typical of Veracruz

garobo iguana

gazpacho andaluz [gaspacho  
andaloos] cold soup made

from tomatoes, onions,  
garlic, peppers and cucumber

gelatina [helateena] gelatine;  
jelly, (US) jello

gorditas stuffed tortillas  
 granada pomegranate  
 granadilla [granadee-ya] passion fruit  
 gratinado au gratin – baked in a cream and cheese sauce  
 grosellas [groseh-yas] redcurrants  
 guacamole [gwakamoleh] avocado dip  
 guanábana [gwanabana] sour-sop  
 guayaba [gwi-yaba] guava  
 guinda [geenda] black cherry; alcoholic drink made from black cherries  
 guineo [geeneh-o] small banana  
 guisado [gweesado] stew  
 gusanos de maguey [deh magay] maguey worms

hamburguesa [amboorgesa] hamburger  
 harina [arena] flour  
 harina de maíz [ma-ees] cornflour  
 helado [elado] ice cream  
 helado de chocolate [deh chokolatoh] chocolate ice cream  
 helado de fresa strawberry ice cream  
 helado de nata dairy ice cream  
 helado de vainilla [binee-ya] vanilla ice cream  
 hierbas [yairbas] herbs  
 hígado [eegado] liver  
 hígado con cebolla [sebo-ya]

liver cooked with onion  
 hígado de ternera estofado [deh tairnaira] braised calves' liver  
 hígado encebollado [ensebo-yado] liver in an onion sauce  
 hígado estofado braised liver  
 higos [eegos] figs  
 higos con miel y nueces [m-yel ee nwes-es] figs with honey and nuts  
 higos secos dried figs  
 hongos [ongos] mushrooms  
 huachinango [wacheenango] red snapper  
 huachinango al ajo [aho] red snapper with garlic butter  
 huevo [webo] egg  
 huevo duro [dooro] hard-boiled egg  
 huevo pasado por agua [ag-wa] boiled egg  
 huevos a la mexicana [meheekana] scrambled eggs with peppers, onions and garlic  
 huevos a la oaxaqueña [wahaken-ya] eggs in chilli and tomato sauce  
 huevos cocidos [koseedos] hard-boiled eggs  
 huevos con jamón [hamon] ham and eggs  
 huevos con papas fritas fried eggs and chips/French fries  
 huevos con tocino [toseeno] eggs and bacon  
 huevos escalfados poached eggs



huevos estrellados [estreh-yados] fried eggs  
 huevos fritos fried eggs  
 huevos fritos con chorizo [choreeso] fried eggs with Spanish sausage  
 huevos motuleños [motoolen-yos] eggs cooked in chillis and tomatoes, served on a fried tortilla and garnished with cheese, ham and chillis  
 huevos rancheros [ranchairos] fried eggs with hot tomato sauce and tortilla  
 huevos rellenos [reh-yenos] stuffed eggs  
 huevos revueltos [rebweltos] scrambled eggs  
 huevo tibio [teeb-yo] soft-boiled egg  
 humitas [oomeetas] sweetcorn tamales

incluye pan, postre y vino  
 includes bread, dessert and wine

jaiba [Hiba] crab  
 jalapeños [Halapen-yos] hot green chilli peppers  
 jalea [Haleh-a] gelatine; jelly, (US) jello  
 jamón [Hamon] ham  
 jamón serrano [sairrano] cured ham, similar to Parma ham  
 jamón York boiled ham  
 jarabe [Harabeh] syrup  
 jícama [Heekama] sweet turnip-like fruit eaten with lemon

juice or chilli  
 jitomate [Heetomateh] tomato

langosta lobster  
 langosta a la americana [amaireekana] lobster with brandy and garlic  
 langosta fría con mayonesa [free-a kon mī-yonesa] cold lobster with mayonnaise  
 langosta gratinada lobster au gratin  
 langostinos a la plancha grilled king prawns  
 langostinos con mayonesa [mī-yonesa] king prawns with mayonnaise  
 langostinos dos salsas king prawns cooked in two sauces  
 laurel [lowrel] bay leaves  
 lechuga [lechooga] lettuce  
 lengua [lengwa] tongue  
 lengua de cordero estofada [deh kordairo] stewed lambs' tongue  
 lengua de res ox tongue  
 lenguado a la plancha [lengwado] grilled sole  
 lentejas [lenteHas] lentils  
 lima [leema] lime  
 limón lemon; lime  
 lobina sea bass  
 lomo pork fillet, pork loin, tenderloin  
 longaniza [longaneesa] cooked spicy sausage

macarrones [makarron-es] macaroni

- macarrones gratinados  
 macaroni cheese  
 machaca shredded meat  
 macho large green banana  
 maduro ripe  
 magdalena sponge cake, (US)  
 muffin  
 maíz [ma-ees] sweetcorn,  
 maize, (US) corn  
 mamey [mamay] round, apple-  
 sized tropical fruit  
 mandarina tangerine  
 manitas de cerdo [deh sairdo]  
 pig's trotters  
 manitas de cordero [kordairo]  
 leg of lamb  
 mantequilla [mantekee-ya]  
 butter  
 manzana [mansana] apple  
 manzanas asadas baked  
 apples  
 maracuyá [marakoo-ya] passion  
 fruit  
 mariscada cold mixed  
 shellfish  
 mariscos shellfish  
 mariscos de temporada  
 seasonal shellfish  
 masa dough  
 mayonesa [mī-yonesa]  
 mayonnaise  
 mazapán [masapan]  
 marzipan  
 mazorca f [masorka] corn on  
 the cob, (US) corncob  
 medallones de anguila [meda-  
 yon-es deh angeela] eel steaks  
 medallones de merluza  
 [mairloosa] hake steaks  
 mejillones [meHee-yon-es]  
 mussels  
 mejillones a la marinera  
 [mareenaira] mussels in wine  
 sauce with garlic  
 mejillones con salsa mussels  
 with tomato and herb sauce  
 melón melon  
 membrillo [membree-yo]  
 quince; quince jelly  
 menestra de verduras [deh  
 bairdooras] vegetable stew  
 menú [menoo] set menu  
 menú de la casa [deh] fixed-  
 price menu  
 menú del día today's set menu  
 menudo tripe; sweetbreads  
 menú turístico set menu  
 merluza a la parrilla [mairloosa a  
 la parree-ya] grilled hake  
 merluza a la riojana [r-yoHana]  
 hake with chillies  
 merluza a la romana hake  
 steaks in batter  
 merluza frita fried hake  
 mermelada [mairmelada] jam;  
 marmalade  
 mermelada de ciruelas [deh  
 seerswelas] plum jam  
 mermelada de damasco  
 apricot jam  
 mermelada de durazno  
 [doorasno] peach jam  
 mermelada de fresas  
 strawberry jam  
 mermelada de limón lemon  
 marmalade  
 mermelada de naranja  
 [naranHa] orange marmalade

**miel** [m-yel] honey  
**milanesa** breaded chop or escalope  
**milanesa de ternera** [deh tairnaira] breaded veal escalope  
**mojarro** [moHarro] type of fish  
**mole** [moleh] sauce made with chilli peppers, chocolate and spices  
**mole de olla** [deh o-ya] spicy meat stew  
**mole oaxaqueño** [wahaken-yo] type of black or green mole sauce  
**mole poblano** rich mole sauce made from nuts, prunes and bananas, a Puebla speciality  
**mollejas de ternera** [mo-yehas deh tairnaira] calves' sweetbreads  
**molletes** [mo-ye-tes] toasted roll with refried beans and cheese  
**mondongo** tripe  
**morcilla** [morsee-ya] black pudding, blood sausage  
**morcilla de ternera** [deh tairnaira] black pudding made from calves' blood  
**mortadela** salami-type sausage  
**mostaza** [mostasa] mustard  
**mousse de limón** [deh] lemon mousse  
  
**nabo** turnip  
**nacatamales** [nakatamal-es] corn meal dough filled with meat in sauce and steamed in banana leaves

**nachos** tortilla chips with cheese  
**naranja** [naranHa] orange  
**nata** cream  
**natilla** [natee-ya] custard  
**natillas** [natee-yas] cold custard with cinnamon  
**natillas de chocolate** [deh chokolateh] cold custard with chocolate  
**nieve** [n-yeveh] sorbet; ice cream  
**níscalos** wild mushrooms  
**nixtamal** [neestamal] maize dough, (US) corn dough  
**nopalitos** chopped cactus-leaf salad  
**nueces** [nwes-es] walnuts  
**nuez** [nwes] nut  
**ostión** [ost-yon] oyster  
  
**paella** [pa-eh-ya] fried rice with seafood and chicken  
**paella valenciana** [balens-yana] paella with assorted shellfish  
**paleta** ice lolly  
**palmito** palm heart  
**palomitas** popcorn  
**pan** bread  
**pan blanco** white bread  
**pan de cazón** [kason] layered dish of tortillas, beans and dogfish with a hot sauce  
**pan de centeno** [senteno] brown bread  
**pan de higos** [deh eegos] dried fig cake with cinnamon  
**pan dulce** [doolseh] buns and cakes, sweet pastries

- pan integral [eentegral]  
wholemeal bread
- pancita [panseeta] tripe
- papa potato
- papadzules [papadsul-es]  
tortillas stuffed with hard-boiled eggs from Yucatán
- papas a la criolla [cree-o-ya]  
potatoes in hot, spicy sauce
- papas asadas baked potatoes
- papas bravas potatoes in cayenne pepper
- papas fritas chips, French fries
- papaya papaya, pawpaw
- parrillada de caza [parree-yada deh kasa] mixed grilled game
- parrillada de mariscos mixed grilled shellfish
- pasas raisins
- pasta biscuit, cookie; pastry; pasta
- pastel cake; pie
- pastel de carne [karneh]  
brawn, jellied meat
- pata foot, trotter
- patatas (fritas) crisps, (US)  
potato chips
- pato duck
- pato a la naranja [naranHa]  
duck à l'orange
- pato asado roast duck
- pavo [pabo] turkey
- pavo relleno [reh-yeno] stuffed turkey
- pay [pi] pie with a sweet filling
- pay de queso [deh keso]  
cheesecake
- pechuga de pollo [deh po-yo]  
breast of chicken
- pepinillos [pepeenee-yos]  
gherkins
- pepinillos en vinagreta [beenagreta] gherkins in vinaigrette dressing
- pepino cucumber
- pera [paira] pear
- perdices [pairdees-es]  
partridges
- perdices a la campesina  
partridges with vegetables
- perdices asadas roast partridges
- perdices con chocolate [chokolatēh] partridges with chocolate
- perdices encebolladas [enseboyadas] partridge with onion
- perejil [paireh-heel] parsley
- perro caliente [pairro kal-yentēh]  
hot dog
- pescaditos fritos fried sprats
- pescado fish
- pescado a la veracruzana [bairakroosana] seasoned sea bass or red snapper fillets fried and served with tomato sauce on top
- pez espada ahumado [a-oomado] smoked swordfish
- píbil cooked in a pit
- picadillo [peekadee-yo] minced meat
- picadillo de pollo [deh po-yo]  
minced chicken
- picadillo de ternera [tairnaira]  
minced veal

picante hot, spicy  
 pichón pigeon  
 pichones estofados [peechon-es] stewed pigeon  
 picoso hot, spicy  
 pierna [p-yairna] leg  
 piloncillo [peelonsee-yo] unrefined brown sugar  
 pimentón paprika  
 pimienta [peem-yenta] black pepper  
 pimienta blanca white pepper  
 pimienta de cayena [deh kī-yena] cayenne pepper  
 pimienta roja [roho] red pepper  
 pimienta verde [bairdeh] green pepper  
 pinchitos snacks/appetizers served in bars; kebabs  
 pincho kebab  
 piña [peen-ya] pineapple  
 piña fresca fresh pineapple  
 piña gratinada pineapple au gratin  
 piñones [peen-yon-es] pine nuts  
 pipián [peep-yan] sauce of ground nuts, seeds and spices  
 pitahaya [peetahī-ya] red fruit of a cactus plant with soft, sweet flesh  
 plátano banana  
 plátano macho plantain  
 plátanos flameados [flameh-ados] flambéed bananas  
 platos combinados meat and vegetables, hamburgers and eggs etc  
 poco hecho [echo] rare  
 pollo [po-yo] chicken

pollo al ajillo [aheeyo] fried chicken with garlic  
 pollo a la parrilla [parree-ya] grilled chicken  
 pollo al vino blanco [beeno] chicken in white wine  
 pollo asado roast chicken  
 pollo con verduras [bairdooras] chicken and vegetables  
 polvorones [polboron-es] sugar-based dessert (eaten at Christmas)  
 postre [postreh] dessert  
 pozole [posoleh] thick broth of vegetables meat and corn  
 primer plato [preemair] starter, appetizer  
 puerco [pwairko] pork  
 puerro [pwairo] leek  
 pulpitos con cebolla [sebo-ya] baby octopuses with onions  
 pulpo octopus  
 pupusa dumpling usually filled with cheese or meat  
 puré de papas [pooreh deh] mashed potatoes, potato purée  
 queque [kekeh] cake  
 quesadilla [kesadee-ya] fried corn meal pancake usually filled with cheese  
 queso [keso] cheese  
 queso con membrillo [mem-bree-yo] cheese with quince jelly  
 queso fresco soft white cheese  
 queso fundido melted cheese  
 queso manchego hard, strong

- cheese  
queso Oaxaca [wahAkA]  
soft white cheese used for cooking
- rábanos radishes  
ración [ras-yon] portion  
ración pequeña para niños [peken-ya para neen-yos] children's portion  
rajas [raHas] strips of pickled green chillies; sliced green peppers in cream  
ravioles [rab-yol-es] ravioli  
raya [rī-ya] skate  
raya con manteca negra [neh-gra] skate in butter and vinegar sauce  
rebanada slice  
refritos refried beans  
relleno [reh-yeno] stuffed; stuffing  
remolacha beetroot  
repollo [repo-yo] cabbage  
res beef  
riñones [reen-yon-es] kidneys  
riñones a la plancha grilled kidneys  
riñones al jerez [Hair-es] kidneys in a sherry sauce  
róbalo bass  
romero [romairo] rosemary  
ron rum  
ropa vieja [b-yeh-Ha] shredded meat  
rosca round sponge made at Christmas  
roscas sweet pastries  
rosquillas [roskee-yas] small sweet pastries  
sal salt  
salbute type of filled tortilla typical of Yucatán  
salchicha sausage  
salchichas de Frankfurt [deh] frankfurters  
salchichón salami-type sausage  
salmón [sal-mon] salmon  
salmón a la parrilla [paree-ya] grilled salmon  
salmón ahumado [a-oomado] smoked salmon  
salmón frío [free-o] cold salmon  
salmonetes [sal-monet-es] red mullet  
salmonetes a la parrilla [paree-ya] grilled red mullet  
salmonetes en papillote [papee-yoteh] red mullet cooked in foil  
salpicón de mariscos [deh] shellfish with vinaigrette dressing  
salsa sauce  
salsa allíoli/ali oli [a-yee-olee/alee olee] garlic mayonnaise  
salsa bechamel [beshamel] béchamel sauce, white sauce  
salsa de jitomate [deh Heetomateh] tomato sauce  
salsa holandesa [olandesa] hollandaise sauce  
salsa mexicana/pico de gallo [meHeekana/peeko deh ga-yo] hot sauce made with chillies, onions and red tomatoes

- salsa romesco sauce made from peppers, tomatoes and garlic
- salsa tártara tartare sauce
- salsa verde [bairdeh] green sauce made from tomatillo and chillies
- salsa vinagreta [beenagreta] vinaigrette dressing
- salteado [salteh-ado] sautéed
- sancocho vegetable soup with meat or fish
- sandía [sande-e-a] water melon
- sandwich sandwich
- sandwich mixto [meesto] cheese and ham sandwich
- sardina sardine
- sardinas a la brasa barbecued sardines
- sardinas a la parrilla [parree-ya] grilled sardines
- sardinas fritas fried sardines
- segundo plato main course
- servicio incluido service charge included
- servicio no incluido service charge not included
- sesos a la romana brains in batter
- sesos rebozados [rebosados] brains in batter
- solomillo [solomee-yo] fillet steak
- solomillo con papas fritas fillet steak with chips/French fries
- solomillo de cerdo [deh sairdo] fillet of pork
- solomillo de ternera [tairnaira] fillet of veal
- solomillo de vaca [baka] fillet of beef
- solomillo frío [free-o] cold roast beef
- sopa soup
- sopa de aguacate fría [deh agwakateh] cold avocado soup
- sopa de ajo [aHo] garlic soup
- sopa de arroz rice soup
- sopa de fideos [feedeh-os] noodle soup
- sopa de frijoles negros [freeHol-es neh-gros] black bean soup
- sopa de gallina [ga-yeena] chicken soup
- sopa del día soup of the day
- sopa de lentejas [lenteHas] lentil soup
- sopa de mariscos fish and shellfish soup
- sopa de pescado fish soup
- sopa de tortilla [tortee-ya] soup with corn meal pancakes
- sopa de tortuga turtle soup
- sopa de verduras [bairdooras] vegetable soup
- sopa inglesa trifle
- sopaipillas [sopipee-yas] sweet fritters
- sopa seca rice or pasta dish served with a sauce on top
- sopa tarasca creamy bean and tomato soup
- sopes [sop-es] garnished tortillas
- sorbete [sorbeteH] sorbet
- soufflé soufflé
- soufflé de fresas [deh]

strawberry soufflé  
 soufflé de naranja [naranHa]  
 orange soufflé  
 soufflé de queso [keso] cheese  
 soufflé

taco stuffed maize/corn  
 pancake

tacos al pastor tacos with  
 grilled meat

tacos de pollo [deh po-yo] tacos  
 stuffed with chicken

tajadas [taHadas] fried banana  
 strips

tallarines [ta-yareen-es] noodles  
 tallarines a la italiana [eetal-  
 yana] tagliatelle with tomato  
 sauce

tamal filled maize/corn dough  
 cooked in banana leaf, tamale

tamarindo tamarind  
 tapa de ternera rellena [deh  
 tairnaira reh-yena] stuffed veal  
 hock

tapado stew

tapas appetizers

tarta cake

tarta Alaska baked Alaska

tarta de almendra [deh]  
 almond tart or gâteau

tarta de arroz [arros] cake or  
 tart containing rice

tarta de chocolate [chokolateh]  
 chocolate gâteau

tarta de fresas strawberry tart  
 or gâteau

tarta de la casa tart or gâteau  
 baked on the premises

tarta de manzana [mansana]

apple tart  
 tarta helada [elada] ice cream  
 gâteau

tarta mocha/moka [moka]  
 mocha tart

tártar crudo raw minced steak,  
 steak tartare

tejos de queso [teHos deh kesó]  
 cheese pastries

tencas tench

tencas con jamón [Hamón]  
 tench with ham

ternera [tairnaira] veal

ternera asada roast veal

tocino [toseeno] bacon

todo incluido all inclusive

tomate [tomateh] green tomato

tomates rellenos [tomat-es reh-  
 yenos] stuffed tomatoes

tomatillo [tomatee-yo] green  
 tomato used for sauces

tomillo [tomee-yo] thyme

tordo thrush

tordos braseados [braseh-ados]  
 grilled thrushes

tordos estofados braised  
 thrushes

toronja [toronHa] grapefruit

torrejas [torreHas] French toast

torrijas [torreeHas] sweet  
 pastries

torta filled bread roll with  
 salad, cream and tomato  
 garnish

tortilla [tortee-ya] maize  
 pancake, (US) corn pancake

tortilla de harina [deh areena]  
 wheat pancake

tortilla de huevo [webo]



omelette

tortilla española [espan-yola]

Spanish omelette with  
potato, onion and garlic

tostada fried corn pancake  
topped with meat, vegetables  
and salsa; toast

totopo thin, fried tortilla

trucha [troocha] trout

trucha ahumada [a-oomada]  
smoked trout

trucha a la marinera

[mareenaira] trout in white  
wine sauce

trucha con jamón [Hamon]

trout with ham

trucha escabechada

marinated trout

tuétano [twetano] marrow,  
squash

tuna [toona] prickly pear

turrón nougat

turrón de coco [deh] coconut  
nougat

turrón de Jijona [HeeHona] hard  
nougat

turrón de yema [yema] nougat  
with egg yolk

uchepos small sweet tamales

uvas [oobas] grapes

vainilla [binee-ya] vanilla

venado [benado] venison

verduras [bairdooras] vegetables

verduras capeadas [kapeh-  
adas] courgettes and  
cauliflower in batter served  
with hot tomato sauce and

cream

vinagre [beenagreh] vinegar

vuelvealavida [bwelbeh-a-  
labeeda] marinated seafood  
cocktail with chilli

yema yolk

yerba [yairba] herb

yogur [yo-goor] yoghurt

yuca manioc

zanahoria [sana-oree-a] carrot

zanahorias a la crema carrots  
à la crème

zapallo [sapa-yo] marrow,  
squash

zapote [sapoteh] sweet  
pumpkin

zarzamoras [sarsamoras]  
blackberries

zarzuela de mariscos [sarswela  
deh] shellfish stew





**Menu**  
**Reader:**  
Drink

## Essential Terms

- beer la cerveza [sairbesa]  
 bottle la botella [boteh-ya], el frasco  
 brandy el coñac [kon-yak]  
 black coffee el café americano [kafeh amaireekano]  
 (strong) el café solo  
 coffee el café [kafeh]  
 cup la taza [tasa]  
 a cup of ... una taza de ... [deh]  
 fruit juice el jugo de frutas [Hoogo deh]  
 gin la ginebra [Heenebra]  
 a gin and tonic un gintónico [jeentoneek]  
 glass (tumbler) el vaso [baso]  
 (wine glass) la copa  
 a glass of ... un vaso de ... [deh], una copa de ...  
 milk la leche [lecheh]  
 milkshake el licuado [leekwado]  
 mineral water el agua mineral [agwa meenairal]  
 red wine el vino tinto [beeno teento]  
 soda (water) la soda  
 soft drink el refresco  
 sugar el azúcar [asookar]  
 tea el té [teh]  
 tonic (water) la tónica  
 vodka el vodka [bodka]  
 water el agua [agwa]  
 whisky el whisky  
 white wine el vino blanco [beeno]  
 wine el vino  
 wine list la lista de vinos [leesta deh beenos]  
 another ... otro/otra ...

agua [agwa] water  
 agua de fruta fruit drink made  
 from fruit and water  
 agua de granada [deh]  
 grenadine juice  
 agua de jamaica [Hamika]  
 hibiscus blossom drink  
 agua de melón melon juice  
 agua de panela drink made  
 from water and sugar  
 agua mineral [meenairal]  
 mineral water  
 agua mineral con gas fizzy  
 mineral water  
 agua mineral sin gas [seen]  
 still mineral water  
 aguardiente [agward-yenteh] a  
 clear spirit similar to brandy  
 or white rum  
 al tiempo [t-yempo] at room  
 temperature  
 añejo [an-yeh-Ho] vintage;  
 mellow; mature  
 anís aniseed-flavoured spirit  
 aperitivo [apaireetebo]  
 aperitif  
 api thick custard-like drink  
 made from maize and  
 cinnamon  
 aromáticas herb teas  
 atole [atoleh] thick drink made  
 from maize/corn  
 azúcar [asookar] sugar  
  
 bebida drink  
 bebidas alcohólicas alcoholic  
 drinks  
 Bohemia® brand of lager

cacao [kakow] cocoa  
 café [kafeh] coffee  
 café americano black coffee  
 café capuchino cappuccino  
 café con leche [lecheh] coffee  
 with milk (large cup)  
 café cortado coffee with a  
 dash of milk (small cup)  
 café de olla [deh o-ya] coffee  
 made with cinammon and  
 raw sugar  
 café descafeinado [deskafay-  
 eenado] decaffeinated  
 coffee  
 café escocés [eskos-es] black  
 coffee, whisky/scotch and  
 vanilla ice cream  
 café exprés [espres] strong  
 black coffee  
 café instantáneo [eenstan-  
 taneh-o] instant coffee  
 café irlandés [eerland-es] black  
 coffee, whisky, vanilla ice  
 cream and whipped cream  
 café negro [neh-gro] black  
 coffee, usually strong and  
 often sweet  
 café perfumado coffee with a  
 dash of brandy or other spirit  
 café solo black coffee, usually  
 strong and often sweet  
 carta de vinos [deh beenos]  
 wine list  
 Cava [kaba] champagne  
 cebada [sebada] drink made  
 from fermented barley  
 cerveza [sairbesa] beer, lager  
 cerveza clara light, lager-style  
 beer

cerveza de barril draught beer  
 cerveza negra dark beer  
 cerveza oscura dark beer  
 champán [champan] champagne  
 chocolate caliente [chokolateh kal-yenteh] hot chocolate drink, sometimes sweetened with honey and flavoured with vanilla and spices  
 coctel cocktail  
 con azúcar [asookar] with sugar  
 con gas fizzy, sparkling  
 coñac [kon-yak] brandy  
 cosecha vintage  
 cubalibre [koobaleebreh] rum and cola  
 cubito de hielo [deh yelo] ice cube  
 cucaracha tequila and strong, alcoholic, coffee-flavoured drink  
  
 destornillador [destormee-yador] vodka and orange juice  
 Domecq [domek] Mexican wine producer  
 Dos Equis® [ekees] light Mexican beer  
  
 embotellado en ... bottled in ...  
 espumoso sparkling  
  
 gaseosa [gaseh-osa] lemonade  
 ginebra [Heenebra] gin  
 gintónico [jeentoneek] gin and tonic

granizada/granizado [graneesada] crushed ice drink  
 guinda [geenda] alcoholic drink made from black cherries; black cherry  
 guindada [geendada], guindilla [guindee-ya] cherry brandy

Hidalgo Mexican wine producer  
 hielo [yelo] ice  
 horchata [orchata] cold drink made from rice and water  
 horchata de chufas [deh] cold almond-flavoured milky drink

infusión [eenfoos-yon] herb tea

jarra de cerveza/vino [Harra deh sairbesa/beeno] jug of beer/wine  
 jerez [Hair-es] sherry  
 jerez fino light, dry sherry  
 jerez oloroso sweet sherry  
 jugo [Hooogo] juice  
 jugo de damasco apricot juice  
 jugo de durazno [doorasno] peach juice  
 jugo de jitomate [Heetomateh] tomato juice  
 jugo de lima lime juice  
 jugo de limón lemon juice  
 jugo de naranja [naranHa] orange juice  
 jugo de piña [peen-ya] pineapple juice  
 leche [lecheh] milk

leche de soja [deh soHa] soya  
milk

leche desnatada skimmed  
milk

licor liqueur; spirit

licor de avellana [deh abeh-yana] hazelnut-flavoured liqueur

licor de manzana [mansana] apple-flavoured liqueur

licor de durazno [doorasno] peach-flavoured liqueur

licor de melón melon-flavoured liqueur

licor de naranja [naranHa] orange-flavoured liqueur

licores [leekor-es] spirits, liqueurs

licuado [leekwado] milkshake

licuado de fresa [deh] strawberry milkshake

licuado de plátano banana milkshake

limonada fresh lemonade

lista de precios [pres-yos] price list

Málaga sweet wine

malta dark beer

malteada [malteh-ada] milkshake

manzanilla [mansanee-ya] dry sherry-type wine; camomile tea

margarita cocktail of tequila, lime juice and either grenadine, Curaçao or triple sec

mate [mateh] bitter tea made from the dried leaves of the

yerba mate bush

media de agua [med-ya deh ag-wa] half-bottle of mineral water

mediana bottle of beer

mezcal [meskal] spirit distilled from the maguey cactus

Negra Modelo® dark Mexican beer

Nescafe® [neskafeh] instant coffee

Nochebuena® [nochebwena] dark Mexican beer

Oporto port

Pacífico® brand of lager  
piña colada [peen-ya] rum and pineapple cocktail

posh sugar cane liquor

pozol de cacao [posol deh kaka-o] cool drink made from ground maize/corn and chocolate

pulque [poolkeh] thick alcoholic drink distilled from the pulp of the maguey cactus

puro de caña [deh kan-ya] sugar cane liquor

refresco soft drink, fizzy drink

rompope [rompopeh] egg nog, egg flip

ron rum

ron oro matured rum

sangría [sangree-a] mixture of red wine, lemon juice, spirits, sugar and fruit

sangrita orange juice, grenadine and chilli, drunk with tequila

San Miguel® [migel] type of lager

Sauza® [sowsa] brand of tequila

semidulce [semeedoolseh] medium-sweet

sidra cider

sin azúcar [seen asookar] without sugar

sin gas still

Sol® brand of lager

Superior® [soopair-yor] brand of lager

taxallate [taha-yateh] drink from Chiapas made from maize/corn and cocoa

té [teh] tea

Tecate® [tekateh] light Mexican beer, usually served with lime and salt

té de hierbas [teh deh yairbas] herbal tea

Tehuacán® [teh-wakan] mineral water

tequila [tekeela] spirit distilled from the pulp of the agave cactus

tónica tonic

Tres Equis® [ekees] brand of lager

vino [beeno] wine

vino blanco white wine

vino de casa [deh] house wine

vino de mesa table wine

vino del país [pa-ees] local wine

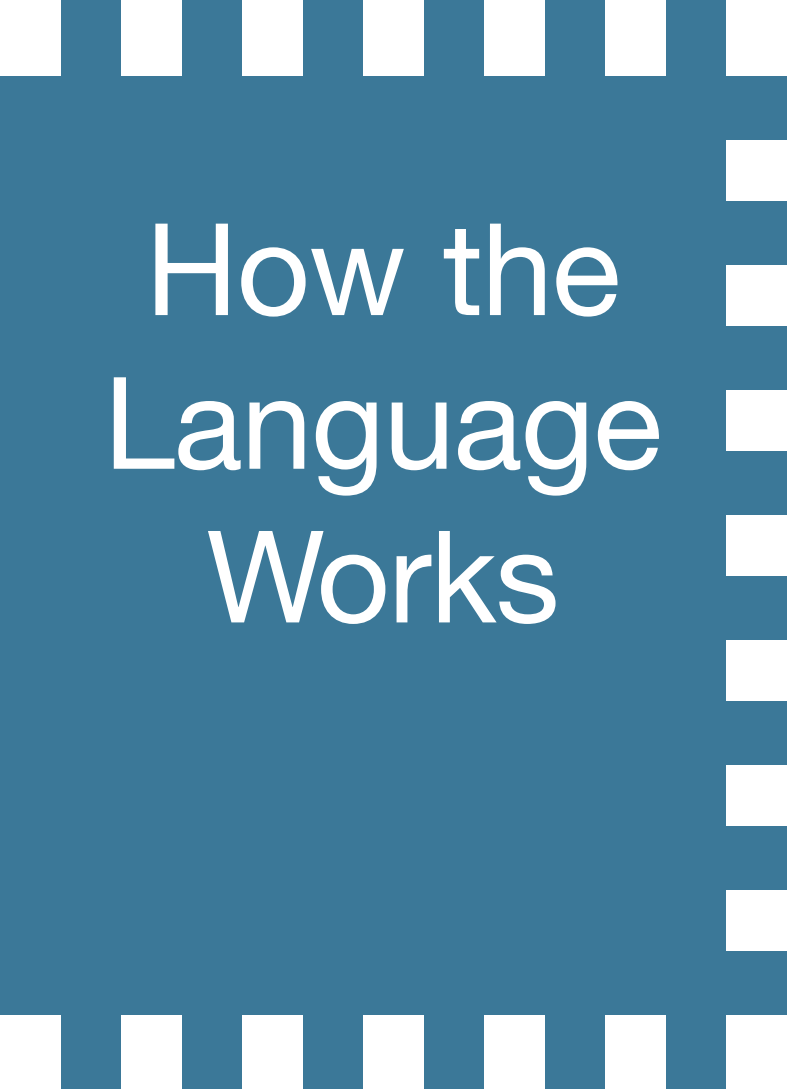
vino rosado rosé wine

vino tinto red wine

yerbabuena [yairbabwena] mint tea

yerba mate [yairba mateh] bitter tea made from the dried leaves of the yerba mate bush



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# How the Language Works



## Pronunciation

In this phrasebook, the Spanish has been written in a system of imitated pronunciation so that it can be read as though it were English, bearing in mind the notes on pronunciation given below:

air	as in <b>hair</b>
ay	as in <b>may</b>
e, eh	as in <b>get</b>
g	always hard as in <b>goat</b>
h	a harsh 'ch' as in the Scottish way of pronouncing <b>loch</b>
ī	as the 'i' sound in <b>might</b>
o	as in <b>not</b>
ow	as in <b>now</b>
s	as in <b>miss</b>
y	as in <b>yes</b>

Letters given in bold type indicate the part of the word to be stressed.

As *i* and *u* are always pronounced 'ee' and 'oo' in Spanish, pronunciation has not been given for all words containing these letters unless they present other problems for the learner. Thus **María** is pronounced 'maree-a' and **fútbol** is 'footbol'.

## Abbreviations

adj	<b>adjective</b>	pl	<b>plural</b>
f	<b>feminine</b>	pol	<b>polite</b>
fam	<b>familiar</b>	sing	<b>singular</b>
m	<b>masculine</b>		

## Note

In the Spanish-English section and Menu Reader, the letter ñ is treated as a separate letter, as is customary in Spanish. Alphabetically, it comes after n.

## Nouns

All nouns in Spanish have one of two genders: masculine or feminine. Generally speaking, those ending in **-o** are masculine:

el zapato  
el sapato  
the shoe

Those ending in **-a**, **-d**, **-z** or **-ión** are usually feminine:

la cama	la pensión
la kama	la pens-yon
the bed	the boarding house, the guesthouse

Nouns ending in **-or** are masculine. To form the feminine, add **-a**:

el señor	la señora
el sen-yor	la sen-yora
the man	the woman
el profesor	la profesora
the (male)	the (female)
teacher	teacher

A small number of nouns ending in **-o** and **-a** (usually professions) can be either masculine or feminine:

el/la guía	el/la violinista
el/la gee-a	el/la bee-oleeneesta
the guide	the violinist

## Plural Nouns

If the noun ends in a vowel, the plural is formed by adding **-s**:

el camino	los caminos
el kameeno	los kameenos
the path	the paths

la mesera	las meseras
la mesairá	las mesairas
the waitress	the waitresses

If the noun ends in a consonant, the plural is formed by adding **-es**:

el chofer	los choferes
el chofair	los chofair-es
the driver	the drivers
la recepción	las recepciones
la reseps-yon	las reseps-yon-es
the reception desk	the reception desks

If the noun ends in a **-z**, change the **-z** to **-ces** to form the plural:

la luz	las luces
la loos	las loos-es
the light	the lights

## Articles

The different articles ('the' and 'a') in Spanish vary according to the number (singular or plural) and gender of the noun they refer to.

### The Definite Article

The definite article 'the' is as follows:

	singular	plural
masculine	el	los
feminine	la	las
	el cuchillo/los cuchillos	la mesa/las mesas
	el koochee-yo/los koochee-yos	la mesa/las mesas
	the knife/the knives	the table/the tables



When the article **el** is used in combination with **a** (to) or **de** (of) it changes as follows:

**a + el = al**

**de + el = del**

**vamos al museo**

**vamos al mooseh-o**

let's go to the museum

**cerca del hotel**

**sairka del otel**

near the hotel

### The Indefinite Article

The indefinite article (a, an, some), also changes according to the gender and number of the accompanying noun:

	singular	plural
masculine	<b>un</b>	<b>unos</b>
	oon	oonos
feminine	<b>una</b>	<b>unas</b>
	oona	oonas

**un sello**

oon seh-yo

a stamp

**una chica**

oona cheeka

a girl

**unos sellos**

oonos seh-yos

some stamps

**unas chicas**

oonas cheekas

some girls

### Adjectives and adverbs

Adjectives must agree in gender and number with the noun they refer to. Unlike English, Spanish adjectives usually follow the noun. In the English-Spanish section of this book, all adjectives are given in the masculine singular. Adjectives ending in **-o** change as follows for the plural:

**el precio alto**

el pres-yo alto

the high price

**los precios altos**

los pres-yos altos

the high prices

The feminine singular of the adjective is formed by changing the masculine endings as follows:

masculine	feminine
-o	-a
-or	-ora
-és	-esa

un cocinero estupendo  
oon koseenairo estoopendo  
a wonderful cook

una cocinera estupenda  
oona koseenaira estoopenda  
a wonderful cook

un señor encantador  
oon sen-yor enkantador  
a nice man

una señora encantadora  
oona sen-yora enkantadora  
a nice woman

un chico inglés  
oon cheeko eeng-les  
an English boy

una chica inglesa  
oona cheeka eenglesa  
an English girl

For other types of adjective, the feminine forms are the same as the masculine:

un hombre agradable  
oon hombreh agradableh  
a nice man

una mujer agradable  
oona mooHair agradableh  
a nice woman

The plurals of adjectives are formed in the same way as the plurals of nouns, by adding an -s:

una silla roja  
oona see-ya roHa  
a red chair

dos sillas rojas  
dos see-yas roHas  
two red chairs

### Comparatives

The comparative is formed by placing *más* (more) or *menos* (less) before the adjective or adverb:

lindo  
leendo  
beautiful

más lindo  
mas leendo  
more beautiful

tranquilo  
trankeelo  
quiet

menos tranquilo  
menos trankeelo  
less quiet

este hotel es más/menos caro que el otro

esteh otel es mas/menos karo keh el otro

this hotel is more/less expensive than the other one

¿tiene un cuarto más soleado?

t-yeneh oon kwarto mas soleh-ado

do you have a sunnier room?

¿podría ir más de prisa, por favor?

podree-a eer mas deh preesa por fabor

could you go faster please?

### Superlatives

Superlatives are formed by placing one of the following before the adjective: **el más**, **la más**, **los más** or **las más** (depending on the noun's gender and number):

¿cuál es el más divertido?

kwal es el mas deebairteedo

which is the most entertaining?

el carro más rápido

el karro mas rapeedo

the fastest car

la casa más linda

la kasa mas leenda

the prettiest house

las mujeres más inteligentes

las moohair-es mas eenteleehent-es

the most intelligent women

The following adjectives have irregular comparatives and superlatives:



bueno	mejor	el mejor
bweno	meHOR	el meHOR
good	better	the best
grande	mayor	el mayor
grandeh	mī-yor	el mī-yor
big	bigger	the biggest
old	older	the oldest
malo	peor	el peor
malo	peh-or	el peh-or
bad	worse	the worst
pequeño	menor	el menor
peken-yo	menor	el menor
small	smaller	the smallest
	younger	the youngest

‘As ... as ...’ is translated as follows:

**Oaxaca está tan linda como siempre!**

wahaka esta tan leenda komo s-yempreh

Oaxaca is as beautiful as ever!

The superlative form ending in **-ísimo** indicates that something is ‘very/extremely ...’ without actually comparing it to something else:

guapo	guapísimo
gwapo	gwapeeseemo
attractive	very attractive

## Adverbs

There are two ways to form an adverb. If the adjective ends in **-o**, take the feminine and add **-mente** to form the corresponding adverb:

exacto	exactamente
eksakto	eksaktamente
accurate	accurately, exactly



If the adjective ends in any other letter, add **-mente** to the basic form:

feliz  
felees  
happy

felizmente  
feleesmenteh  
happily

### Possessive Adjectives

Possessive adjectives, like other Spanish adjectives, agree with the noun in gender and number:

	singular		plural	
	masculine	feminine	masculine	feminine
my	<b>mi</b>	<b>mi</b>	<b>mis</b>	<b>mis</b>
	mee	mee	mees	mees
your	<b>tu</b>	<b>tu</b>	<b>tus</b>	<b>tus</b>
(sing, fam)	too	too	toos	toos
his/her/its/your	<b>su</b>	<b>su</b>	<b>sus</b>	<b>sus</b>
(sing, pol)	s00	s00	s00s	s00s
our	<b>nuestro</b>	<b>nuestra</b>	<b>nuestros</b>	<b>nuestras</b>
	nwestro	nwestra	nwestros	nwestras
your (pl)/their	<b>su</b>	<b>su</b>	<b>sus</b>	<b>sus</b>
	s00	s00	s00s	s00s

tu bolsa  
too bolsa  
your bag

sus pastillas  
s00s pastee-yas  
his/her/your tablets

su maleta  
s00 maleta  
your suitcase

nuestros trajes de baño  
nwestros traHes deh ban-yo  
our swimming costumes

If when using **su/sus**, it is unclear whether you mean 'his', 'her', 'your' or 'their', you can use the following after the noun instead:

de él	his	de ellos	their (m)
deh el		deh eh-yos	
de ella	her	de ellas	their (f)
deh eh-ya		deh eh-yas	
de Usted	your (sing, pol)	de Ustedes	your (pl)
deh oosteh		deh oosteh-es	

el dinero de Usted  
el deenairo deh oosteh  
your money

el dinero de ella  
el deenairo deh eh-ya  
her money

el dinero de él  
el deenairo deh el  
his money

## Possessive pronouns

To translate ‘mine’, ‘yours’, ‘theirs’ etc, use one of the following forms. Like possessive adjectives, possessive pronouns must agree in gender and number with the object or objects referred to:

	singular		plural	
	masculine	feminine	masculine	feminine
mine	el mío	la mía	los míos	las mías
	el mee-o	la mee-a	los mee-os	las mee-as
yours	el tuyo	la tuya	los tuyos	las tuyas
(sing, fam)	el too-yo	la too-ya	los too-yos	las too-yas
his/hers/yours	el suyo	la suya	los suyos	las suyas
(sing, pol)	el soo-yo	la soo-ya	los soo-yos	las soo-yas
ours	el nuestro	la nuestra	los nuestros	las nuestras
	el nwestro	la nwestra	los nwestros	las nwestras
yours (pl)/theirs	el suyo	la suya	los suyos	las suyas
	el soo-yo	la soo-ya	los soo-yos	las soo-yas

ésta es su llave y ésta es la mía  
esta es soo yabeh ee esta es la mee-a  
this is your key and this is mine

no es la suya, es de sus amigos  
 no es la **soo**-ya es deh soos ameeegos  
 it's not his, it's his friends'

## Personal pronouns

### Subject Pronouns

yo	I	nosotros	we (m)
yo		nosotros	
tú	you (sing, fam)	nosotras	we (f)
too		nosotras	
él	he/it	ellos	they (m)
el		eh-yos	
ella	she/it	ellas	they (f)
eh-ya		eh-yas	
Usted	you (sing, pol)	Ustedes	you (pl)
oosteh		oosted-es	

**Tú** is used when speaking to one person and is the familiar form generally used when speaking to family, friends and children.

**Usted** is the polite form of address to be used when talking to someone you don't know or an older person.

**Ustedes** is the plural form used in Mexico whoever you are speaking to. The third person of verbs is used with **Usted** and **Ustedes**: **Usted** takes the same verb form as 'he/she/it'; **Ustedes** takes the same verb form as 'they'.

In Spanish the subject pronoun is usually omitted:

no saben	está cansado
no saben	esta kansado
they don't know	he is tired

although it may be retained for emphasis or to avoid confusion:

¡soy yo!

soy yo  
it's me!

¡somos nosotros!

somos nosotros  
it's us!

yo pago los tacos, tú pagas las cervezas

yo pago los **takos** too pagas las **sairbesas**

I'll pay for the tacos, you pay for the beers

él es inglés y ella es americana

el es eeng-**les** ee **eh**-ya es amaireekana

he's English and she's American

Subject pronouns are also used after prepositions:

para Usted

para oosteh

for you

con él

kon el

with him

sin ella

seen **eh**-ya

without her

detrás de Usted

detras deh oosteh

behind you

después de nosotros

despwes deh nosotros

after us

The exceptions are **yo**, which is replaced by **mí**, and **tú** which is replaced by **tí**:

eso es para mí/tí

eso es para mee/tee

that's for me/you

After **con** (with), **mí** and **tí** change as follows:

conmigo

konmeego

with me

contigo

konteego

with you

## Object pronouns

me [meh] me

te [teh] you (sing, fam)

lo [lo] him/it, you (sing, pol)

la [la] her/it, you (sing, pol)

nos [nos] us

los [los] them (m), you (mpl)

las [las] them (f), you (fpl)

Object pronouns usually precede the verb:

me la dio ayer meh la dee-o i-yair she gave it to me yesterday	las compré para ella las kompreh para eh-ya I bought them for her
cada viernes la compro flores kada b-yairn-es la kompro flor-es every Friday I buy her flowers	los vi ayer los bee a-yair I saw them yesterday

When used with infinitives, pronouns are added to the end of the infinitive:

¿puede llevarme al aeropuerto? pwedeh yebarmeh al airopwairto can you take me to the airport?	intentaré recordarlo eententareh rekordarlo I'll try and remember it
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When used with commands, pronouns are added to the end of the imperative form. See **Imperatives** page 266.

If you are using an indirect pronoun to mean 'to me', 'to you' etc (although 'to' might not always be necessarily said in English), you generally use the following:

me	[meh]	to me
te	[teh]	to you (sing, fam)
le/lo	[leh/lo]	to him, to you (sing, pol)
le/la	[leh/la]	to her, to you (sing, pol)
nos	[nos]	to us
les/los	[les/los]	to them (m), to you (mpl)
les/las	[les/las]	to them (f), to you (fpl)

me enseñó el camino  
meh ensen-yo el kameeno  
he showed me the way

le pedí su dirección  
leh pedee soo deereks-yon  
I asked him/her for his/her address

## Reflexive Pronouns

These are used with reflexive verbs like **lavarse** ‘to wash (oneself)’, that is where the subject and the object are one and the same person:

<b>me</b>	[meh]	<b>myself</b> (used with I)
<b>te</b>	[teh]	<b>yourself</b> (used with singular, familiar ‘you’)
<b>se</b>	[seh]	<b>him/her/itself</b> (used with singular, polite ‘you’)
<b>nos</b>	[nos]	<b>ourselves</b> (used with ‘we’)
<b>se</b>	[seh]	<b>themselves</b> (used with ‘they’ and plural ‘you’)

**presentarse** to introduce oneself

**me presento: me llamo Richard**

meh presento: meh yamo Richard

may I introduce myself? my name’s Richard

**divertirse** to enjoy oneself

**nos divertimos mucho en la fiesta**

nos deebairteemos moocho en la f-iesta

we enjoyed ourselves a lot at the party

## Demonstratives

The English demonstrative adjective ‘this’ is translated by the Spanish **este**. ‘That’ is translated by **ese** or **aquel**. **Ese** refers to something near to the person being spoken to. **Aquel** refers to something further away.

Like other adjectives, they agree with the noun they qualify in gender and number but they are placed in front of the noun. Their forms are:

masculine singular

**este ese aquel**

**esteh eseh akel**

feminine singular

**esta esa aquella**

**estah esah akeh-ya**

masculine plural

**estos esos aquellos**

**estos esos akeh-yos**

feminine plural

**estas esas aquellas**

**estah esah akeh-yas**

este restaurante  
esteh restowranteh  
this restaurant

ese mesero  
eseh mesairo  
that waiter

aquella playa  
akeh-ya plī-ya  
that beach (in the distance)

'This one', 'that one', 'those', 'these' etc (as pronouns) are translated by the same words as above only they are spelt with an é:

éste  
esteh  
this one

ése  
eseh  
that one

aqué  
akeh  
that one (over there)

quisiera éstos/éstos/aquéllos  
kees-yaira estos/esos/akeh-yos  
I'd like these/those/those (over there)

The neuter forms **esto/eso/aquello** are used when no particular noun is being referred to:

esto  
esto

eso  
eso

aquello  
akeh-yo

eso no es justo  
eso no es Hooosto  
that's not fair

¿qué es esto?  
keh es esto  
what is this?

## Verbs

The basic form of the verb given in the **English-Spanish** and **Spanish-English** sections is the infinitive (e.g. to drive, to go etc). There are three verb types in Spanish which can be recognized by their infinitive endings: **-ar**, **-er** or **-ir**. For example:

hablar	[ablar]	to talk
comer	[komair]	to eat
abrir	[abreer]	to open



**Present Tense**

The present tense corresponds to 'I leave' and 'I am leaving' in English. To form the present tense for the three main types of verb in Spanish, remove the **-ar**, **-er** or **-ir** and add the following endings:

**hablar to speak**

habl-o	[ablo]	I speak
habl-as	[abras]	you speak (sing, fam)
habl-a	[abla]	he/she speaks, you speak (sing, pol)
habl-amos	[ablamos]	we speak
habl-an	[ablan]	they speak, you speak (pl)

**comer to eat**

com-o	[komo]	I eat
com-es	[kom-es]	you eat (sing, fam)
com-e	[komeh]	he/she eats, you eat (sing, pol)
com-emos	[komeMos]	we eat
com-en	[komen]	they eat, you eat (pl)

**abrir to open**

abr-o	[abro]	I open
abr-es	[ab-res]	you open (sing, fam)
abr-e	[abreh]	he/she opens, you open (sing, pol)
abr-imos	[abreemos]	we open
abr-en	[abren]	they open, you open (pl)

Some common verbs are irregular:

**dar to give**

doy	[doy]	I give
das	[das]	you give (sing, fam)
da	[da]	he/she gives, you give (sing, pol)
damos	[damos]	we give
dan	[dan]	they give, you give (pl)

**ir** to go

voy	[boy]	I go
vas	[bas]	you go (sing, fam)
va	[ba]	he/she goes, you go (sing, pol)
vamos	[bamos]	we go
van	[ban]	they go, you go (pl)

**poder** can, to be able

puedo	[pwedo]	I can
puedes	[pwed-es]	you can (sing, fam)
puede	[pwedeh]	he/she can, you can (sing, pol)
podemos	[podemos]	we can
pueden	[pweden]	they can, you can (pl)

**querer** to want

quiero	[k-yairo]	I want
quieres	[k-yair-es]	you want (sing, fam)
quiere	[k-yaireh]	he/she wants, you want (sing, pol)
queremos	[kairemos]	we want
quieren	[k-yairen]	they want, you want (pl)

**tener** to have

tengo	[tengo]	I have
tienes	[t-yen-es]	you have (sing, fam)
tiene	[t-yeneh]	he/she has, you have (sing, pol)
tenemos	[tenemos]	we have
tienen	[t-yenen]	they have, you have (pl)

**venir** to come

vengo	[bengo]	I come
vienes	[b-yen-es]	you come (sing, fam)
viene	[b-yeneh]	he/she comes, you come (sing, pol)
venimos	[beneemos]	we come
vienen	[b-yenen]	they come, you come (pl)

The first person singular (the 'I' form) of the following verbs is irregular in some verbs:

decir to say	digo	[deego]
hacer to do, to make	hago	[a-go]
poner to put	pongo	[pongo]
saber to know	sé	[seh]
salir to go out	salgo	[salgo]

See page 263 for the present tense of the verbs **ser** and **estar** 'to be'.

## Past Tense:

### Preterite

The preterite is the tense normally used to talk about the past:

habl-é	[ableh]	I spoke
habl-aste	[ablasteh]	you spoke (sing, fam)
habl-ó	[ablo]	he/she spoke, you spoke (sing, pol)
habl-amos	[ablamos]	we spoke
habl-aron	[ablaron]	they spoke, you spoke (pl)
com-í	[komee]	I ate
com-iste	[komeesteh]	you ate (sing, fam)
com-ió	[komee-o]	he/she ate, you ate (sing, pol)
com-imos	[komeemos]	we ate
com-ieron	[kom-yairon]	they ate, you ate (pl)
abr-í	[abree]	I opened
abr-iste	[abreesteh]	you opened (sing, fam)
abr-ió	[abree-o]	he/she opened, you opened (sing, pol)
abr-imos	[abreemos]	we opened
abr-ieron	[abr-yairon]	they opened, you opened (pl)
¿quién te dijo eso?		nos conocimos en Mérida
k-yen teh deeHo eso		nos konoseemos en mereeda
who told you that?		we met each other in Mérida

lo compramos el año pasado

lo kompramos el an-yo pasado

we bought it last year

The verbs **ser** (to be) and **ir** (to go) are irregular and have the same form in the preterite:

<b>fui</b>	[fwee]	I was; I went
<b>fuiste</b>	[fweesteh]	you were; you went (sing, fam)
<b>fue</b>	[fweh]	he/she/it was; you were (sing, pol); he/she/it went; you went (sing, pol)
<b>fuimos</b>	[fweemos]	we were; we went
<b>fueron</b>	[fwairon]	they were; you were (pl); they went; you went (pl)

### Perfect Tense

The perfect tense corresponds to the English past tense using 'have' – i.e. 'I have seen', 'he has said' etc. It is formed by combining the appropriate person of the present tense of **haber** with the past participle of the other verb. The present tense of **haber** is as follows:

<b>he</b>	[eh]	I have
<b>has</b>	[as]	you have (sing, fam)
<b>ha</b>	[a]	he/she/it has; you have (sing, pol)
<b>hemos</b>	[emos]	we have
<b>han</b>	[an]	they have; you have (pl)

The past participle is formed by removing the infinitive ending (-ar, -er or -ir) and adding **-ado** or **-ido** as follows:

infinitive	past participle
<b>hablar</b>	<b>hablado</b> [ablado]
<b>comer</b>	<b>comido</b> [komeedo]
<b>vivir</b>	<b>vivido</b> [beebeedo]

<b>hemos dado una propina</b>	<b>hemos comido bien</b>
<b>emos dado oona propina</b>	<b>emos komeedo b-yen</b>
we have given a tip	we've eaten well, we've had a good meal

<b>he encendido la luz</b>
eh ensendeedo la loos
I (have) put the light on

Some verbs have irregular past participles:

<b>hacer</b> to do, to make	<b>hecho</b> [e <del>ch</del> o]
<b>abrir</b> to open	<b>abierto</b> [ab-yairto]
<b>decir</b> to say	<b>dicho</b> [de <del>ech</del> o]
<b>volver</b> to return	<b>vuelto</b> [bwe <del>l</del> to]
<b>poner</b> to put	<b>puesto</b> [pwe <del>s</del> to]
<b>ver</b> to see	<b>visto</b> [be <del>es</del> to]

### Imperfect Tense

This tense is used to describe something or someone in the past, or to describe activities that were habitual in the past. It is also the tense you would use to talk about something that was going on over a period of time. It is formed as follows:

**hablar** to talk

<b>habl-aba</b>	[ablaba]	I was speaking
<b>habl-abas</b>	[ablabas]	you were speaking (sing, fam)
<b>habl-aba</b>	[ablaba]	he/she was speaking, you were speaking (sing, pol)
<b>habl-ábamos</b>	[ablabamos]	we were speaking
<b>habl-aban</b>	[ablaban]	they were speaking, you were speaking (pl)

**comer** to eat

<b>com-ía</b>	[komee-a]	I was eating
<b>com-ías</b>	[komee-as]	you were eating (sing, fam)
<b>com-ía</b>	[komee-a]	he/she/it was eating, you were eating (sing, pol)
<b>com-íamos</b>	[komee-amos]	we were eating
<b>com-ían</b>	[komee-an]	they were eating, you were eating (pl)

**abrir** to open

abr-ía	[abree-a]	I was opening
abr-ías	[abree-as]	you were opening (sing, fam)
abr-ía	[abree-a]	he/she/it was opening, you were opening (sing, pol)
abr-íamos	[abree-amos]	we were opening
abr-ían	[abree-an]	they were opening, you were opening (pl)

Other useful verbs in the imperfect tense are:

**estar** to be

estaba	[estaba]	I was
estabas	[estabas]	you were (sing, fam)
estaba	[estaba]	he/she/it was, you were (sing, pol)
estábamos	[estabamos]	we were
estaban	[estaban]	they were, you were (pl)

■ **tener** to have

tenía	[tenee-a]	I had
tenías	[tenee-as]	you had (sing, fam)
tenía	[tenee-a]	he/she/it had, you had (sing, pol)
teníamos	[tenee-amos]	we had
tenían	[tenee-an]	they had, you had (pl)

The following are irregular in the imperfect tense:

**ir** to go

iba	[eeba]	I was going
ibas	[eebas]	you were going (sing, fam)
iba	[eeba]	he/she/it was going, you were going (sing, pol)
íbamos	[eebamos]	we were going
iban	[eeban]	they were going, you were going (pl)

**ser to be** (see page 263 for more on this)

era	[aira]	I was
eras	[airas]	you were (sing, fam)
era	[aira]	he/she/it was, you were (sing, pol)
éramos	[airamos]	we were
eran	[airan]	they were, you were (pl)

**todos los viernes salíamos a dar un paseo**

todos los b-yairn-es salee-amos a dar oon paseh-o

every Friday we used to go for a walk, every Friday we  
went for a walk

era alto y delgado

aira alto ee delgado

he was tall and slim

viajaban de México a Veracruz

bee-aHaban deh meHeeko a bairakroos

they were travelling from Mexico to Veracruz

## Future Tense

To form the future tense in Spanish (I will do, you will do etc) add the following endings to the infinitive. The same endings are used whether verbs end in **-ar**, **-er** or **-ir**:

hablar-é	[ablareh]	I will speak
hablar-ás	[ablaras]	you will speak (sing, fam)
hablar-á	[ablara]	he/she/you will speak (sing, pol)
hablar-emos	[ablaremos]	we will speak
hablar-án	[ablaran]	they/you will speak (pl)

**llamaré más tarde**

yamareh mas tardeh

I'll call later

The immediate future can also be translated by **ir + a + infinitive**:

vamos a comprar una botella de vino tinto

bamos a komprar **oona** boteh-ya deh **veeno teento**

we're going to buy a bottle of red wine

iré a recogerlo

eereh a reko**hairlo**

I'll fetch him, I'll go and fetch him

In Spanish, as in English, the future can sometimes be expressed by the present tense:

tu avión sale a la una

too ab-**yona** saleh a la **oona**

your plane takes off at one o'clock

However, Spanish often uses the present tense where the future would be used in English:

le doy ochocientos pesos

leh doy ochos-**yentos** pesos

I'll give you 800 pesos

The following verbs are irregular in the future tense:

decir	to say	diré	I will say
hacer	to do	haré	I will do
poder	to be able	podré	I will be able
poner	to put	pondré	I will put
querer	to want	querré	I will want
saber	to know	sabré	I will know
salir	to leave	saldré	I will leave
tener	to have	tendré	I will have
venir	to come	vendré	I will come

### The Verb 'To Be'

There are two verbs 'to be' in Spanish: **ser** and **estar**. The present tense is as follows:



**ser**

soy	[soy]	I am
eres	[air-es]	you are (sing, fam)
es	[es]	he/she/it is, you are (sing, pl)
somos	[somos]	we are
son	[son]	they are, you are (pl)

**estar**

estoy	[estoy]	I am
estás	[estas]	you are (sing, fam)
está	[esta]	he/she/it is, you are (sing, pl)
estamos	[estamos]	we are
están	[estan]	they are, you are (pl)

**Ser**

Ser is generally used to describe a permanent state, for example, what something or someone looks like or what their nature is:

la nieve es blanca  
 la n-yebeh es blanka  
 snow is white

Ser is also used with occupations, nationalities, the time and to indicate possession:

somos escoceses	mi madre es profesora
somos eskoses-es	mi madreh es profesora
we are Scottish	my mother is a teacher
éste es nuestro carro	son las cinco de la tarde
esteh es nwestro karro	son las seenko deh la tardeh
this is our car	it's five o'clock in the afternoon

**Estar**

Estar, on the other hand, is used above all to answer the question 'where?':

el libro está en la mesa  
 el **lee**bro **esta** en la **mesa**  
 the book is on the table

Nuevo Laredo está en el norte del país  
 n**ue**vo l**are**do **esta** en el **norte**h del pa-**ees**  
 Nuevo Laredo is in the north of the country

It also describes the temporary or passing qualities of something or someone:

estoy enojado  
 est**oy** eno**ha**do  
 I'm angry

estoy cansado  
 est**oy** kansado  
 I'm tired

este filete está frío  
 est**eh** fee**le**te**h** **esta** free-o  
 this steak is cold

Note the difference between the following two phrases:

Isabel es muy guapa	Isabel está muy guapa (esta noche)
Isabel es m <b>wee</b> gw <b>apa</b>	Isabel <b>esta</b> m <b>wee</b> gw <b>apa</b> <b>esta</b> no <b>che</b> h
Isabel is very pretty	Isabel looks pretty (tonight)

soy inglés	estoy en México
soy eeng- <b>les</b>	est <b>oy</b> en me <b>Hee</b> ko
I am English	I am in Mexico

## Negatives

To express a negative in Spanish, to say 'I don't want', 'it's not here' etc, place the word **no** in front of the verb:

entiendo	no entiendo
ent- <b>y</b> endo	no ent- <b>y</b> endo
I understand	I don't understand

me gusta este helado	no me gusta este helado
meh <b>go</b> osta <b>est</b> eh el <b>ado</b>	no meh <b>go</b> osta <b>est</b> eh el <b>ado</b>
I like this ice cream	I don't like this ice cream

lo alquilé aquí  
lo alkeeleh akee  
I rented it here

van a cantar  
ban a kantar  
they're going to sing

no lo alquilé aquí  
no lo alkeeleh akee  
I didn't rent it here

no van a cantar  
no ban a kantar  
they're not going to sing

To use negative words like:

nadie	nada	nunca
nad-yeh	nada	noonka
no-one, nobody	nothing	never

you can either place them before the verb, or put them after the verb with **no** in front, thus:

no llegó nadie/nadie llegó	no hay nadie ahí
no yego nad-yeh/nad-yeh yego	no ī nad-yeh a-ee
nobody came	there's no-one there

no compramos nada	no sabemos nada de ella
no kompramos nada	no sabemos nada deh eh-ya
we didn't buy anything	we don't know anything about her

To say 'there's no ...', 'I've no ...' etc, make the accompanying verb negative:

no hay vino	no tengo cerillas
no ī beeno	no tengo sairee-yas
there's no wine	I've no matches

To say 'not him', 'not her' etc just use the personal pronoun followed by **no**:

nosotros, no	ella, no	yo, no
nosotros no	eh-ya no	yo no
not us	not her	not me

## Imperatives

When giving a command to people you would normally address with **Usted** or **Ustedes**, you form the imperative by taking the first person singular of the present tense and changing the endings as follows:

	first person singular	singular	plural
hablar to speak	hablo	habl-e ableh	habl-en ablen
comer to eat	como	com-a koma	com-an koman
abrir to open	abro	abr-a abra	abr-an abran
venir to come	vengo	ven-ga benga	ven-gan bengan

coma despacio

koma despas-yo

eat slowly

When you are telling someone not to do something, use the forms above and place **no** in front of the verb:

no me moleste, por favor

no meh molesteh por fabor

please don't disturb me

¡no beba alcohol!

no beba alkol

don't drink alcohol!

¡no venga esta noche!

no benga esta nocheh

don't come tonight!

To give a command to people you would normally address as **tú**, remove the endings **-ar**, **-er**, and **-ir** from the verb and add these endings:

hablar to speak	habl-a	[abla]
comer to eat	com-e	[komeh]
abrir to open	abr-e	[abreh]

To form a negative imperative to people addressed as **tú**, **no** is placed in front of the verb and the endings change:

<b>habla</b>	<b>no habl-es</b>	[no ab-les]
<b>come</b>	<b>no com-as</b>	[no komas]
<b>abre</b>	<b>no abras</b>	[no abras]

**por favor, no hables tan rápido** (to one person)

por fabor no ab-les tan rapeedo  
please don't speak so quickly

Pronouns are added to the end of the imperative form:

**despiérteme a las ocho, por favor**

desp-yairtemeh a las ocho por fabor  
wake me up at eight o'clock, please

**bébelo**

bébelo  
drink it

**ciérralas**

s-yairalas  
close them

**ayúdeme, por favor**

a-yoodemeh por fabor  
help me please

but when the imperative is negative, they are placed in front of it:

**no lo bebas**

no lo bebas  
don't drink it

**no las cierres**

no las s-yair-res  
don't close them

The imperatives of the verb **ir** 'to go' are irregular:

forms	<b>Usted</b>	<b>Ustedes</b>	<b>tú</b>
	<b>vaya</b>	<b>vayan</b>	<b>ve</b>
	bī-a	bī-an	beh

## Questions

Often the word order remains the same in a question, but the intonation changes, the voice rising at the end of the question:

¿quieres bailar?

k-yair-es bilar

do you want to dance?

¿quieres ir al cine?

k-yair-es eer al seeneh

do you want to go to the cinema?

## Dates

Use the numbers on page 270 to express the date:

el uno de septiembre [el oono deh set-yembreh] the first of  
September

el dos de diciembre [dos deh dees-yembreh] the second of  
December

el treinta de mayo [traynta deh mī-yo] the thirtieth of May

el treinta y uno de mayo [traynti oono deh mī-yo] the thirty-first of  
May

## Days

Sunday domingo

Monday lunes [loon-es]

Tuesday martes [mart-es]

Wednesday miércoles [m-yairkol-es]

Thursday jueves [Hweb-es]

Friday viernes [b-yairn-es]

Saturday sábado

## Months

January enero [enairo]

February febrero [febrairo]

March marzo [marso]

April abril

May mayo [mī-yo]

June junio [Hoon-yo]

July julio [Hool-yo]

August agosto

September **septiembre** [set-yembreh]

October **octubre** [oktoobreh]

November **noviembre** [nob-yembreh]

December **diciembre** [dees-yembreh]

## Time

what time is it? ¿qué hora es? [keh ora]

one o'clock **la una**

two o'clock **las dos**

it's one o'clock **es la una**

it's two o'clock **son las dos**

it's ten o'clock **son las diez** [d-yes]

five past one **la una y cinco** [ee seenko]

ten past two **las dos y diez**

quarter past one **la una y cuarto** [ee kwarto]

quarter past two **las dos y cuarto**

half past ten **las diez y media** [d-yes ee med-ya]

twenty to ten **veinte para las diez** [baynteh]

quarter to ten **cuarto para las diez**

at eight o'clock **a las ocho** [ocho]

at half past four **a las cuatro y media** [kwatro ee med-ya]

2 a.m. **las dos de la mañana** [deh la man-yana]

2 p.m. **las dos de la tarde** [tardeh]

6 a.m. **las seis de la mañana** [seh-ees deh la man-yana]

6 p.m. **las seis de la tarde**

noon **mediodía** [med-yo-dee-a]

midnight **medianoche** [med-ya-nocheh]

an hour **una hora** [ora]

a minute **un minuto**

two minutes **dos minutos**

a second **un segundo**

a quarter of an hour **un cuarto de hora** [kwarto deh ora]

half an hour **media hora** [med-ya]

three quarters of an hour **tres cuartos de hora** [kwartos deh ora]

## Numbers

0	cero [sairo]	120	ciento veinte [s-yento baynteh]
1	uno, una	200	doscientos, doscientas [dos-yentos]
2	dos	300	trescientos, trescientas [tres-yentos]
3	tres	400	cuatrocientos, cuatrocientas [kwatros-yentos]
4	cuatro [kwatro]	500	quinientos, quinientas [keen-yentos]
5	cinco [seenko]	600	seiscientos, seiscientas [says-yentos]
6	seis [says]	700	setecientos, setecientas [setes-yentos]
7	siete [s-yeteh]	800	ochocientos, ochocientas [ochos-yentos]
8	ocho [ocho]	900	novecientos, novecientas [nobes-yentos]
9	nueve [nwbebeh]	1,000	mil
10	diez [d-yes]	2,000	dos mil
11	once [onseh]	5,000	cinco mil [seenko]
12	doce [doseh]	10,000	diez mil [d-yes]
13	trece [treseh]	1,000,000	un millón [meel-yon]
14	catorce [katorseh]		
15	quince [keenseh]		
16	dieciséis [d-yeseese-ees]		
17	diecisiete [d-yesees-yeteh]		
18	dieciocho [d-yeseee-ocho]		
19	diecinueve [d-yeseenwebeh]		
20	veinte [baynteh]		
21	veintiuno [bayntee-oono]		
22	veintidós [baynteedos]		
23	veintitrés [bayntetres]		
30	treinta [traynta]		
31	treinta y uno [traynti oono]		
40	cuarenta [kwarenta]		
50	cincuenta [seenkwenta]		
60	sesenta		
70	setenta		
80	ochenta [ochenta]		
90	noventa [nobenta]		
100	cien [s-yen]		



When **uno** is used with a masculine noun, the final **-o** is dropped:

un carro  
 oon karo  
 a/one car

**una** is used with feminine nouns:

una bicicleta  
 oona beeseekleta  
 a/one bike

With multiples of a hundred, the **-as** ending is used with feminine nouns:

trescientos hombres  
 tres-yentos omb-res  
 300 men

quinientas mujeres  
 keen-yentas mooHair-es  
 500 women

## Ordinals

- 1st primero [preemairo]
- 2nd segundo
- 3rd tercero [tairsairo]
- 4th cuarto [kwarto]
- 5th quinto [keento]
- 6th sexto [sesto]
- 7th séptimo
- 8th octavo [oktabo]
- 9th noveno [nobeno]
- 10th décimo [deseemo]



## Conversion Tables

1 centimetre = 0.39 inches

1 inch = 2.54 cm

1 metre = 39.37 inches = 1.09 yards

1 foot = 30.48 cm

1 kilometre = 0.62 miles = 5/8 mile

1 yard = 0.91 m

1 mile = 1.61 km

km	1	2	3	4	5	10	20	30	40	50	100
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miles	0.6	1.2	1.9	2.5	3.1	6.2	12.4	18.6	24.8	31.0	62.1
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miles	1	2	3	4	5	10	20	30	40	50	100
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km	1.6	3.2	4.8	6.4	8.0	16.1	32.2	48.3	64.4	80.5	161
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1 gram = 0.035 ounces      1 kilo = 1000 g = 2.2 pounds

g      100   250   500      1 oz = 28.35 g

oz      3.5   8.75   17.5      1 lb = 0.45 kg

kg	0.5	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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lb	1.1	2.2	4.4	6.6	8.8	11.0	13.2	15.4	17.6	19.8	22.0
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kg	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
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lb	44	66	88	110	132	154	176	198	220
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lb	0.5	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	20
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kg	0.2	0.5	0.9	1.4	1.8	2.3	2.7	3.2	3.6	4.1	4.5	9.0
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1 litre = 1.75 UK pints / 2.13 US pints

1 UK pint = 0.57 l

1 UK gallon = 4.55 l

1 US pint = 0.47 l

1 US gallon = 3.79 l

centigrade / Celsius

$^{\circ}\text{C} = (^{\circ}\text{F} - 32) \times 5/9$

$^{\circ}\text{C}$	-5	0	5	10	15	18	20	25	30	36.8	38
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$^{\circ}\text{F}$	23	32	41	50	59	64	68	77	86	98.4	100.4
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Fahrenheit

$^{\circ}\text{F} = (^{\circ}\text{C} \times 9/5) + 32$

$^{\circ}\text{F}$	23	32	40	50	60	65	70	80	85	98.4	101
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$^{\circ}\text{C}$	-5	0	4	10	16	18	21	27	29	36.8	38.3
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