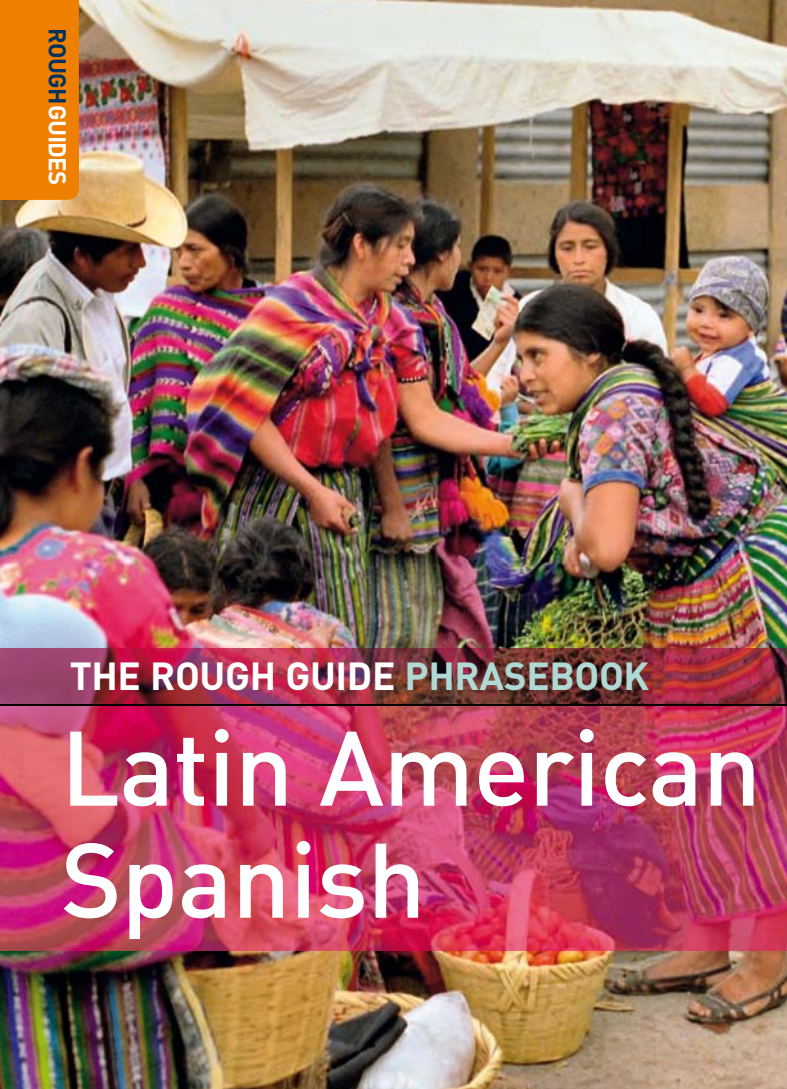


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## Introduction

The Rough Guide Latin American 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, in all the countries and regions listed overleaf.

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 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!

## Abbreviations for Latin American countries and regions

Andes	Andes
Arg	Argentine
Bol	Bolivia
CAM	Central America
Ch	Chile
Col	Colombia
CR	Costa Rica
CSur	Southern Cone (Argentine, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay)
Cu	Cuba
Ec	Ecuador
Guat	Guatemala
Hond	Honduras
Mex	Mexico
Nic	Nicaragua
Pan	Panama
Parag	Paraguay
Pe	Peru
PR	Puerto Rico
Rpl	River Plate (Argentine, Uruguay)
Salv	El Salvador
SAM	South America
Urug	Uruguay
Ven	Venezuela



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# 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 lwegoo

please

por favor

favor

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!

moocho

how are you?

¿cómo le va?

leh

fine, thanks

bien gracias

b-yen gras-yas

nice to meet you

encantado de conocerlo

deh konosairlo

excuse me

(to get past) *con permiso*

(to get attention) ¡por favor!

fabor

(I'm) sorry

*disculpe*

deeskoolpeh

sorry?/pardon (me)?

(didn't understand) ¿cómo?

komo

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

## BASIC PHRASES

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?

keḁa leHos

how long does it take?

¿cuánto dura?

kwanto

at what time ...?

¿a qué hora ...?

keh ora

when is ...?

cuándo es ...?

kwando



# Scenarios



# 1. Accommodation

is there an inexpensive hotel you can recommend?

▶ ¿puede recomendarme un hotel económico?

[pwedeh rekomendarmeh oon otel ekonomiko]

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 que no sea caro?

[meh pwedeh dar el nombreh deh un bwen otel keh no seh-a karo]

déjeme ver ¿prefiere estar en el centro? ◀

[deHemeh 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 poseebleh]

¿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 ban'kar-ya]
to change money	cambiar dinero	[kamb-ya'r deenai'ro]
cheque	el cheque	[chekeh]
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 deenai'ro]  
 [pwedeh kamb-yarmeh esto por pesos]      how would you like the money?

small notes      big notes  
 ▶ en billetes pequeños      ▶ en billetes grandes  
 [en bee-yetes peken-yos]      [en 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 deenai'ro 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 banco 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 besteeboolo]

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	[deposeeto yeno]
manual	manual	[manwal]
rented car	el coche alquilado	[kocheh alkeelado]

I'd like to rent a car

▶ quisiera alquilar un auto  
[kees-yaira alkeelar oon owto]

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

two days  
▶ dos días  
[dos dee-as]

I'll take the ...

▶ me llevo el ...  
[meh yebo 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 donde deHo las yabes]

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

## 5. Communications

ADSL modem	el módem ADSL	[módem a-deh-eseh-ehleh]
at	aroba	[aroba]
dial-up modem	el módem de discado	[módem deh deeskado]
dot	punto	[pónto]
Internet	internet	[eentairnet]
mobile (phone)	el celular	[seloolar]
password	la contraseña	[kontraseñ-ya]
telephone	el adaptador para	[adaptador para
socket adaptor	el teléfono	el teléfono]
wireless	el punto de	[pónto deh akseso]
hotspot	acceso inalámbrico	eenalambreeko]

is there an Internet café around here?

▶ ¿hay por aquí un cibercafé?

[ī por akē oon seebairkafeh]

can I send email from here?

▶ ¿puedo mandar emails desde aquí?

[pwedo mandar eemayls desdeh akē]

where's the at sign on the keyboard?

▶ ¿dónde está la arroba en el teclado?

[dondesh esta la aroba en el teklado]

can you switch this to a UK keyboard?

▶ ¿se puede cambiar a teclado británico?

[seh pwedeh kamb-yar a teklado breetaneeko]

can you help me log on?

▶ ¿me puede ayudar a conectarme?

[meh pwedeh a-yoodar a konektarmeh]

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

▶ no está conectando ¿puede ayudarme?

[no esta konektando pwedeh a-yoodarmeh]

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

▶ ¿dónde puedo comprar una tarjeta para el celular?

[dondesh pwedo komprar oona tarjeta para el seloolar]

can you put me through to ...?

▶ ¿puede ponerme con ...?

[pwedeh ponairmeh kon ...]

zero	five
cero	cinco
[sero]	[seenko]

one	six
uno	seis
[oono]	[says]

two	seven
dos	siete
[dos]	[s-yeteh]

three	eight
tres	ocho
[tres]	[ocho]

four	nine
cuatro	nueve
[kwatro]	[nwēbeh]

## 6. Directions

hi, I'm looking for Calle Real

▶ *hola, estoy buscando la Calle Real*

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

*disculpe, no la conozco* ◀

[*deeskoolpeh no la konosko*]

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 deeser 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, ¿sabe dónde*

*queda la*

*Calle Real?*

[*ola sabeh*

*dondeh keda*

*la ka-yeh*

*reh-al*]

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*]

around the corner

[*entonses es la preemaira ka-yeh a la derecha*]

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 ...

*atrás*

[*atras*]

back

*en frente de*

[*en frenteh deh*]

opposite

*siguiente*

[*seeg-yenteh*]

next

## 7. Emergencies

accident	el accidente	[akseedenteh]
ambulance	la ambulancia	[amboolans-ya]
consul	el cónsul	[kɔnsool]
embassy	la embajada	[embaɦada]
fire brigade	los bomberos	[bombairos]
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 muy urgente  
[por fabor bengá konmeeɢo es mwee oorɦenteh]

I've lost (my keys)

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

(my car) is not working

▶ (mi auto) no funciona  
[(mee owto) no foons-yona]

(my purse) has been stolen

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

I've been mugged

▶ me asaltaron  
[meh asaltaron]

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

¿me permite su pasaporte? ◀  
[meh pairmeɗeteh 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?*

[**o**la **k**omo **e**stas]

*muy bien ¿y tú?* ◀

[mwee b-yen ee too]

OK, and you?

yeah, fine

▶ *bien*

[b-yen]

not bad

▶ *aquí ando*

[**a**kee **a**ndo]

d'you know Antonio?

▶ *¿conoces a Antonio?*

[**k**onos**e**s a **a**nton-yo]

and this is Marta

▶ *y ésta es Marta*

[ee **e**sta es **m**arta]

*sí, ya nos conocíamos* ◀

[see ya nos **k**onos**e**e-amos]

yeah, we know each other

where do you know each other from?

▶ *¿cómo se conocieron?*

[**k**omo **s**eh **k**onos-y**e**ron]

*nos conocimos en casa de Gonzalo* ◀

[nos **k**onos**e**emos en **k**asa **d**eh **g**onsalo]

we met at Gonzalo's place

that was some party, eh?

▶ *la fiesta estuvo buenisima, ¿no?*

[la f-y**e**sta **e**st**o**o**b**o **w**en**e**e**s**eema no]

▶ *fabulosa*

[fabool**o**sa ]

the best

are you guys coming for a beer?

▶ *¿vienen a tomar una cerveza?*

[b-y**e**nen a tomar **o**ona **s**air**b**esa ]

▶ *genial, vamos*

[**H**en-y**a**l **b**amos]

cool, let's go

▶ *no, quedé con Carolina*

[no **k**ed**e**h **k**on **k**arol**e**ena]

no, I'm meeting Carolina

see you at Gonzalo's place tonight

▶ *nos vemos esta noche en casa de Gonzalo*

[nos **b**emos **e**sta **n**och**e**h en **k**asa **d**eh **g**onsalo]

*hasta luego* ◀

[**a**sta **l**w**e**go]

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 asair 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 cistitis	[seesteetees]
dentist	el dentista	[denteesta]
diarrhoea	la diarrea	[d-yarreh-a]
doctor	el médico	[medeeko]
hospital	el hospital	[ospeetal]
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  
interpret  
to translate

unas palabras  
el intérprete  
traducir

[oonas palabras]  
[eentairpreteh]  
[tradooseer]

le rechazaron la tarjeta de crédito ◀  
[leh rechasaron la tarHeta 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  
▶ despacio  
[despas-yo]

I understand very little Spanish

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

I speak Spanish very badly

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

no puede pagar con esta tarjeta ◀  
[no pwedeh pagar kon esta tarHeta]  
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 algen 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 blanca]

hello, my name's Blanca

Graham, from England, Thirsk

▶ soy Graham, de Thirsk, Inglaterra

[soy graham deh thirsk eenglatairra]

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?

▶ cerca de York, en el norte ¿de dónde es usted?

[serka deh york en el norte deh dondeh es oosteh]

soy de Lima; ¿está aquí solo? ◀

[soy deh leema; esta akee solo]

I'm from Lima; 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 dedeeka]

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 el correo? [a las seenko entreh semana]  
 [a keh ora s-yairra el korreh-o] five o'clock weekdays

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

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

sí, claro, son 10 pesos ◀  
 [see klaro son 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 eenglatairra por fabor]

do you have some airmail stickers?  
 ▶ ¿tiene adhesivos de correo aéreo?  
 [t-yeneh adeseebos 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 enseñe ◀

[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 **o**ono deh **e**stos ee **o**ono 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 naranja

[**o**ona sair**e**sa ee dos **Ho**ogos deh naran**H**a]

some more bread please

▶ más pan, por favor

[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!

[estoopenda mwee bw**e**na]

▶ ¿algo más?

[al**g**o mas]

anything else?

just the bill thanks

▶ sólo la cuenta, por favor

[**s**olo 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	[galairee-a deh arteh]
bus tour	el tour en camión	[toor en kam-yon]
city centre	el centro	[sentro]
closed	cerrado	[serrado]
guide	la guía	[gee-a]
museum	el museo	[mooseh-o]
open	abierto	[ab-yairto]

I'm interested in seeing the old town

▶ quisiera ver el casco antiguo  
[kees-yaira bair el kasko anteegwo]

are there guided tours?

▶ ¿hay visitas guiadas?  
[ī beesetas gee-adas]

disculpe, está completo ◀  
[deekoolpeh esta kompleto]  
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 auto de cuatro horas?  
[kwanto nos kobra por oon paseh-o en owto deh kwatro oras]

can we book tickets for the concert here?

▶ ¿podemos reservar aquí los boletos para el concierto?  
[podemos resairbar akee los boletos para el kons-yairto]

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

▶ ¿qué tarjeta de crédito?  
[keh tarjeta deh kredeto]  
which credit card?

where do we get the tickets?

▶ ¿dónde nos dan los boletos?  
[dondesh nos dan los boletos]

recójalos en la entrada ◀  
[rekoñalos en la entrada]  
just pick them up at the entrance

is it open on Sundays?

▶ ¿abren los domingos?  
[abren los domeengos]

how much is it to get in?

▶ ¿cuánto cuesta la entrada?  
[kwanto kwesta la entrada]

are there reductions for groups of 6?

▶ ¿hay rebaja para grupos de 6?  
[ī rebaha para groopos deh says]

that was really impressive!

▶ ¡estuvo impresionante!  
[estoobo eempres-yonanteh]

## 16. Trains

to change trains	hacer correspondencia	[asair korrespondensee-ya]
platform	el andén	[anden]
return	el boleto de ida y vuelta	[boleto deh eeda ee bwelta]
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 bwelta 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 Santiago?

▶ ¿a qué hora es el último tren para Santiago?

[a keh ora es el oolteemo tren para santee-ago]

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 Santa Fe?

▶ ¿es aquí donde tengo que hacer correspondencia para Santa Fe?

[es akee dondeh tengo keh asair korrespondens-ya para santa feh]

**English**



Spanish

(For words with \*, see **How the Language Works**, p. 271 onwards)



## 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** [deereks-yon]  
 what's your address? ¿**cuál es su dirección?** [kwal]  
 address book **la libreta de direcciones** [deh deereks-yon-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]  
 agree: I agree **de acuerdo** [deh akwairdo]  
 AIDS **el sida** [seeda]  
 air **el aire** [ireh]  
 by air **en avión** [ab-yon]  
 air-conditioned **climatizado** [kleemateesado]  
 air-conditioning **el aire acondicionado** [ireh akondees-yonado]  
 airmail: by airmail **por avión** [ab-yon]  
 airmail envelope **el sobre aéreo** [sobreh a-aireh-o]  
 airplane **el avión** [ab-yon]  
 airport **el aeropuerto** [a-airopwairto]  
 to the airport, please **al aeropuerto, por favor** [fabor]  
 airport bus **el autobús del aeropuerto** [owtoboos]

aisle seat **el asiento al lado 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/them **todo/todos**  
 that's all **eso es todo**  
 allergic: I'm allergic to ...  
**tengo alergia a ...** [alairHee-a]  
 alligator **el caimán** [kiman]  
 allowed: is it allowed? ¿se permite? [seh paimeteh]  
 all right! ¡bueno! [bweno]  
 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	n eneh
b beh larga	ñ en-yeh
c seh	o o
ch cheh	p peh
d deh	q koo
e eh	r airreh
f efeh	s eseh
g Heh	t teh
h akeh	u oo
i ee	v beh cheeka
j Hota	w dobleh-oobeh
k ka	x ekees
l eleh	y ee gr-yega
m emeh	z seta

already **ya**  
 also **también** [tamb-yen]  
 although **aunque** [ownkeh]  
 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 **el norteamericano** [nor-teh-amaireekano]  
 (woman) **la norteamericana**,  
**el/la estadounidense** [estado-ooneedenseh],  
 (Arg) **el/la yanqui** [yankee]  
 (adj) **norteamericano**,  
**estadounidense**,  
 (Arg) **yanqui**  
 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]  
 Andes **los Andes** [and-es]

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**,  
 (Col, Ven) **cansón**  
 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/tomates?** [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?  
 ¿**alguien habla inglés?** [algen  
 abla eeng-les]  
 there wasn't anybody there  
 (all) **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**  
 appendicitis **la apendicitis**  
 [apendeeseetees]  
 appetizer **aperitivo**,  
 (Mex) **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 una cita** [kees-yaira asair oona 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? **me temo que no será posible, ¿está bien a las cuatro?** [keh no saira poseebleh – b-yen]

yes, that's fine **sí, está bien**  
the name was ...? **¿su nombre ...?** [nombreh]

apricot **el albaricoque,**

(Mex) **el chabacano,**

(CSur) **el damasco**

April **abril**

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

(pol) **es; está**

they are **son; están**

area **la zona [sona]**

area code **el prefijo [prefeeHo]**

Argentina **Argentina**

[arHenteena]

Argentine (adj) **argentino**

[arHenteeno]

(man) **el argentino**

(woman) **la argentina**

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**  
 (Rpl) **en lo de Pedro**

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) **normal**

[nor-mal]

(not good) **regular** [regoolar]

on average **por término**

**medio** [tairmeeno med-yo]

avocado **el aguacate**

[agwakateh],

(Bol, CSur, Pe) **palta**

awake: is he awake? **¿está**  
**despierto?** [desp-yairto]

away: go away! **¡lárguese!**

[largeseh]

he's gone away **se fue** [seh

fweh]

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],

(CSur, Pe) **la mamadera,**

(Col) **el tetero,**

(Mex) **la mamila**

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

debweh beh el deenairo]

to come/go back **regresar**

backache **el dolor de espalda**  
 [deh]

bacon **el tocino** [toseeno],

(Rpl) **la panceta**

bad **malo**

a bad headache **un fuerte**

**dolor de cabeza** [fwairteh – deh

kabesa]

badly **mal**

(injured) **gravemente**

[grabementeh]

bag **la bolsa**

(handbag) **la cartera,**

- (Col) el **bolso**  
 (suitcase) la **maleta**,  
 (Mex) la **petaca**,  
 (Rpl) la **valija** [baleeHa]  
**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  
 [panadairee-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**,  
 (C.Am) el **banano**,  
 (Per, Rpl) la **banana**,  
 (Ven) el **cambur** [kamboor]  
**band** (musical) la **orquesta**  
 [orkesta]  
**bandage** la **venda** [benda]  
**Bandaid®** la **curita** [kooirita]  
**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 chokolatēh]  
**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?** ¿a **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**,

(Arg) la **bañadera** [ban-yadaira]

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** [batairee-a]

bay la **bahía** [ba-ee-a]

be\* **ser** [sair]; **estar**

**beach** la playa [pla-ya]  
 on the beach en la playa  
**beach umbrella** la sombrilla  
 [sombree-ya]  
**beans** los frijoles [freeHol-es],  
 (CSur) los porotos  
**runner beans** las habichuelas  
 [abeechoo-elas],  
 (Chi) los porotos verdes  
 [bairdes],  
 (Mex) los ejotes [eHot-es],  
 (Rpl) las chauchas [chowchas],  
 (Ven) las vainitas [bineetas]  
**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 desa-yoono]  
**bedroom** el cuarto,  
 (Mex) 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 [ma-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 cubo de la basura,  
 (Ch) el tarro de la basura,  
 (Col) la caneca de la basura,

(Csur, Per) el **tacho** de la basura,  
 (Mex) el **bote** de la basura [boteh],  
 (Ven) el **tobo** de la basura  
**bin liners** las **bolsas** de basura  
**binding** (ski) la **atadura**  
**bird** el **pájaro** [paharo]  
**biro**® el **bolígrafo**,  
 (Ch) el **lápiz** de **pasta** [lapees deh],  
 (Col) el **esfero**,  
 (Mex) la **pluma atómica**,  
 (Rpl) el **birome** [beeromeh]  
**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** [kobeena], la **frazada** [frasada]  
**bleach** (for toilet) la **lejía** [leheea],  
 (Arg) la **lavandina**,  
 (Ch) el **agua de cuba** [agwa deh

**kooba**,  
 (Col, Mex) el **blanqueador** [blankeh-ador],  
 (Urug) el **agua Jane**® [Haneh]  
**bless you!** ¡salud! [saloo]  
**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** **rubio**,  
 (Col) **mono**,  
 (Mex) **güero** [gwairo],  
 (Ven) **catire** [kateereh]  
**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** [koloreteh],  
 (Mex, Rpl) el **rubor**  
**boarding house** la **pensión** [pens-yon], la **hostería** [ostairee-a]  
**boarding pass** la **tarjeta de embarque** [tarjeta deh embarkeh]  
**boat** el **barco**  
**body** el **cuerpo** [kwairpo]



boiled egg el huevo pasado  
(por agua) [webo pasado por  
agwa]

boiler la caldera [kaldaira]

Bolivia Bolivia [boleebya]

Bolivian (adj) boliviano  
[boleebyano]

(man) el boliviano

(woman) la boliviana

bone el hueso [wesó]

bonnet (of car) el capó,

(Mex) el cofre [kofreh]

book el libro

(verb) reservar [resairbar]

can I book a seat? ¿puedo  
reservar un asiento? [pwedo  
– as-yento]

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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? ¿me da su  
nombre ...? [meh da soo  
nombreh]

bookshop, bookstore la  
librería [leebraire-a]

boot (footwear) la bota

(of car) el maletero [maletairo],  
(Ch, Pe) la maleta,

(Col, Rpl) el baúl [ba-ool],

(Mex) 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 destapador  
[destapador]

bottom (of person) el trasero  
[trasairo], el culo,  
(CSur) el traste [trasteh]

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], (Mex, Ven) **el chavo** [chabo]  
 boyfriend **el novio** [nob-yo]  
 bra **el sostén**, (Col, Mex) **el brasier** [bras-yair], (Rpl) **el corpiño** [korpeen-yo], (Urug) **el soutien** [sootyen]  
 bracelet **la pulsera** [poolsaira]  
 brake **el freno**  
 brandy **el coñac** [kon-yak]  
 Brazil **Brasil**  
 Brazilian (adj) **brasileiro** [braseel-airo] (man) **el brasileiro** (woman) **la brasilera**  
 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 descompuso el auto** [seh meh deskompooso el owto]  
 breakdown (mechanical) **la avería** [abairee-a]  
 breakdown service **el servicio de grúa** [serbees-yo deh groo-a]  
 breakfast **el desayuno** [desayono]

break-in: I've had a break-in **entraron en mi casa a robar**  
 breast **el pecho**  
 breathe **respirar**  
 breeze **la brisa**  
 bribe **el soborno**, (Csur, Per) **la coima** [koyma], (Mex) **la mordida**  
 bridge (over river) **el puente** [pwenteh]  
 brief **breve** [brebeh]  
 briefcase **la cartera** [kartaira], **el portafolios**  
 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 lwegó]  
 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** [bronkeetes]  
 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,  
 (Ven) el morado  
**brush** (for hair, cleaning) el  
 cepillo [sepee-yo]  
 (artist's) el pincel [peense]  
**bucket** el balde [baldeh],  
 (Mex) la cubeta [koobeta],  
 (Ven) el tobo  
**buffet car** el vagón restaurante  
**[bagon restowranteh]**  
**buggy** (for child) el carrito  
 de niño [deh neen-yo], el  
 cochecito [kocheseeto]  
**building** el edificio [edeefe-es-  
 yo]  
**bulb** (light bulb) la bombilla,  
 (Ch) la ampollita [ampo-yeta],  
 (Col, Ven) el bombillo [bombee-  
 yo],  
 (Mex) el foco,  
 (Rpl) la bombita  
**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 autobús, el bus,  
 (Arg, Ven) el colectivo,  
 (C.Am, Mex) el camión [kam-  
 yon],  
 (Ch) el micro,  
 (Cu) la guagua [gwagwa],  
 (Per, Urug) el ómnibus  
 what number bus is it to ...?  
 ¿qué número tomo para ...?  
**[keh noomairo]**  
 when is the next bus to ...?  
 ¿cuándo sale el próximo  
 autobús para ...? [kwando  
 saleh]  
 what time is the last bus?  
 ¿a qué hora sale el último  
 autobús? [keh ora – oolteemo]  
 could you let me know  
 when we get there? ¿puede  
 avisarme cuando lleguemos?  
**[pwedeh abeesarmeh kwando  
 yegemos]**

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does this bus go to ...?  
 ¿este autobús va a ...?  
**[esteh ...ba]**  
 no, you need a number ...  
 no, tiene que tomar el ...  
**[t-yeneh keh]**

**business** el negocio [negos-yo]  
**bus station** la estación de  
 autobuses [estas-yon deh  
 owtoboos-es],  
 (Col) la terminal de

**transportes** [tairmeenahl deh  
 transport-es],  
 (Mex) **la central camionera**  
 [sentrah kam-yonaira]  
**bus stop** **la parada de autobús**  
**bust** **el pecho, el busto**  
**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**  
**pweo]**  
**buzzard** **el buitre** [bweetreh],  
 (CAm, Mex) **el zopilote**  
 [sopeeloteh]  
 (Ven) **el zamuro**  
**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 lwego]

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**cabbage** **el repollo** [repo-yo]  
**cabin** (on ship) **el camarote**  
 [kamaroteh]

**cable car** **el teleférico**  
 [telefaireeko], **el funicular**  
 [fooneekoolar]  
**cactus** **el cactus**  
**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** [yamemeh  
 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**  
 [regresareh mas tardeh]  
 (phone back) **volveré a llamar**  
 [bolbaireh a yamar]  
**call round: I'll call round**  
**tomorrow** **mañana** **paso**  
**camcorder** **la videocámara**  
 [beede-h-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], (SAm) el canotaje [kanotaheh]  
 can-opener el abrelatas  
 canyon el cañón [kan-yon], la cañada [kan-yada]  
 cap (hat) la gorra (of bottle) el tapón  
 car el auto [owto], el carro, el automóvil  
 by car en auto  
 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 (Ch) la chaleca, (Mex) la chamarra, (Rpl) el saco tejido [teheedo]  
 cardphone el teléfono de tarjeta [deh tarHeta]  
 careful cuidadoso [kweedadoso]  
 be careful! ¡cuidado! [kweedado]  
 caretaker el portero [portairo]  
 car ferry el ferry, el transbordador de autos [deh]  
 car hire el alquiler de autos [alkeelair deh]  
 car park el estacionamiento [estas-yonam-yento]  
 carpet la alfombra, el tapete [tapeteh]  
 car rental el alquiler de autos [alkeelair deh]  
 carriage (of train) el vagón [bagon]  
 carrier bag la bolsa de plástico [deh]  
 carrot la zanahoria [sana-or-ya]  
 carry llevar [yebat]  
 carry-cot el capazo [kapaso]  
 carton el cartón  
 carwash el lavado de autos [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? [asaimenh – chekeh]  
 cash desk la caja [kaHa]  
 cash dispenser el cajero automático [kaHairo owtomateeko]  
 cassette la cassette [kaset]  
 cassette recorder la grabadora  
 castle el castillo [kastee-yo]  
 casualty department urgencias [oorhens-yas]  
 cat el gato  
 catch (verb) agarrar  
 where do we catch the bus to ...? ¿dónde se toma el autobús 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 neengoono 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 Cordoba/no it's a direct train sí, haga

trasbordo en Córdoba/no,  
es directo [aga]

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 la chequera  
[chekaira]  
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  
lwego]  
cheers! (toast) ¡salud! [saloo]  
cheese el queso [keso]  
cheesecake  
(Arg) el pastel de queso [deh  
keso],  
(Mex) el pay de queso [pī]  
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 piscina  
infantil [peeseena eenfanteel],  
(Mex) la alberca infantil  
[albairka],  
(Rpl) la pileta infantil [peeleta]  
children's portion la ración  
pequeña (para niños) [ras-yon  
peken-ya – neen-yos]  
Chile Chile [cheeleh]  
Chilean (adj) chileno [cheeleno]  
(man) el chileno  
(woman) la chilena  
chilli el chile [cheeleh]  
chin la barbilla [barbee-ya]  
china la porcelana [porselana]  
Chinese (adj) chino [cheeno]  
chips las papas fritas  
chocolate el chocolate  
[chokolatsh]

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! **¡Feliz Navidad!** [felees]  
 church **la iglesia** [eegles-ya]  
 cider **la sidra**  
 cigar **el puro** [pooro]  
 cigarette **el cigarrillo** [seegarree-yo]  
 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 los lentes** [leekeedo leemp-yador]  
 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 noche entre semana y a la una y media los sábados** [serramos – deh la nocheh entreh]

do you close for lunch? ¿cierra a mediodía? [s-yairra]

yes, between 1 and 3.30 p.m. **sí, desde la una hasta las tres y media de la tarde** [desdeh – 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 autobuses [estas-yon deh owtoboos-es],  
 (Col) la terminal de transportes [tairmeenal],  
 (Mex) 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 Managua? ¿cuál es el prefijo de Managua? [kwal – deh managwa]  
 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 un resfriado [resfr-yado]  
 collapse: he's collapsed se desmayó [seh desma-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 [ooneebairseedá]  
 Colombia Colombia [kolomb-ya]  
 Colombian (adj) colombiano [kolomb-yano]  
 (man) el colombiano  
 (woman) la colombiana  
 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], (Ch) la peinetá  
 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-ye-e-a]  
 compartment (on train) **el compartimento**  
 compass **la brújula** [brooHoola]  
 complain **quejarse** [keh-Harseh]  
 complaint **la queja** [keHa]  
 I have a complaint **tengo una 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 **los lentes de contacto**  
 contraceptive **el anticonceptivo** [anteekonseptebo]  
 convenient **a mano**  
 that's not convenient **no conviene** [konb-yeneh]  
 cook (verb) **cocinar** [koseenar]  
 not cooked **poco hecho** [echo]  
 cooker **la cocina** [koseena]  
 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]  
 Costa Rica **Costa Rica**  
 Costa Rican **costarricense** [kostarreesenseh]  
 (person) **el/la costarricense**  
 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** [pareja]  
 a couple of ... **un par de ...** [deh]  
 courgette **la calabacita** [kalabaseeta], **el calabacín** [kalabaseen]  
 courier (male/female) **el guía turístico** [gee-a], **la guía turística**  
 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 **el cangrejo** [kangreho], **la jaiba** [hiba]  
 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** [tarjeta deh kredeeto]

## dialogue

can I pay by credit card?  
 ¿puedo pagar con tarjeta?  
 [pwedo – kon tarjeta]  
 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 papas fritas** (de bolsa), (Urug) **las papas chips**  
 crockery **la loza** [losa]  
 crocodile **el cocodrilo** [kokodreelo]  
 crossing (by sea) **la travesía** [trabesee-a]  
 crossroads **el cruce** [krooseh]  
 crowd **la muchedumbre** [moocheh-doombreh]  
 crowded **atestado**  
 crown (on tooth) **la corona**, (Mex) **la funda** [foonda]

cruise el crucero [kroosairo]  
 crutches las muletas  
 cry (verb) llorar [yorar]  
 Cuba Cuba [kooba]  
 Cuban (adj) cubano  
 (man) el cubano  
 (woman) la cubana  
 cucumber el pepino  
 cup la taza [tasa]  
 a cup of ..., please una taza  
 de ..., por favor [deh – fabor]  
 cupboard el armario [armar-yo]  
 cure la cura [koora]  
 curly rizado [reesado],  
 (CSur) crespo,  
 (Mex) chino  
 current la corriente [korr-  
 yenteh]  
 curtains las cortinas  
 cushion el cojín [koheen]  
 custom la costumbre  
 [kostoombreh]  
 Customs la aduana [adwana]  
 cut el corte [korteh]  
 (verb) cortar  
 I've cut myself me corté [meh  
 korteh]  
 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-yaireh]  
 dangerous peligroso  
 Danish danés [dan-es]  
 dark (adj: colour) oscuro  
 [oskooro]  
 (hair) moreno, oscuro  
 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 [eeha]  
 daughter-in-law la nuera  
 [nwaíra]  
 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  
 anteyar [anteh-a-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 paseh bwen]  
 day trip **la excursión** [ekskoorshon]  
 dead **muerto** [mwairto]  
 deaf **sordo**  
 deal (business) **el negocio** [negos-yo]  
 it's a deal **trato hecho** [echo]  
 death **la muerte** [mwairteh]  
 decaffeinated coffee **el café descafeinado** [kafeh deskafaynado]  
 December **diciembre** [deesyembreh]  
 decide **decidir** [deseedeer]  
 we haven't decided yet **todavía no hemos decidido** [todabee-a no emos deseedeedo]  
 decision **la decisión** [deseeshon]  
 deck (on ship) **la cubierta** [koob-yairta]  
 deckchair **la tumbona**, (Col, Per) **la perezosa**, (Rpl) **la reposera**, (Urug) **el perezoso**  
 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 **la propósito**

delicatessen **la charcutería** [charkootairee-a], (CSur) **la fiambrería**, (Col) **la salsamentaria**, (Mex) **la salchichonería**  
 delicious **delicioso** [deleeshoso]  
 deliver **entregar**  
 delivery (of mail) **el reparto**  
 Denmark **Dinamarca**  
 dental floss **el hilo dental** [eelo]  
 dentist **el/la dentista**

## dialogue

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

dentures **la dentadura postiza** [posteesa], (Col) **la caja de dientes** [d-yentes], (Ch) **la placa de dientes**  
 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) **la entrega inicial** [eenees-yal]  
 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],  
 (Col) **el ACPM** [asepeh-emeh]  
 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 – espes-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** [sena]  
 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? [ɪ]  
 disease la enfermedad  
 [enfairmeda]  
 disgusting repugnante  
 [repoognanteh]  
 dish (meal) el plato  
 dishcloth el trapo de cocina  
 [deh koseena],  
 (Col) el limpión,

(Rpl) el repasador  
 disinfectant el desinfectante  
 [deseenfektanteh]  
 disk (for computer) el disco, el  
 disquete [deesketeh]  
 disposable diapers/nappies  
 los pañales desechables [pan-  
 yal-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 aseemos]  
 how do you do it? ¿cómo se  
 hace? [seh aseh]  
 will you do it for me? ¿me lo  
 puede hacer usted? [meh lo  
 pwe deh asair oosteh]

## dialogues

how do you do? ¿cómo  
 está? [komo]  
 nice to meet you  
 encantado de conocerlo  
 [deh konosairlo]

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  
noche? [aseh – nocheh]  
we're going out for a  
drink; do you want to join  
us? salimos a tomar una  
copa, ¿nos acompaña?  
[akompan-ya]

do you want cream?  
¿quiere crema? [k-yaireh]  
I do, but she doesn't yo sí,  
pero ella no [pairo eh-ya]

doctor el médico  
(woman) la médica  
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? [dondeh  
leh dweleh]  
right here justo aquí  
[hoosto akee]  
does that hurt now? ¿le  
duele ahora? [leh dweleh

a-ora]  
yes sí  
take this to the chemist's  
lleve esto a la farmacia  
[yebeh – farmas-ya]

document el documento  
[dokoomento]

dog el perro [pairo]

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-yal]

double room el cuarto doble  
[kwarto dobleh]

doughnut la dona

down: down here aquí abajo  
[akee 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 [dairecha]

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** [i korr-yenteh]  
 drawer **el cajón** [kaHon]  
 drawing **el dibujo** [deebOOHo]  
 dreadful horrible [orreebileh]  
 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 **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  
 auto** [beeneemos en owto]  
 I'll drive you home **te llevaré  
 a casa en auto** [teh yebareh]  
 driver (man/woman) **el/la chofer**  
 [chofair]  
 driving licence **la licencia, el  
 carnet de chofer** [karneh deh  
 chofair],  
 (Arg) **el registro** [reheestro],  
 (Ch) **el carné,**  
 (Col) **el pase** [paseh],  
 (Per) **el brevete** [brebeteh],  
 (Urug) **la libreta**  
 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],  
 (Col) **el chupo,**  
 (Ven) **la chupa**

during **durante** [dooranteh]  
 dust **el polvo** [polbo]  
 dustbin **el cubo de la basura,**  
 (Ch) **el tarro de la basura,**  
 (Col) **la caneca de la basura,**  
 (Csur, Per) **el tacho de la**  
**basura,**  
 (Mex) **el bote de la basura**  
**[boteh],**  
 (Ven) **el tobo de la basura**  
 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-eeo]  
 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],  
 (Csur) **el aro,**  
 (Urug) **la caravana**  
 earthquake **el temblor, el**  
**terremoto**  
 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 **la colonia**  
 economy class **la clase turista**  
**[klaseh]**  
 Ecuador **Ecuador** [ekwador]  
 Ecuadorian (adj) **ecuatoriano**  
**[ekwator-yano]**  
 (man) **el ecuatoriano**  
 (woman) **la ecuatoriana**  
 Edinburgh **Edimburgo**  
**[edeemboorgo]**  
 egg **el huevo** [webo]  
 eggplant **la berenjena**  
**[berenjena]**  
 either: either ... or ... **o ... o ...**  
 either of them **cualquiera de**  
**los dos** [kwalk-yaira deh]  
 elastic **el elástico**  
 elastic band **la goma,**  
 (Ch) **el elástico,**  
 (Col) **el caucho** [kowcho],  
 (Mex) **la liga,**  
 (Rpl) **la gomita**  
 elbow **el codo**  
 electric **eléctrico**  
 electrical appliances **los**  
**electrodomésticos**  
 electric fire **la cocina,**  
 (Col, Mex) **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, telephone)  
**ocupado**  
 (to be married) **comprometido**  
 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** [i]  
 it's not big enough **no es**  
**lo suficientemente grande**  
 [soofees-yentementeh]  
 that's enough **bast**  
 entrance **la entrada**  
 envelope **el sobre** [sobreh]  
 epileptic (adj) **epiléptico**  
 equipment **el equipo** [ekeepo]  
 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-ye aseh – an-yos]

every **cada**  
 every day **todos los días** [de-as]  
 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 ekeepaheh]

exchange rate **el tipo de cambio** [teepo deh kamb-yo]  
 exciting **emocionante** [emos-yonanteh]  
 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], (C.Am) **el mofle** [mofleh], (Col) **el exhosto**, (Rpl) **el caño de escape** [kan-yo]  
 exhausted (tired) **agotado**  
 exhibition **la exposición** [eksposees-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 expreso**  
 extension (phone) **la extensión** [estens-yon], (Rpl) **el interno** [eentairno], (Ch) **el anexo**  
 extension 221, please **extensión doscientos veintiuno, por favor** [fabor]

extension lead **el alargador**, la **extensión**, **el alargue**

(Rpl)

extra: can we have an extra one? ¿nos puede dar otro?

[pwedeh]

do you charge extra for that?

¿cobra extra por esto?

extraordinary **extraordinario**

[ekstra-ordeenaar-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 delineador**

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** [desmayarseh]

she's fainted **se desmayó** [seh desma-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 **la piel de imitación**

[p-yel], **la piel sintética**

[seenteteeka]

Falkland Islands **las Islas**

**Malvinas** [eeslas mal-beenas]

fall (verb) **caerse** [ka-airseh]

she's had a fall **se cayó** [seh

ka-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 [yabeh],  
 (C.Am) la paja [paHa],  
 (Per) el caño [kan-yo],  
 (Rpl) la canilla [kane-yo]  
 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,  
 (SAm) el marcador  
 fence la cerca [saírka]  
 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 [yenar]  
 fill in rellenar [reh-yenar]  
 do I have to fill this in?  
 ¿tengo que rellenar esto?  
 [keh]  
 fill up llenar [yenar]  
 fill it up, please lleno, por  
 favor [yeno por fabor]  
 filling (in cake, sandwich) el  
 relleno [reh-yeno]  
 (in tooth) el empaste  
 [empasteh],  
 (Ch, Mex) la tapadura,  
 (Col) la calza [kalsa],  
 (Rpl) la emplomadura  
 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]

Finland Finlandia [feenland-ya]

Finnish (adj) finlandés [feenland-es]

fire el fuego [fwego] (blaze) el incendio

[eensend-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 eensend-yos]

fire brigade los bomberos [bombairos]

fire escape la salida de incendios [deh eensend-yos]

fire extinguisher el extintor [esteentor],

(SAm) el extinguidor [esteengeedor]

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**  
 [owseel-yos]
- first aid kit **el botiquín**  
 [boteekeen]
- first class (travel etc) **de primera (clase)** [preemaira (klaseh)]
- first floor **la primera planta,**  
 (Andes) **el segundo piso**  
 [peesoo]  
 (US) **la planta baja** [baHa],  
 (Andes) **el primer piso**
- 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 peskadør-es]
- fishmonger's **la pescadería**  
 [peskadairēe-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,**  
 (SAm) **la toallita** [to-a -yeeta]
- flash (for camera) **el flash**
- flat (noun: apartment) **el departamento**  
 (adj) **llano** [yano]
- I've got a flat tyre **se me pinchó la llanta** [seh meh -yanta],  
 (Mex) **se me ponchó la llanta**
- 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],  
 (Col, Ven) **la floristería**  
 [floreestairēe-a]
- flour **la harina** [areena]
- flower **la flor**
- flu **el gripe** [greepeh],  
 (Col, Mex) **la gripa**
- 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-yebbla]
- foggy: it's foggy **hay niebla** [ɪ]
- folk dancing **el baile tradicional** [bīleh tradees-yonaɪ]
- folk music **la música folklórica**  
 [mooseeka]
- follow **seguir** [segeer]
- follow me **sígame** [seegameh]



food **la comida**  
 food poisoning **la intoxicación alimenticia** [eentokseekas-yon aleemente~~es~~-ya]  
 food shop/store **la tienda de alimentos** [t-yenda deh], **el ultramarinos** [ooltramareenos], (Andes, C.Am, Mex) **la tienda de abarrotes**, (CSur) **el almacén** [almasen], (Cu, Per, Ven) **la bodega**  
 foot\* (of person, measurement) **el pie** [p-yeh]  
 on foot **a pie**  
 football (game) **el fútbol** (ball) **el balón**, **la pelota**, (Mex) **el futbol**  
 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 Quito? **¿dónde se toma el autobús para Quito?** [dondeh seh – keeto]

the bus for Quito leaves from the bus station **el autobús para Quito sale de la terminal** [saleh deh la termeenal]

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?** [yeba – 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** [owtopenesta]  
 freezer **el congelador** [konhelador]  
 French **francés** [frans-es]  
 French fries **las papas fritas**  
 frequent **frecuente** [frekwenteh]  
 how frequent is the bus to La Paz? **¿cada cuánto tiempo hay autobús a La Paz?** [kwanto t-yempo i – la pas]  
 fresh **fresco**  
 fresh orange **el jugo de naranja** [Hoogo de naranHa]  
 Friday **viernes** [b-yairn-es]  
 fridge **la refrigeradora** [refreeHairadora],  
 (Rpl) **la heladera** [eladaira],  
 (SAm) **la nevera** [nevaira]  
 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

deebair**teedo**]

funeral **el funeral** [foonairal]

funny (strange) **raro**

(amusing) **divertido**

[deebair**teedo**]

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

**Iguazu? ¿cuánto falta para**

**Iguazú?** [kwanto – eegwasoo]

about 5 kilometres **unos**

**cinco kilómetros**

fuse **el fusible** [fooseebleh],

(CSur) **el tapón**

the lights have fused **se**

**fundieron los fusibles** [seh

foond-yairon]

fuse box **la caja de fusibles**

[kaHa deh fooseeb-les]

fuse wire **el alambre de fusible**

[alambreh]

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,**

(Ch) **la bencina** [benseena],

(Rpl) **la nafta**

gas cylinder (camping gas) **la**

**bomba de gas**

gasoline **la gasolina**

gas permeable lenses **los**

**lentes porosos**

gas station **la gasolinera**

[gasoleenaira],

(Andes, Ven) **la bomba,**

(Ch) **la bencinera**

[benseenaira],

(Pe) **el grifo,**

(Rpl) **la estación de nafta**

[estas-yon deh]

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 baño de hombres** [ban-yo deh omb-res]  
 genuine (antique etc) **auténtico**  
 [owtenteeko]  
 German (adj, language) **alemán**  
 German measles **la rubéola**  
 [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?** [dondeh – 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],  
 (Arg) **la mina**,  
 (Col, Ven) **la nena**,  
 (Mex) **la chava** [chaba],  
 (Ven) **la jeba** [Heba]  
 girlfriend **la novia** [nob-ya]

give **dar**  
 can you give me some change? **¿me da suelto?** [meh]  
 I gave it to him **se lo di (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

[beedr-yo]

(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 piscina

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? [dondeh 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  
lwego]

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],  
 (CSur) **el pomelo**  
 grapefruit juice **el jugo de toronja** [Hoogo deh]  
 grapes **las uvas** [oobas]  
 grass **el pasto**, **el césped** [sesped]  
 grateful **agradecido** [agradesedo]  
 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**, (Col) **garoso**, (CSur) **angurriento** [angoor-yento]  
 green **verde** [bairdeh]  
 green card (car insurance) **la tarjeta verde** [tarHeta] (in US) **el permiso de residencia y trabajo** [trabaHo]  
 greengrocer's **la frutería** [frootairee-a]  
 grey **gris** [grees]  
 grill **la parrilla** [parree-ya]  
 grilled **a la parrilla**, **a la plancha**  
 grocer's (Andes, C.Am, Mex) **(la tienda de abarrotes** [(t-yenda deh) abarot-es], (esp CSur) **el almacén** [almasen],

(Cu, Per, Ven) **la bodega**  
 ground **el piso**  
 on the ground **en el piso**  
 ground floor **la planta baja** [baHa], (Andes) **el primer piso** [preemair]  
 group **el grupo**  
 guarantee **la garantía**  
 is it guaranteed? **¿tiene garantía?** [t-yeneh]  
 Guatemalan (adj) **guatemalteco** [gwatemalteko]  
 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 de México**  
 gum (in mouth) **la encía** [ensee-a]  
 gun **la pistola**  
 Guyana **Guyana** [gooyana]  
 Guyanese (adj) **guyanés** [gooyan-es] (man) **el guyanés** (woman) **la guyanesa**  
 gym **el gimnasio** [Heemnas-yo]

## H

hair **el pelo**  
 hairbrush **el cepillo para el pelo** [sepee-yo]

haircut el corte de pelo [korteħ deh]

hairdresser's la peluquería [pelookairee-a]

hairdryer el secador de pelo [deħ]

hair gel el fijador (para el pelo) [feeħador]

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 [ħamon]

hamburger la hamburguesa [amboorgesa]

hammer el martillo [martee-yo]

hammock la hamaca [amaka]

hand la mano

handbag la cartera,  
(Col) el bolso,  
(Mex) la bolsa

handbrake el freno de mano [deħ]

handkerchief el pañuelo [pan-ywelo]

handle (on door) el mango  
(on suitcase etc) el asa

hand luggage el equipaje de mano [ekeepaħeh]

hang-gliding el ala delta,  
(Mex) el deslizador [desleesador]

hangover la resaca,  
(C.Am, Mex) la cruda,  
(Col) el guayabo [gwa-yabo],  
(Ven) el ratón

I've got a hangover tengo resaca

happen suceder [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 konbenseħ]

harbour el puerto [pwairto]

hard duro [dooro]  
(difficult) difícil [deefeeeseel]

hard-boiled egg el huevo duro [webo]

hard lenses los lentes duros

hardly apenas

hardly ever casi nunca

hardware shop la ferretería [fairretairee-a],  
(Ch) la mercería [mairserree-a],  
(Mex) la tlapalería [tlapalairree-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-yebre 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 **oír** [o-eer]

## 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)  
 (Mex) ¡bueno! [bweno],  
 (SAm) aló  
 helmet **el casco**  
 help **la ayuda** [a-yooda]  
 (verb) **ayudar** [a-yoodar]  
 help! ¡socorro!  
 can you help me? ¿puede  
 ayudarme? [pwedeh  
 a-yoodarmeh]  
 thank you very much for your  
 help **muchas gracias por su**  
**ayuda** [moochas gras-yas]  
 helpful **amable** [amableh]  
 hepatitis **la hepatitis**  
 [epateetees]  
 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**],  
 (C.Am, Andes) el agua de  
**hierbas** [agwa],  
 (Per, Rpl) el té de yuyos [**yoo-**  
**yos**]  
**herbs** las hierbas,  
 (Per, Rpl) los yuyos  
**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?** [**dondch pwedo**]

**his\***: it's his car es su auto  
 [**owto**]  
**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** **hacer** autostop  
 [**asair owtostop**],  
 (Col) **echar** **dedo**,  
 (Col, Mex) **pedir** **aventón**  
 [**abenton**],  
 (Mex) **pedir** **ráid** [ríd],  
 (Ven) **pedir** **cola**  
**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**  
**Honduran** **hondureño**  
 [**ondooren-yo**]  
 (man) el **hondureño**  
 (woman) la **hondureña**  
**Honduras** **Honduras** [**ondooras**]  
**honest** **honrado** [**onrrado**]  
**honey** la **miel** [m-yel]  
**honeymoon** la **luna** de **miel**  
 [**loona** deh]  
**hood** (US: of car) el **capó**, el

capote [kapoteh],  
 (Mex) 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 [orreebileh]  
 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 a usted? [b-yen  
 gras-yas ee a 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  
 [ ]  
 hurry up! ¡apúrese! [apooreseh]  
 hurt doler [dolair]  
 it really hurts me duele  
 mucho [meh dweleh mocho]  
 husband el marido

hydrofoil **la hidroala** [eetro-ala]  
 hypermarket **el hipermercado**  
 [eepairmairkado]

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**  
 [kookooroocho]

iced coffee **el café helado**  
 [kafeh elado]

ice lolly **la paleta**

idea **la idea** [eede-h-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-yol]

in: it's in the centre **está en el**  
**centro**

in my car **en mi auto**  
 in Havana **en La Habana**  
 [abana]

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** [espan-  
 yol]

is he in? **¿se encuentra?** [seh  
 enkwen-tra]

inch\* **la pulgada**

include **incluir** [eenkloo-eer]  
 does that include meals?  
**¿están incluidas las comidas?**  
 [eenkloo-eedas]

is that included? **¿está**  
**incluido en el precio?**  
 [eenkloo-eedo en el pres-yo]

inconvenient **inoportuno**  
 [eenoportono]

incredible **increíble** [eenkreh-  
 eebleh]

Indian (adj: from India) **indio**  
 [eend-yo]  
 (South American: adj) **indígena**  
 [eendeehena]

(man/woman) **el/la indígena**  
**indicator el intermitente**  
 [eentairmeetenteh],  
 (Ch) **el señalizador** [sen-  
 yaleesador],  
 (Col, Mex) **la direccional**  
 [deereks-yon-al]  
**indigestion la indigestión**  
 [eendeehest-yon]  
**indoor pool la piscina cubierta**  
 [peesena koob-yairta],  
 (Mex) **la alberca cubierta**  
 [albairka],  
 (Rpl) **la pileta cubierta** [peeleta]  
**indoors dentro de la casa** [deh]  
**inexpensive económico**  
**infection la infección** [eenfek-  
 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-eereh]  
**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** [eenseesteer]  
**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**  
 [eentairesanteh]  
**that's very interesting es muy**  
**interesante** [mwee]

international **internacional**  
 [eentairmas-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 plancharmelos?  
 [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 **la 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],  
 (SAm) **los jeans** [yeens]  
 jellyfish **la medusa** [medoosa],  
 (Col, Mex) **la aguamala**  
 [agwamala],  
 (Per) **la malagua** [malagwa], **la**  
**aguaviva** [agwabeeba]  
 jersey **el jersey** [Hairseh]  
 jetty **el muelle** [mweh-yeh]  
 jeweller's shop **la joyería** [Ho-  
 yairee-a]  
 jewellery **las joyas** [Ho-yas]  
 Jewish **judío** [Hoodee-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],  
 (Mex) 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 kedese]  
 ketchup la salsa de tomate [salsa deh tomateh],  
 (Mex) 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 [k-yosko]  
 kiss el beso  
 (verb) besarse [besarseh]  
 kitchen la cocina [koseena]  
 kitchenette la cocina pequeña [peken-ya]  
 Kleenex® el klínex  
 knee la rodilla [rodee-ya]  
 knickers los pantis,  
 (C.Am) las calzonetas,  
 (Col) los cucos,  
 (Mex, Ven) las pantaletas,  
 (Rpl) las bombachas  
 knife el cuchillo [koochee-yo]

knock (verb: on door) **llamar**

[yamar]

knock down **atropellar**

[atropheh-yar]

he's been knocked down **lo****atropellaron** [atropheh-yaron]knock over (object) **volcar**

[bolkar]

(pedestrian) **atropellar** [atropheh-

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****baño de señoras** [ban-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

Buenos Aires? **¿a qué hora es****el último tren para Buenos**

Aires? [keh ora – bwenos ñres]

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 – as-

yendo]

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** [ooliteemo]  
 by Wednesday at the latest  
**para el miércoles a más tardar**

Latin America **Latinoamérica**  
 [lateeno-amaireeka]

Latin American (adj)  
**latinoamericano** [lateeno-amaireekano]  
 (man) **el latinoamericano**  
 (woman) **la latinoamericana**

laugh (verb) **reirse** [reh-eeerseh]

laundrette/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** [yevar]  
 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** [eeerseh]  
 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 Montevideo leave?  
**¿cuándo sale el autobús  
 para Montevideo?** [kwando  
 saleh – montebeedeo]  
 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  
 [obHetebo]  
 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 [beeb-  
 yoteka]

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 la bombilla,  
 (Ch) la ampolleta [ampo-yeta],  
 (Col, Ven) el bombillo,  
 (Mex) el foco,  
 (Rpl) la bombita  
 I need a new light bulb  
 necesito una bombilla nueva  
 [neseseeto – nweba]  
 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** [leeneh-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 **escuchar** [eskoochar]  
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 Hootos]

## 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**

[mochas – 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] **objetos perdidos**

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 Guatemala **me encanta Guatemala** [meh – gwatemala]

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 mucama [mookama]  
 maiden name el apellido de soltera [apeh-yeedo deh soltaira]  
 mail el correo [korreh-o]  
 is there any mail for me? ¿hay correspondencia para mí? [i korrespondens-ya]  
 mailbox el buzón [booson]  
 main principal [preenseepal]  
 main course el plato principal  
 main post office la oficina central del correo [ofeeseena sentral del korreh-o]  
 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 [eentairroptor 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 [makeeyaHeh]  
 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 auto de marchas [deh], (Andes) el auto manual [manwal]  
 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], (Col) la plaza (de mercado), (Csur, Per) la feria [fair-ya], (Mex) 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?  
 mascara el rímel, (Col) la pestañina [pestan-yeena]  
 match (football etc) el partido  
 matches las cerillas [sairre-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 [ma-yo]

may: may I have another one?

¿me da otro? [meh]

may I come in? ¿se puede?

[seh pwe deh]

may I see it? ¿puedo verlo?

[pwedo bairlo]

may I sit here? ¿puedo

sentarme aquí? [sentarmeh

akee]

maybe quizás [keesas]

mayonnaise la mayonesa

[ma-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 [saramp-

yon]

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 [enkontrarseh]

(for the first time) conocerse

[konosairseh]

nice to meet you (said to

man/woman) encantado de

conocerlo/la [deh]

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 baño de

hombres [ban-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 XYZ

message: are there any

messages for me? ¿hay algún

recado para mí? [ɪ]

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

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 ba-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

(Col) malteada [malteh-ada],

(Mex) el licuado [leekwado],

(Ven) merengada [mairengada]

millimetre\* el milímetro

minced meat la carne molida

[karneh]

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],  
(Mex) **el Tehuacán®** [teh-wakan]

mint-flavoured **con sabor a menta**

mints **las pastillas de menta**  
[paste-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  
i oona ekeebokas-yon]

sorry, I've made a mistake  
**perdón, me equivoqué** [meh ekeebokkeh]

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** [galairree-a deh arteh]

moisturizer **la crema hidratante** [eedratanteh]

moment: I won't be a moment  
**no me tarda** [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**  
[mocho]

## 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 el mosquitero  
 [moskeetairo]  
 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 [ma-yor  
 parteh del t-yempo]  
 most tourists la mayoría de  
 los turistas [ma-yoree-a deh]  
 mostly generalmente  
 [Henairalmenteh]  
 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, la  
 cordillera [kordee-yaira]  
 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  
 auto? [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 [mehor/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 músico  
[mooseeko], la música  
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?** [kwal – 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) **malo**  
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 museum?  
**¿pasa usted cerca del museo?**  
[oosteh – mooseh-o]  
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 Tegucigalpa? ¿ha  
 estado alguna vez  
 en Tegucigalpa? [bes  
 – tegooseegalpa]  
 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-  
 yodeeko]  
 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  
 neocelandés/neocelandesa

[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]  
 Nicaragua Nicaragua  
 [neekaragwa]  
 Nicaraguan (adj) nicaragüense  
 [neekaragwenseh]  
 (person) el/la nicaragüense  
 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 lo quedo [gras-  
yas meh la kedo]

nightclub la discoteca  
[deeskoteka]

nightdress el camisón

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 El Salvador al norte  
de El Salvador

North America América del

norte [amaireeka del norteh]

North American (man) el  
norteamericano,  
el estadounidense [estado-  
ooneedenseh],

(Arg) el yanqui [yankee]

(woman) la norteamericana,  
la estadounidense,

(Arg) la yanqui

(adj) norteamericano,  
estadounidense,

(Arg) yanqui

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?** [kwál]  
 number plate **la placa,**  
 (CSur) **la patente** [patenteh],  
 (Rpl) **la chapa**  
 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]

## No

## 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**  
**[sairka 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 cuánto pasa el  
**autobús?** [kwanto]  
 oil **el aceite** [asayteh]  
 ointment **la pomada**  
 OK **bueno** [bueno]  
 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 antee-gwo]

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 [eentairrooptor]

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 [pwedo]

in the open air al aire libre [Treh 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-yenteh]  
 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 **al aire libre** [Ireh leebreh]  
 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 ...** [paketeħ deh]  
 (verb) **hacer las maletas** [asair]  
 a pack of cigarettes **una cajetilla de cigarrillos** [kahete-ya deh seegarree-yos]  
**package** (parcel) **el paquete** [paketeħ]  
**package holiday** **el paquete**  
**packed lunch** **la bolsa con la comida**  
**packet:** a packet of cigarettes **una cajetilla de cigarrillos** [kahete-ya deh seegarree-yos]  
**padlock** **el candado**  
**page** (of book) **la página** [paheena]  
**could you page Mr ...?**  
 ¿podría llamar al señor ...  
 (por altavoz)? [yamar – altabos]  
**pain** **el dolor**  
 I have a pain here **me duele aquí** [meh dweleħ akee]  
**painful** **doloroso**  
**painkillers** **los analgésicos** [analheseekos]  
**paint** **la pintura**  
**painting** **el cuadro** [kwadro]  
**pair:** a pair of ... **un par de ...** [deħ]  
**Pakistani** (adj) **paquistaní** [pakeestanee]  
**palace** **el palacio** [palas-yo]  
**pale** **pálido**

**pale blue** **azul claro** [asool]  
**pan** **la olla** [o-ya]  
**Panama** **Panamá** [panama]  
**Panamanian** (adj) **panameño** [panamen-yo]  
 (man) **el panameño**  
 (woman) **la panameña**  
**panties** (women's) **los pantis,** (C.Am) **las calzonetas** [kalsonetas], (Col) **los cucos,** (Mex, Ven) **las pantaletas,** (Rpl) **las bombachas**  
**pants** (underwear: men's) **los calzoncillos** [kalsonee-yos], (Col, Ven) **los interiores** [eentairee-or-es], (Mex) **los calzones** [kalson-es] (women's) **los pantis** (US: trousers) **pantalones** [pantalon-es]  
**pantyhose** **las medias** [medyas], (Col) **las medias pantalón** [pantalon], (Mex) **pantimedias,** (Rpl) **las medias bombacha,** (Ven) **las medias panty**  
**paper** **el papel** (newspaper) **el periódico** [pair-yodeeko]  
 a piece of paper **un pedazo de papel** [pedaso deh]  
**paper handkerchiefs** **los klinex®**  
**Paraguay** **Paraguay** [paragwi]  
**Paraguayan** (adj) **paraguayo** [paragwa-yo]

(man) el **paraguayo**  
 (woman) la **paraguaya**  
 parcel el **paquete** [paketeh]  
 pardon (me)? (didn't understand/  
 hear) ¿cómo?,  
 (Mex) ¿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-yonam-yento]  
 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 – oolteema 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 **las arvejas** [arbeHas]  
 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],  
 (Col) el **estilógrafo**



[esteelografo],  
 (CSur) la lapicera fuente  
 [lapeesaira fwenteh]  
 pencil el lápiz [lapees]  
 penfriend (male/female)  
 el amigo/la amiga  
 por correspondencia  
 [korrespondens-ya]  
 penicillin la penicilina  
 [peneeseeleena]  
 penknife la navaja [nabaHa]  
 pensioner el jubilado  
 [Hooheelado], 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,  
 (SAM not Rpl) el pimentón  
 [peementon]  
 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 [pairfekto]  
 perfume el perfume  
 [pairfoomeh]  
 perhaps quizás [keesas]  
 perhaps not quizás no  
 period (of time) el período  
 [pairee-odo]  
 (menstruation) la regla

perm la permanente  
 [pairmanenteh]  
 permit el permiso [pairmeeso]  
 person la persona [pairsona]  
 personal stereo el walkman®  
 [wolkman]  
 Peru Perú [peroo]  
 Peruvian (adj) peruano [peroo-  
 ano]  
 (man) el peruano  
 (woman) la peruana  
 petrol la gasolina,  
 (Ch) la bencina [benseena],  
 (Rpl) la nafta  
 petrol can la lata de gasolina  
 [deh]  
 petrol station la gasolinera  
 [gasoleenaira],  
 (Andes, Ven) la bomba,  
 (Ch) la bencinera [benseenaira],  
 (Pe) el grifo,  
 (Rpl) la estación de nafta  
 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 [tarrjeta 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],

(Mex) el/la bolsista [bolseesta]

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],

(Rpl) el ananá [anana]

pineapple juice el jugo de

piña [Hoogo deh]

pink rosa

pipe (for smoking) la pipa [peepa]

(for water) el tubo [toobo]

pipe cleaners los limpiapiipas

[leemp-yapeepas]

pity: it's a pity! ¡qué pena!

[keh]

pizza la pizza

place el lugar [loogar]

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 [eska-

yola],

(Col) el yeso

plasters las curitas

plastic plástico

(credit cards) las tarjetas de

crédito [tarjetas deh kredeeto]

plastic bag la bolsa de plástico

plate el plato

platform el andén [anden]

which platform is it for San

Juan, please? ¿de qué andén

sale el tren para San Juan,

por favor? [deh keh anden saleh

- san jwan por fabor]

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 [fabor]

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 conocerlo/la

[deh konosairlo/la]

pleasure: my pleasure es un

gusto [goosto]

plenty: plenty of ... mucho ...  
 [moocho]  
 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],  
 (Ch) el gasfiter [gasfeetair],  
 (Per) el gasfitero [gasfeetairo]  
 p.m. de la tarde [deh la tardeh]  
 poached egg el huevo escalfado [webo],  
 (Rpl) el huevo poché  
 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 [poleesee-a]  
 call the police! ¡llame a la policía! [yameh]  
 policeman el (agente de) policía [ahenteh deh]  
 police station la comisaría de policía  
 policewoman la (agente de) policía  
 polish el betún [betoon],  
 (Ch) la pasta,

(Rpl) la pomada  
 polite educado [edookado]  
 polluted contaminado  
 pony el poney  
 pool (for swimming) la piscina [peesena],  
 (Mex) la alberca [albairka],  
 (Rpl) la pileta [peeleta]  
 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 cerdo [karneh deh sairdo],  
 (Ch, Per) la carne de chancho,  
 (Col) la carne de marrano  
 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], (CSur) el poste restante [posteh restanteh]  
 post office el correo [korreh-o]  
 potato la papa  
 potato chips (US) las papas fritas (de bolsa), (Urug) las papas chips  
 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 los camarones, (CSur) los langostinos  
 prefer: I prefer ... prefiero ... [pref-yairo]  
 pregnant embarazada [embarasada]  
 prescription (for chemist) la receta [reseta]  
 present (gift) el regalo  
 president (of country) el presidente [preseedenteh], la presidenta  
 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 [parteeekoolar]  
 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 baños públicos [ban-yos poobleekos]  
 public holiday el día feriado [dee-a fer-yado]  
 pudding (dessert) el postre [postreh]

Puerto Rica **Puerto Rico**

[pwairto]

Puerto Rican (adj)

portorriqueño [portorreeken-yo]

(man) el portorriqueño

(woman) la portorriqueña

pull **jalar** [Halar]

pullover el suéter [swetair]

puncture el pinchazo,

(Mex) la **ponchadura**purple **morado**

purse (for money) el monedero

[monedairo]

(US: handbag) la **cartera**

[kartaira],

(Col) el **bolso**,(Mex) la **bolsa**push **empujar** [empoo-Har]pushchair la **sillita de ruedas**

[see-yeeta deh rweedas],

(Mex) la **carreola** [karreh-ola],(SAm) el **cochecito** [kocheseeto]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 ¡qué rápido!

[keh]

what's the quickest way

there? ¿cuál es el camino más

**directo?** [kwal – deereкто]

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 cuchilla de afeitar [koochee-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 es estupendo  
 really? (doubt) ¿no puede ser? [pwedeh sair] (polite interest) ¿de veras? [deh bairas]  
 rear lights las luces traseras [loos-es], (Mex) 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  
 recomendar ...? [pwedeh]  
 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 deboalbaimeh el deenairo]  
 region **la zona** [sona], **la**  
**región** [reh-yon]  
 registered: by registered  
 mail **por correo certificado**  
 [korreh-o sairteefekado]  
 registration number **el número**  
**de placa** [noomairo deh],  
 (CSur) **el número de patente**  
 [patenteh],  
 (Rpl) **el número de chapa**  
 relatives **los parientes** [par-  
 yent-es]  
 religion **la religión** [releeh-yon]  
 remember: I don't remember  
**no recuerdo** [rekwaído]  
 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 auto rentado**  
 [owto]

repair (verb) **arreglar**  
 can you repair it? ¿puede  
 arreglarlo? [pwedeh]  
 repeat **repetir**  
 could you repeat that?  
 ¿puede repetir? [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]

retired: I'm retired **estoy jubilado/jubilada** [Hoo-beel-ado]

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** [reedee-koolo]

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]

road accident **el accidente de tránsito** [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 **el rodeo** [rodeh-o], (Mex) **la charreada** [charreh-ada]

roll (bread) **el pancito** [panseeto],



(Mex) el bolillo [bole-yo]  
 roof el tejado [tehadō]  
 roof rack el portaequipajes  
 [porta-ekeepaHes]  
 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],  
 (Per) el óvalo [obalo]  
 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) caucho  
 [kowcho],  
 (Mex) el hule [oolah]  
 (eraser) la goma de borrar  
 rubber band la goma,  
 (Ch) el elástico,  
 (Col) el caucho,  
 (Mex) la liga,  
 (Rpl) la gomita  
 rubbish (waste) la basura  
 (poor quality goods) las  
 porquerías [porkaire-as]  
 rubbish! (nonsense) ¡babosadas!

rucksack la mochila,  
 (Col, Ven) el morral  
 rude grosero [grosairo]  
 rug (mat) la alfombra, el tapete  
 [tapeteh]  
 (blanket) la cobija [kobeHa], la  
 manta, la frazada [frasada]  
 ruins las ruinas [rweenas]  
 rum el ron  
 rum and Coke® el cubalibre  
 [koobaleebreh],  
 (Mex) la cubata (de ron)  
 run (verb: person) correr [korrair]  
 how often do the buses  
 run? ¿cada cuánto pasan los  
 autobuses? [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 [segoooro]  
 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**  
 Salvadorean (adj) **salvadoreño**  
 [salbadoren-yo]  
 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 **las sandalias** [sandal-yas],  
 (Mex) **los guaraches** [waraches]  
 sandwich **el sándwich**  
 [sandweech], **la torta**  
 (Ch) **el ságuiche** [sangoocheh]  
 sanitary napkin/towel **la compresa,**  
 (SAm) **la toalla sanitaria** [to-a-ya saneetar-ya]  
 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** [pan-ywelo]  
 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 whiskey**  
 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 **gritar**  
 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** [mareeskairée-a]  
 seafront **el paseo marítimo**  
 [paseh-o mareeteemo]  
 on the seafront **en la playa** [pla-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** [pla-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? **¿me deja ver?** [meh deHa]

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** [sept-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** [meno], (Mex) **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! ¡qué **pena!** [keh]  
 shampoo **el champú**  
 a shampoo and set **un lavado y marcado** [labado ee]  
 shanty town **la barriada**,  
 (Arg) **la villa miseria** [bee-ya meeseree-a],  
 (Ch) **la población callampa** [poblas-yon ka-yampa],  
 (Urug) **el cantegril** [kantegreel],  
 (Ven) **los ranchos**  
 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 una descarga eléctrico** [meh]  
 shock-absorber **el amortiguador** [amorteegwador]  
 shocking **chocante** [chokanteh]  
 shoes **los zapatos** [sapatos]  
 a pair of shoes **un par de zapatos** [deh]  
 shoelaces **los cordones** [kordon-es],  
 (Mex) **las agujetas** [a-ooHetas],  
 (Per) **los pasadores**  
 shoe polish **el betún** [betoon],  
 (Ch) **la pasta**,  
 (Rpl) **la pomada** [pomada]  
 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-ya!]  
 shop window **el escaparate** [eskaparateh],  
 (Ch, Col, Ven) **la vitrina** [beetreena],  
 (Mex) **el aparador**,  
 (Rpl) **la vidriera** [beedr-yaira]  
 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?  
 ¿qué 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 [banyo]  
 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 [kontrabentana]  
 shy tímido [teemeedo]  
 sick (ill) enfermo [enfairmo]

I'm going to be sick (vomit) voy a devolver [boy a deboibair]  
 side el lado  
 the other side of town al otro lado de la ciudad [deh la s-yooda]  
 sidelights los pilotos, (Col, Ven) los cocuyos [kokoo-yos], (Mex) las calaveras [kalabairas]  
 side salad la ensalada aparte [aparteh]  
 side street la callejuela [kayeh-hwela]  
 sidewalk la acera [asaira], (C.Am) el andén [anden], (Csur, Per) la vereda [bairada], (Mex) la banquetta [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 [ferma]  
 signpost el letrero [letrairo]  
 silence el silencio [seelens-yo]  
 silk la seda  
 silly tonto  
 silver la plata

silver foil **el papel de aluminio**  
 [aloom**een**-yo]  
 similar **parecido** [pare**se**edo]  
 simple (easy) **sencillo** [sensee-  
 yo]  
 since: since yesterday **desde**  
**ayer** [desdeh a-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** [sol**ta**iro]  
 single bed **la cama individual**  
 [eendebeedwal]  
 single room **el cuarto**  
**individual** [kwarto]  
 single ticket **el boleto de ida**  
 [deh eeda]  
 sink (in kitchen) **el fregadero**  
 [fregad**ai**ro],  
 (Andes, Mex) **el lavaplatos**  
 [labaplatos],  
 (Rpl) **la piletta** [peeleta]  
 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** [pastee-ya]  
 sleepy: I'm feeling sleepy  
**tengo sueño** [swen-yo]  
 sleeve **la manga**  
 slide (photographic) **la**  
**diapositiva** [d-yaposeeteeba]  
 slip (under dress) **la enagua**  
 [enagwa],  
 (Mex) **el fondo**,  
 (Rpl) **el viso** [beeso]  
 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) **¡apestal!**  
 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**], (Col) **la careta** [**kareta**]  
 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 **los lentes blandos** [**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 pancitos?**  
 can I have some? **¿me da unos?**  
 somebody, someone **alguien** [**algen**]  
 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)  
 ¿cómo?,  
 (Mex) ¿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**  
 (man/woman) **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** [boohēe-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 lo  
 llama? [k-yen lo yama]  
 it's Patricia **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**  
**[favor 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** [aste-yá]  
 spoke (in wheel) **el radio**  
 [rad-yo]  
 spoon **la cuchara**  
 sport **el deporte** [deporte]  
 sprain: I've sprained my ... **me torcí el ...** [meh torsee]  
 spring (season) **la primavera**  
 [preemabaira]  
 (of car, seat) **el resorte** [resorte]  
 square (in town) **la plaza** [plasa]  
 stairs **la escalera** [eskalaíra]  
 stale (bread) **duro**  
 (food) **pasado**  
 stall: the engine keeps stalling  
**el motor se para cada rato**  
 [seh]  
 stamp **la estampilla** [estampee-ya], **el timbre** [teembre]

## 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  
 – alohadó]  
 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** [eskalaíras]  
 stereo **el estéreo** [estaireh-o]

sterling la **libra esterlina**  
 [estairleena]  
 steward (on plane) el **auxiliar de vuelo** [owseel-yar deh bwelo]  
 stewardess la **azafata** [asafata]  
 sticking plaster la **curita** [kooreeta]  
 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 **pedra** [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: 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**, (Mex) la **petaca**, (Rpl) la **valija** [baleeHa]  
 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,  
 (Col, Per) la perezosa,  
 (Rpl) la reposera,  
 (Urug) el perezoso  
**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-  
 yeedo]  
**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 maíz,  
 (Mex) el elote [eloteh],  
 (SAm) el choclo,  
 (Ven) el jojoto [Hohoto]  
**sweets** los dulces [dools-es]  
**swelling** la hinchazón  
 [eechason]  
**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 piscina  
 [peesena],  
 (Mex) la alberca [albairka],  
 (Rpl) la pileta [peeleta]  
**swimming trunks** el traje de  
 baño [traheh deh ban-yo]

switch **el interruptor**  
 [eentairoptor]  
 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 a-airopwairto]  
 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** [yebar]  
 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) **hablar**, (C.Am, Mex) **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** [deposeeto]  
 tap **la llave** [la yabeh], (C.Am) **la paja** [paha], (Per) **el caño** [kan-yo], (Rpl) **la canilla** [kanee-ya]  
 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 [a-airopwairto/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],  
(Col) el limpión [leemp-yon],  
(Rpl) el raspador

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 [tempairatoora]  
(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 kampan-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 ...**  
 [espaio 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-yeé]  
 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** [grweso]  
 (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 [pastee-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 Cartagena un  
 boleto de ida y vuelta  
 a Cartagena [deh eeda ee  
 bwelta a kartahena]  
 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  
 [boletairee-a]  
**tide** la marea [mareh-a]

**tie** (necktie) la corbata  
**tight** (clothes etc) ajustado  
 [aHoostado]  
 it's too tight me queda  
 estrecho [meh keda]  
**tights** las medias [med-yas],  
 (Col) las medias pantalón  
 [pantalón],  
 (Mex) pantimedias,  
 (Rpl) las medias bombacha,  
 (Ven) las medias panty [pantee]  
**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 [meenoooskoolo]  
**tip** (to waiter etc) la propina  
**tired** cansado  
 I'm tired (said by a man/woman)  
 estoy cansado/cansada  
**tissues** los clínex®  
**to:** to Santo Domingo/London  
 a Santo Domingo/Londres  
 to Asuncion/England a  
 Asunción/Inglaterra  
 to the post office al correo  
**toast** (bread) la tostada  
**today** hoy [oy]

toe el **dedo del pie** [p-yeh]  
 together **juntos** [Hoohtos]  
 we're together (in shop etc)  
**estamos juntos**  
 can we pay together?  
 ¿podemos pagar **todo junto**,  
 por favor? [fabor]  
 toilet el **baño** [ban-yo]  
 where is the toilet? ¿dónde  
**está el baño?** [dondeh]  
 I have to go to the toilet  
**tengo que ir al baño** [keh]  
 toilet paper el **papel higiénico**  
 [eeH-yeneeko]  
 tomato el **tomate** [tomateh],  
 (Mex) el **jitomate** [Heetomateh]  
 tomato juice el **jugo de**  
**tomate** [Hoogo deh]  
 tomato ketchup la **salsa de**  
**tomate**,  
 (Mex) el **catsup** [katsoop]  
 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** [sepee-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 **guía turístico**  
 [gee-a], la **guía turística**  
 tourist el/la **turista**  
 tourist information office  
 la **oficina de información**  
**turística** [ofeeseena deh  
 eenformas-yon]  
 tour operator el **operador**  
**turístico**  
 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 [a-yoontam-yento], la municipalidad  
 toy el juguete [Hoogeteh]  
 track (US) la vía [bee-a]  
 tracksuit el chandal, (Ch, Per) el buzo [booso], (Col) la sudadera [soodadaira], (Mex) los pants, (Rpl) el jogging [yogeen]  
 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  
 no, you want that platform there no, tiene que ir a aquel andén [t-yeneh keh eer a akei anden]

trainers (shoes) los tenis [tenees], (Mex) los tráiner [trínair]  
 train station la estación de ferrocarril [estas-yon deh fairrokareel]  
 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 cubo de la basura, (Ch) el tarro de la basura, (Col) la caneca de la basura [kaneka], (Csur, Per) el tacho de la basura, (Mex) el bote de la basura [boteh], (Ven) el tobo de la basura  
 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) córtemelo 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**  
 [pantalón-es]  
 true **cierto** [s-yairto]  
 that's not true **no es cierto**  
 trunk (US) **el maletero**  
 [maletairo],  
 (Ch, Pe) **la maleta**,  
 (Col, Rpl) **el baúl** [ba-ool],  
 (Mex) **la cajuela** [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**,  
 (Mex) **la playera** [pla-yaira],  
 (Rpl) **la remera** [remaira]  
 Tuesday **martes** [mart-es]  
 tuna **el atún**  
 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 tobsee-yo]  
 type **el tipo** [teepo]  
 a different type of ... **otro tipo**  
**de ...** [deh]  
 typical **típico** [teepeeko]  
 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 calzoncillos

[kalsonse-yos],

(Col, Ven) interiores [eentairee-or-es],

(Mex) los calzones

[kalsón-es]

understand: I understand lo

entiendo [ent-yendo]

I don't understand no

entiendo

do you understand?

¿entiende? [ent-yendeh]

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

[komoon]

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]

Uruguay Uruguay [ooroogwī]

Uruguayan (adj) uruguayo

[ooroogwa-yo]

(man) el uruguayo

(woman) la uruguayo

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 [bakas-yon-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 expendedora [makeena espendedora]

Venezuela Venezuela [beneswayla]

Venezuelan (adj) venezolano [benesolano]

(man) el venezolano

(woman) la venezolana

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 Honduras me gustaría conocer Honduras [konosair]

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 buitres [bweetreh], (Mex) el zopilote [sopeeloteh] (Ven) el zamuro

## W

waist **la cintura** [seentoora]

waistcoat **el chaleco**

wait **esperar** [espairar]

wait for me **espéreme**

[espairameh]

don't wait for me **no me**

**espere** [meh espairéh]

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?**

[espairameh 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) **la arandela,**

(CSur) **el cuerito** [kwairreto],

(Col, Ven) **el empaque**

[empakeh]

washhand basin **el lavabo**  
 [lababo]  
 (CSur) **el lavatorio** [labatoree-o]  
 (Rpl) **la pileta**

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?** [pweeh 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 **tuerza a la  
 izquierda** [twairsa]  
 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-yo]

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-yo]

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]

b-yen]

she's not well **no se siente bien** [seh s-yenteh]

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) ¡vaya,

vaya! [ba-ya],

(Mex) ¡ándale, pues! [andaleh pwes]

## 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**

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 autobús es ese?

[noomairo deh – eseh]

wheel **la rueda** [rweda]

wheelchair **la silla de ruedas**

[see-ya deh rwedas]

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  
nomás [akee nomas],  
(Mex) 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  
[akeh]

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 [bentane-ya]  
near the window cerca de la  
ventana [sairka deh]  
in the window (of shop) en el  
escaparate [eskaparateh],  
(Ch, Col, Ven) en la vitrina  
[beetreena],  
(Mex) en el aparador,  
(Rpl) en la vidriera [beedr-yaira]  
window seat el asiento junto  
a la ventana [as-yento hoo] onto a  
la bentana]  
windscreen el parabrísas  
windscreen wiper el  
limpiaparabrísas [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 - beeseetarlo]  
 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 [paɪrdoneh meh ekeebok**eh** 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 [a-yair]  
 yesterday morning ayer por la mañana [man-yana]  
 the day before yesterday anteayer [anteh-a-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/vos [too, bos]  
 (pol, sing) usted [oosteh]  
 (pol, pl) ustedes [oosted-es]  
 this is for you esto es para tí/vos/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 [sairo]  
 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.

- ¿a quién carajos le importa? [karaHos] who bloody cares?
- ¡bien! [b-yen] great!
- boludo **m** dickhead
- cabrón **m** bastard
- ¡cómo no! of course
- ¡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 the hell?
- ¡hijo de la chingada! [eeHo] son of a bitch!
- ¡hijo de puta! [eeHo deh poota] son of a bitch!
- ¡hijueputa! [eeHwepoota] son of a bitch!
- huevón [webon] jerk!
- joder [Hodair] to screw up
- ¡la puta! [poota] bloody hell!
- ¡lárguese! [largeseh] go away!
- ¡lo jodiste! [Hodeesteh] you screwed up!
- maldita sea damn!
- marica **m**, maricón **m** queer
- me pega la gana I feel like it
- ¡me importa un carajo! [eemporta oon karaHo] I don't give a shit!
- ¡mierda! [m-yairda] shit!
- ¡ni modo! well, what can you do?
- no me da la gana I couldn't be bothered
- ¡oiga! [oyga] listen here!; excuse me!
- ¡qué cagada! [keh kagada] what a fuck-up!
- ¿qué hubo? [keh oobo] how's it going?
- ¡qué va! [ba] no way!
- tirar [teerar] to fuck

## A

a to; at; per; from

abajero **m** [abaheh-yo] low-lander

abajo [abaHo] downstairs; down below

abaleo **m** [abaleh-o] shootout

abarrotes: tienda de abarrotes

**f** [t-yenda deh abarrotes] 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

abono **m** (CAm, Col) instalment

abonos **mpl** season tickets

aborrezco [aborresko] I hate

ábrase aquí (Mex) open here

ábrase en caso de emergencia open in case of emergency

abrazo **m** [abraso] embrace

abrebottellas **m** [abreboteh-yas] bottle-opener

abrelatas **m** can-opener

abrigo **m** coat

abrigo de pieles [deh p-yel-es] fur coat

abril **m** April

abrir to open

abrochador **m** (Rpl) stapler

abrochar (Rpl) to staple

abróchense los cinturones fasten your seatbelts

abuela **f** [abwela] grandmother

abuelo **m** grandfather

abuelos **mpl** grandparents

abul [abool] (RD) good-bye

abundoso [aboondoso] (CAm, Mex) abundant

aburrido boring; bored

aburrirse [aboorreeseh] to be bored; to get bored

abusador bully

acabar to finish

acabo de ... [deh] I have just ...

acantilado **m** cliff

acavangado [akabangado] (Nic) sad

acceso a ... access to ...

acceso al andén to the trains

acceso playa to the beach

accidente **m** [akseedenteh] accident

tener un accidente [tenair] to have an accident

accidente de auto [deh] car accident

accidente de montaña [montanya] 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

acere **m** [asaireh] (Cu) friend, pal  
 acero **m** [asairo] steel  
 acetona **f** [asetona] nail polish remover  
 achantado (CAm, Col) down  
 aciguambado (Guat) [aseeg-wambado] stupid  
 achicar (Pe) to have a wee  
 achicarse (Arg) to get frightened  
 achurar (Rpl) to kill  
 ácido (**m**) [aseedo] sour; acid  
 acolchado **m** (Rpl) bedspread  
 acompañar [akompan-yar] to accompany  
 lo acompaño en el sentimiento my condolences, my thoughts are with you  
 acondicionador de pelo **m** [akondees-yonador deh] hair conditioner  
 aconsejar [akonseh-Har] to advise  
 acoplado **m** (Ch) gatecrasher; (Rpl) trailer  
 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  
 acotamiento **m** [akotamyento] (Mex) hard shoulder  
 ACPM **m** [asepeh-eme] (Col) diesel  
 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  
 adeudo **m** [ade-oodo] (Mex) debt  
 adición **f** [adees-yon] (Rpl) check, bill  
 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  
 aerosilla **f** [a-airoseeya] (Arg, Ch) chairlift  
 afanador **m**, afanadora **f** (Mex) cleaner  
 afano **m** (Rpl) rip-off  
 afeitarse [afaytarseh] to shave  
 afiche **m** [afeecheh] poster  
 aficionada **f** [afees-yonada], aficionado **m** fan, enthusiast  
 aflatado (Guat) scared  
 afortunadamente [-menteh] fortunately  
 afueras **fpl** [afwairas] suburbs

agarradera **f** handle  
 agarrar to hold, to grasp; to catch; to take  
 agarre **m** [agarreh] (Ec) lover  
 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  
 agradar to please  
 agradecer [agradesair] to thank  
 agradecido [agradeseedo] grateful  
 agradezco [agradesko] I thank  
 agresivo [agreseebo] aggressive  
 agricultor **m** farmer  
 agriparse (Mex) to catch the flu  
 agua **f** [agwa] water  
 agua de colonia [deh kolon-ya] (Mex) eau de toilette  
 agua de cuba **f** [agwa deh kooba] (Ch) bleach  
 agua de hierbas **f** [agwa deh yairbas] (CAm, Andes) herbal tea  
 agua Jane **f** [agwa Haneh] (Urug) bleach  
 agua potable [potableh] drinking water  
 aguacate **m** [agwakateh] avocado  
 aguamala **f** [agwamala] (Col, Mex) jellyfish  
 aguantar: no aguanto ... [agwanto] I can't stand ...  
 aguaviva **f** [agwabeeba] (Rpl)

jellyfish  
 águila ratonera **f** [ageela] buzzard  
 aciguambado [aseegwambado] (Guat) stupid  
 agüitar [agweetar] (Guat) to frighten  
 agüite **m** [agweeteh] (Salv) sadness  
 agujero **m** [agooHairo] hole  
 agujetas **fpl** [a-ooHetas] (Mex) 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  
 ajustador **m** (Cu) bra  
 ala **f** wing  
 ala delta **m** hang-gliding  
 alambre **m** [alambreh] wire  
 alambre de púas [deh poo-as] barbed wire  
 alargador **m** extension lead  
 alargue **m** [alargeh] (Rpl) extension lead  
 alarma **f** alarm  
 dar la señal de alarma [sen-yal deh] to raise the alarm  
 albaricoque **m** apricot  
 alberca **f** [albairka] (Mex) swimming pool  
 alberca cubierta **f** (Mex) indoor swimming pool  
 alberca infantil **f** [eenfanteel] (Mex) children's pool

albergue juvenil [albairgeh  
Hoobeneel] youth hostel  
alborotador **m** troublemaker  
alcahuete **mf** [alka-weteh] (Rpl)  
telltale  
alcoba **f** bedroom; sleeping  
compartment  
alcohómetro **m** Breathalyzer®  
alegre [alegreh] happy  
alegro: me alegre I'm pleased;  
I'm pleased to hear it  
alemán (**m**) German  
Alemania **f** [aleman-ya]  
Germany  
alérgico a [alairHeeko] allergic  
to  
alero **m** (Hond) pal  
aletas **fpl** flippers  
alfiler **m** [alfeelair] pin  
alfombra **f** rug, carpet  
algo something  
algo más something else  
algodón **m** cotton; cotton  
wool, absorbent cotton  
alguien [algen] somebody;  
anybody  
algún some; any  
alguno someone; anyone;  
one; any one  
alianza **f** [al-yansa] (Mex)  
wedding ring  
alimentos **mpl** groceries,  
foodstuffs  
aliscafo **m** (Rpl) hydrofoil  
allá: más allá [a-ya] further  
(on)  
allí [a-ye] there  
almacén **m** [almasen]  
department store;

warehouse; (CSur) grocer's,  
dry goods store  
almohada **f** [almo-ada] pillow  
almuerzo **m** [almwairso] lunch  
aló (SAm) hello  
alojamiento **m** [alOHam-yento]  
accommodation  
alojamiento y desayuno [desa-  
yoono] bed and breakfast  
alpinismo **m**  
mountaineering  
alquilar [alkeelar] to rent; to  
hire  
alquiler **m** [alkeelair] rental  
alquiler de autos car rental  
alquiler de barcos boat hire  
alquiler de bicicletas  
[beeseekletas] cycle hire  
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  
 amarrado (Mex, Col) stinky  
 amarrete stinky  
 ambia **m** [amb-ya] (Cu) pal  
 ambos both  
 ambulancia **f** [amboolans-ya] ambulance  
 América **f** [amaireeka] America; Latin America  
 América del Norte [northeh] North America  
 América del Sur South America  
 americana (**f**), americano (**m**) American; 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** [amplee-as-yon] enlargement  
 amplio broad; loose-fitting  
 ampolla **f** [ampo-ya] blister  
 ampolleta **f** [ampo-yeta] (Ch) lightbulb  
 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] (Mex) go on then!, OK!  
 andaluz [andaloos] Andalusian  
 andar to walk; to move; to work  
 andarivel **m** (Rpl) lane  
 andén **m** (CAm) sidewalk  
 andinismo **m** mountaineering  
 anémico anaemic  
 anestesia **f** [anestes-ya] anaesthetic  
 anexo **m** (Ch) extension  
 anfiteatro **m** [anfeeteh-atro] amphitheatre  
 Angeles Verdes **mpl** [angel-es baird-es] (Mex) breakdown service  
 angina (de pecho) **f** [anHeena] angina  
 anginas **fpI** tonsillitis  
 angurriente [angoorr-yento] (CSur) greedy  
 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-a-yair] the day before yesterday  
 anteojos **mpl** [anteh-ohos] glasses  
 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** [anteekonseptebo] contraceptive  
 anticongelante **m** [anteekonHelanteh] antifreeze  
 anticuado [anteekwado] out of date  
 anticuario **m** [anteekwar-yo] antiques dealer  
 antigüedades: una tienda de antigüedades [t-yenda deh anteegwedad-es] an antique shop  
 antiguo [anteegwo] old; ancient  
 antihistamínico **m** [anteeeestameeneeko] antihistamine  
 Antillas **fpl** [antee-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!  
 apagador **m** (Mex) switch  
 apagar to switch off  
 apagón **m** power cut  
 apague el motor switch off your engine  
 apague las luces switch off your lights

aparador **m** (Mex) shop window  
 aparato **m** device  
 aparatos electrodomésticos electrical appliances  
 aparecer [aparesair] to appear  
 aparezo [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  
 apolar (Urug) to sleep  
 apoplejía **f** [apopleheeh-a] stroke; fit  
 aprender [aprendair] to learn  
 aprensivo [apenseebo] fearful, apprehensive  
 apretado (Parag) stingy  
 apriete el botón para cruzar press button to cross  
 aprovechar [aprobechar] to take advantage of  
 ¡que aproveche! [keh aprobecheh] enjoy your meal!  
 aproximadamente [-menteh] about

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apunamiento **m** (CSur) altitude sickness

apurado *in a hurry*

apurarse [-arseh] *to rush, to hurry*  
¡apúrate! [apoorateh] *hurry up!*

aquel [akel] *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*

arandela **f** [arandela] (Andes) *washer*

árbol **m** *tree*

ardor de estómago **m** [deh] *heartburn*

área de servicio **m** [areh-a deh serbees-yo] *service area, motorway services*

arena **f** [areh-na] *sand*

aretes **mpl** [aret-es] *earrings*

argel [arhel] (Parag) *disgusting*

argentino (**m**) [arHenteeno] *Argentine; Argentinian*

armario **m** *cupboard*

armazón **f** (Rpl) *frame*

armería **f** [armairee-a] *gunsmith's*

aro **m** *ring; (CSur) earring*

arqueología **f** [arkeh-oloHee-a] *archaeology*

arrancar *to pull out, to tear out; to start up*

arrancarse (Pan) *to get drunk*

arranque **m** [arrankeh] *ignition*

arrecho *horny; furious; (Col, Ven) gutsy; (CAm) tough*

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*

arrocero **m** (Ven) *gatecrasher*

arroyo **m** *stream*

arruga **f** *wrinkle; (Pe) debt*

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 [pla-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  
así like this; like that  
así que so (that)  
asiento **m** [as-yento] seat  
asma **m** asthma  
asolearse [asoleh-arseh] to sunbathe  
aspiradora **f** vacuum cleaner  
asqueroso [askairoso] disgusting  
astigmático long-sighted  
astilla **f** (Cu) money  
asuntos exteriores foreign affairs  
asustado afraid  
asustar to frighten  
atacar to attack  
atado **m** (Arg) packet  
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 forzoso emergency landing  
aterrizar [atairresar] to land  
atletismo **m** athletics  
atollar [ato-yar] (CR) to hit  
atorado stuck  
atorrante [atorrankeh] (CSur) good-for-nothing  
atorarse [atorarseh] to get stuck  
atracar to mug; to hold up  
atracciones turísticas **fpl** [atraks-yon-es] tourist attractions  
atracó a mano armada **m** armed robbery, hold-up  
atractivo [atrakteebo] 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  
atreviese [atrab-yeso] I cross  
atreverse [atrebairseh] to dare  
atropellar [atropeh-yar] to knock down  
atroz [atros] dreadful  
audición **f** [owdees-yon] (Rpl) radio program(me)  
audífono **m** [owdeefono] hearing aid  
aun [a-oon] even

aún [a-oon] still; yet  
 aunque [ownkeh] although  
 auto **m** [owto] car  
 auto automático automatic  
 auto manual manual (car)  
 autobús **m** [owtoboo] bus,  
 coach, long-distance bus  
 auto-estopista **m/f** [owto-  
 estopeesta] (Mex) hitch-hiker  
 automóvil **m** [owtomobel] car  
 autopista de cuota [deh  
 kwota] (Mex) toll motorway/  
 highway  
 autopista **f** [owtopeesta]  
 motorway, freeway,  
 highway  
 auto-servicio **m** [owto-sairbees-  
 yo] self-service  
 autostop: hacer autostop  
 [asair owtostop] to hitchhike  
 autovía **f** [owtobee-a] (Mex)  
 slow, local train; dual  
 carriageway, (US) divided  
 highway  
 auxiliar **f** [owseel-yar] (Rpl) spare  
 wheel  
 avalúo **m** [abaloo-o] valuation  
 avenida **f** [abeneda] avenue  
 aventar [abentar] (Mex) to  
 throw  
 aventón: pedir aventón  
 [abenton] (Col, Mex) 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  
 avivarse [abeebarseh] to wise  
 up  
 ayer [a-yair] yesterday  
 ayer por la mañana [man-yana]  
 yesterday morning  
 ayer por la tarde [tardeh]  
 yesterday afternoon  
 ayuda **f** [a-yooda] help  
 ayudar [a-yoodar] to help  
 ayuntamiento **m** [a-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

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 baca **f** roof rack  
 bacán (Rpl) cushy; (Andes)  
 fantastic  
 bache **m** [bacheh] hole in the  
 road  
 bagayero **m** [baga-yairo] (Rpl)  
 smuggler  
 bahía **f** [ba-ee-a] bay  
 bailar [bīlar] to dance  
 ir a bailar to go dancing  
 baile **m** [bīleh] dance; dancing

- ¡bajan! [baHan] (Mex) 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  
 balaca f (Col) hair band  
 balacear [balaseh-ar] to shoot at  
 balacera f [balasaira] exchange of fire  
 balance de pagos m [balanseh] balance of payments  
 balanceo m [balanseh-yo] wheel-balancing  
 balastre [balastreh] (Salv) mean  
 balcón m balcony  
 balde m [baldeh] bucket  
 balón m ball  
 balonmano m handball  
 balsa f raft  
 balurdo (CAm, Ven) uncool, naff  
 bamba (Pe) fake  
 banana f (Pe, Rpl) banana  
 banano m (CAm) banana  
 bancar (Rpl) to put up with  
 bancario mf [bankar-yo] (CSur) bank employee  
 banco m bank; bench  
 bandeja f [bandeha] tray  
 bandera f [bandaira] flag  
 banderazo m [bandairaso] (Col, Ven) minimum charge  
 bandido m bandit  
 banqueta f [banketa] (Mex) pavement, sidewalk  
 banquina f [bankeena] (Rpl) hard shoulder  
 bañadera f [ban-yadaira] (Arg) bath  
 bañarse [ban-yarseh] to go swimming; to have a bath/shower  
 bañazo [ban-yaso] (CR) ridiculous  
 bañera f [ban-yaira] bathtub; (Arg) lifeguard  
 bañero (Arg) lifeguard  
 baño m [ban-yo] bathroom; toilet, rest room; bath  
 baños mpl toilets, rest room  
 baraja f [baraha] pack of cards  
 barata f (Ch) cockroach  
 barato cheap, inexpensive  
 barba f chin; beard  
 barbacoa f barbecue; barbecued meat  
 bárbaro [barbaro] (Rpl) great, fantastic  
 barbería f [barbairee-a] barber's shop  
 barbero m [barbairo] barber  
 barco (m) boat; (Hond) undemanding  
 barco de remo [deh] rowing boat  
 barco de vela [bela] sailing boat  
 barcos para alquilar boats to rent

**barra** **f** (Andes, Mex) wall  
**barra de labios** **f** [deh lab-yos] (Mex) lipstick  
**barriada** **f** shanty town  
**barrilete** **m** [barreeleteh] (Arg) kite  
**barrio** **m** [barr-yo] district, area; neighbourhood; ghetto  
**barullento** [barooyento] (Rpl) noisy  
**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; (CR) man  
**batería** **f** [batairee-a] battery; drum kit  
**batería de cocina** [deh koseena] pots and pans  
**baúl** **m** [ba-ool] (Col, Rpl) boot, (US) trunk  
**bautismo** **m** [bowteesmo] christening  
**bayuncada** (**f**) [ba-yoonkada] (Salv) silly thing, silly remark; (Nic) rude  
**bebé** **m** [beh-beh] baby  
**beber** [bebair] to drink  
**béisbol** **m** [baysbol] baseball  
**bejuco** **m** [behooko] (Cu) telephone  
**Belice** [beleseh] Belize  
**bello** [beh-yo] beautiful  
**bemba** **f** thick lips  
**bencina** **f** [benseena] (Ch) petrol, (US) gasoline

**bencinera** **f** (Ch) petrol/gas station, filling station  
**berma** **f** (Andes) hard shoulder  
**besar** to kiss  
**beso** **m** kiss  
**betún** **m** [betoon] shoe polish  
**biberón** **m** baby's bottle  
**biblioteca** **f** [beebi-yoteka] library; bookcase  
**bicha** **f** [beecha] (Cu) prostitute  
**bicicleta** **f** [beeseekleta] bicycle  
**bicicleta de carreras** **f** [karrairas] racing bike  
**bicicleta de montaña** **f** [montan-ya] mountain bike  
**bicicletear** [beeseekleleh-ar] (Arg) to avoid  
**biel** **f** [bee-el] (Ec) beer  
**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** [beefookas-yon] fork  
**bigote** **m** [beegoteh] moustache  
**bilet** **m** [beelet] (Mex) lipstick  
**billete** **m** [bee-yeteh] banknote, (US) bill  
**billuzo** **m** [bee-yooso] (Ec) money  
**binóculos** **mpl** [beenokoolos] binoculars  
**birome** **m** [beeromeh] (Rpl) biro®

birra **f** (SAm) beer  
 birrioso **m** [beerr-yoso] (Pan)  
 sportsman  
 bizcocho [beeskocho] (Col)  
 attractive  
 blanco (**m**) white  
 blanqueador **m** [blankeh-ador]  
 (Col, Mex) bleach  
 bloomer **m** (Cu) knickers,  
 panties  
 blusa **f** blouse  
 boa boa; (Hond) crawler  
 boca **f** mouth  
 bochinche **m** [bocheencheh]  
 brawl  
 boda **f** wedding  
 bodega **f** wine cellar; (Cu, Pe,  
 Ven) grocer's, dry goods store  
 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  
 boliche **m** [bolecheh] (Bol, Rpl)  
 bar  
 bolígrafo **m** ballpoint pen  
 bolita **f** (CSur) marble  
 bolo **m** (CAm) drunkard; (Ven)  
 bolivar  
 bolsa **f** (Mex) 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  
 bolsista **m** [bolseesta] (Mex)  
 pickpocket  
 bolso **m** handbag, (US) purse  
 boludo (Col, Rpl, Ven) idiot  
 bomba **f** bomb; (Andes, Ven)  
 petrol/gas station, filling  
 station  
 bomba de gas [deh] camping  
 gas cylinder  
 bombachas **fpl** (Rpl) knickers,  
 panties  
 bomberos **mpl** [bombairos] fire  
 brigade  
 bombeta (CR) arrogant  
 bombilla **f** [bombeeya] light-  
 bulb  
 bombillo **m** [bombeeyo] (Col,  
 Ven) lightbulb  
 bombita **f** (Rpl) lightbulb  
 bordado embroidered  
 borracho drunk  
 bosque **m** [boskeh] forest  
 bostezo (**m**) [bosteso] yawn;  
 (CR) boring  
 bota **f** boot  
 botanas **fpl** (Mex) snacks  
 botar to throw away  
 bote **m** [boteh] (Mex, Nic, Ven) jail  
 botella **f** [boteh-ya] bottle  
 botiquín **m** [botekeen] first-aid  
 kit  
 botón **m** button  
 botón desatascador coin  
 return button  
 boxeo **m** [bokseh-o] boxing  
 boya **f** buoy



**bracero m** [brasairo] (Mex) migrant labourer from Mexico to the US  
**bragas fpl** pants, panties  
**brasier m** [bras-yair] (Mex) bra  
**brasileira (f)** [braseelaira], **brasileiro (m)** Brazilian  
**brazo m** [braso] arm  
**bretear** [bretēh-ar] (CR) to work  
**bretel m** (CSur) strap  
**brevete m** [brebēteh] (Pe) driving licence  
**bricolaje m** [breekolāheh] DIY, do-it-yourself  
**brillar** [bree-yar] to shine  
**brincar** to jump  
**brisa f** breeze  
**británico** British  
**brocha de afeitar f** [deh afaytar] (Mex) shaving brush  
**broche m** [brochēh] brooch  
**bronca f** row; anger  
**bronce m** [bronseh] bronze  
**bronceado (m)** [bronseh-ado] suntan; suntanned  
**bronceador m** [bronseh-ador] suntan oil/lotion  
**bronquitis f** [bronkeētees] bronchitis  
**brújula f** [broohoola] compass  
**bruta f** [broota] (Hond) beer  
**bruto** stupid  
**buay m** [bwa-ee] (Pan) kid  
**bucear** [booseh-ar] to skin-dive  
**buceo m** [booseh-o] skin-diving  
**buchaca f** (Guat) mouth

**buco** (Pan) a lot of  
**buenas noches** [bwenas noch-es] good night  
**buenas tardes** [tard-es] good afternoon; good evening  
**bueno** [bweno] good; good-natured; hello  
**buenos días** [dee-as] good morning  
**bufanda f** scarf  
**bufear** [boofēh-ar] (RD) to goof around  
**bufete m** [boofēteh] lawyer's office  
**buitre m** [bweetreh] buzzard, vulture; (Ec) traffic police  
**buitrear** [bweetreh-ar] (Parag) to throw up  
**bujía f** [boohēe-a] spark plug  
**bulto m** package; lump, swelling  
**buroca f** (Guat) protest  
**burro m** donkey; (Mex) ironing board  
**burundanga f** (Pan) junk food  
**buscapietos m** [booskaplaytos] troublemaker  
**buscar** to look for  
**buseta f** (Col, Ecu) bus  
**busqué** [booskeh] I looked for  
**butacas fpl** stalls  
**buzo m** (Ch, Pe) tracksuit, (US) sweats  
**buzón m** [booson] letter box, postbox, mailbox

## C

c/ street

caballeros **mpl** [kaba-yairos]  
gents, men's rest roomcaballo **m** [kaba-yo] horsecaballos **mpl** (CR) trousers,  
pantscabaña **f** [kaban-ya] beach hut;  
(Mex) goalcabello **m** [kabe-ho] haircabeza **f** [kabesa] head

cabida ... personas

capacity ... people

cabina telefónica **f** telephone  
booth, phone boxcable **m** [kableh] wirecable de extensión **m** [deh  
ekstens-yon] extension leadcabra **f** goat

cabritas (Ch) popcorn

cabrón **m** bastardcachetada **f** slap in the facecachifo **m** (Ec, Ven) servantcachilo **m** (Rpl) old bangercachimbón [kacheembon] (Salv)  
coolcachina **f** (Ec) clothescachucha **f** (Andes, CAm, Mex)

cap

cacto **m** cactus

cada every

cada vez (que) [bes (keh)]  
every time (that)cadena **f** chaincadera **f** [kadaira] hipcadete **m** [kadeteh] (Rpl) errand  
boy

caduca ... expires ...

caer [ka-air] to fall

caerse [ka-airseh] to fall over,  
to fall down

café [kafeh] coffee; café

cafetera **f** [kafetaira] coffee potcafetería **f** [kafetairee-a] bar-  
type restaurant; coffee shopcafúa **f** [kafoo-a] (Rpl) slammer

cagarla to screw up

caída **f** [ka-eeda] fallcaimán **m** [kiman] alligatorcaites **mpl** [kītes] (CR) old  
shoescaja **f** [kaHa] cash desk, till;  
cashiercaja de ahorros [deh a-orros]  
savings bankcaja de cambios [kamb-yos]  
gearboxcaja de dientes **f** (Col) den-  
turescajera **f** [kaHaira], cajero **m**  
cashier

cajero automático

[owtomateeko] cashpoint,  
automatic teller, ATMcajeta **f** [kaHeta] (Mex) fudgecajetilla **f** [kaHete-e-ya] packet,  
(US) packcajilla **f** [kaHee-ya] (Rpl) packetcajuela **f** [kaHwela] (Mex) boot  
(of car), (US) trunkcajuelita **f** [kaHweleeta] (CAm,  
Mex) glove compartmentcalambre **m** [kalambreh] cramp

calancho (Bol) naked

calandria **f** [kalandr-ya] (Mex)  
carriage

- calaveras **fpl** [kalabairas] (Mex)  
rear lights, sidelights
- calcetines **mpl** [kalseteen-es]  
socks
- calculadora **f** calculator
- caldero **m** (Pe) hangover
- calefacción **f** [kalefaks-yon]  
heating
- calefacción central [sentral]  
central heating
- calefón **m** [kalefon] (Rpl) (water)  
heater
- calendario **m** [-dar-yo] calendar
- calesita **f** (Rpl) merry-go-round
- caleta **f** (Ec) house
- calidad **f** [kaleeda] quality
- caliente [kal-yenteh] hot
- callampas **fpl** [ka-yampas] (Ch)  
shanty town
- calle **f** [ka-yeh] street
- calle comercial [komairs-yal]  
shopping street
- calle de sentido único one-way street
- calle peatonal [peh-atonal]  
pedestrianized street
- calle principal [preensepal]  
main street
- callejón **m** [ka-yeh-Hon] lane,  
alley
- callejón sin salida cul-de-sac,  
dead end
- 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 **f** [kalsa] (Col) filling (in  
tooth)
- calza: ¿qué número calza?  
[keh noomairo kalsa] what is  
your shoe size?
- calzada deteriorada poor road  
surface
- calzada **f** [kalsada] street
- calzada irregular uneven  
surface
- calzados shoe shop
- calzoncillos **mpl** [kalsonsee-yos]  
underpants
- calzones **mpl** [kalson-es] (Mex)  
underpants
- calzonetas **fpl** (CAm) knickers,  
panties
- cama **f** bed
- cama de campaña [deh  
kampan-ya] campbed
- cama individual [eendeebeedwal]  
single bed
- cama matrimonial [matreemonyal]  
double bed
- cámara **f** camera; inner tube
- cámara fotográfica camera
- camarín **m** (Mex) sleeping  
berth
- camarote **m** [kamaroteh] cabin
- cambalache **m** [kambalacheh]  
swap; (Hond) favour
- 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**

cambur **m** (Ven) **banana**

camellar **[kameh-yar]** (Col) **trabajar**

camellón **m** **[kameh-yon]** (Mex) **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]** (C. Am, Mex) **bus**

camioneta **f** **[kam-yoneta]** **van**

camisa **f** **shirt**

camiseta **f** **T-shirt; vest**

camisón **m** **nightdress**

campana **f** **bell**

campana **f** **[kampan-ya]** (Guat) **favour**

campesino **m** **peasant farmer**

camping **m** **camping; campsite; caravan site, trailer park**

campo **m** **countryside; pitch; court; field**

campo de deportes **[deh deport-es]** **sports field**

campo de fútbol **football ground**

campo de golf **golf course**

cana **f** (Col, Cu, Ven) **jail**

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**

candela: en candela (Cu) **in danger**

caneca de la basura **f** **[kaneka]** (Col) **bin, dustbin**

canguro **m/f** (Mex) **baby-sitter**

canilla **f** (Rpl) **tap, (US) faucet**

canillita **mf** **[kaneeyeta]** (CSur) **newspaper vendor**

canoa **f** **canoe; skiff**

canoso **greying; grey**

canotaje **m** **[kanotaheh]** (SAm) **canoeing**

cansado **tired**

cansón **m** **[kanson]** (Col, Ven) **annoying**

cansona **f** **[kansona]** (Col, Ven) **annoying**

cantaleta: la misma cantaleta **the same old story**

cantar **to sing**

cantegril **m** (Urug) **shanty town**

cantimplora **f** **[kanteemplora]** **water bottle; (Nic) poof**

cantina **f** (exc Rpl) **bar**

canto **m** **song; singing**

caña **f** **[kan-ya]** **sugar cane; sugar cane liquor; (Pe) car**

caña de pescar **[deh]** **fishing rod**

cañdonga **[kan-yandong]** (Ven) **booze**

cañaveral **m** **sugar cane plantation**

cañería **f** **[kan-yairee-a]** **pipes**

cañero **mf** [kan-yairo] plantation worker  
 caño **m** [kan-yo] (Rpl) exhaust; (Pe) faucet  
 caño de escape [eskapeh] (Rpl) exhaust  
 cañón **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  
 caquero [kakairo] (Guat) arrogant  
 cara **f** face  
 carcacha **f** (Col, Mex) banger  
 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 the hell?  
 caravana **f** caravan, (US) trailer; (Urug) earring  
 carburador **m** carburettor  
 cárcel **f** [karsel] prison  
 careta **f** [kareta] (Col) snorkel  
 Carey **m** [karay] tortoiseshell  
 Caribe: el Caribe [kareebeh] the Caribbean  
 caricaturas **fpl** cartoons  
 cariño **m** [kareen-yo] love;

affection  
 carnal **m** (Mex) mate  
 carne de chancho **f** [karneh deh chancho] (Ch, Pe) pork  
 carne de marrano **f** [karneh deh marrano] (Col) pork  
 carné **m** (Ch) driving licence  
 carnet de chofer **m** [chofair] (Mex) driving licence  
 carnet de identidad **m** [deh eedenteeda] (Mex) identity card  
 carnicería **f** [karneesairee-a] butcher's  
 caro expensive  
 carpa **f** large tent, marquee  
 carpeta **f** (Cu) reception  
 carpintería **f** [karpeentairee-a] joiner's, carpenter's  
 carrera **f** [karraira] race; career; (Mex, Col, Ven) parting, (US) part  
 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 [portaekeepaH-es] baggage trolley

carro **m** car  
 carro rentado **m** rented car  
 carrocería **f** [karrosairee-a] bodywork  
 carro-comedor **m** buffet car, restaurant car  
 carrusel **m** (Col, Ven) merry-go-round  
 carta **f** letter; menu  
 cartel **m** poster  
 cartelera de espectáculos **f** [kartelaira deh] entertainments guide  
 cartera **f** [kartaira] briefcase; handbag; 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 [kamb-yo] **bureau de change**  
 casa de huéspedes [deh wespel-es] **guesthouse**  
 casa de socorro **emergency first-aid centre**  
 casa rodante (Col, Rpl, Ven) **caravan, (US) trailer**  
 casaca **f** (Guat) **lie**  
 casado **married**  
 casarse [kasarseh] **to get married**  
 cascada **f** **waterfall**  
 cáscara **f** **shell; peel; rind; skin**

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**  
 catire [kateereh] (Ven) **blond**  
 católico (m) **Catholic**  
 catorce [katorseh] **fourteen**  
 catracho (m) (Hond) **Honduran**  
 caucho **m** [kowcho] (Col) **elastic band; rubber**  
 causa **f** [kowsa] **cause**  
 cauteloso [kowlotelo] **cautious; careful**  
 cayó [ka-yo] **he/she fell**  
 caza **f** [kasa] **hunting**  
 cazadora **f** [kasadora] **bomber jacket, blouson jacket; (CR) bus**  
 cazar [kasar] **to hunt**  
 cazuela **f** [kaswela] **casserole; saucepan**  
 c/c **current account**  
 cebador **m** [sebador] (Rpl) **choke**

- 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 kam-yonaira] (Mex) **main bus station**  
 central de autobuses [deh owtobooS-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 de salud [deh saloo] **health centre**  
 centro deportivo **sports 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**  
 cerillo **m** [sairree-yo] (CAm, Mex) **match**  
 cero [sairo] **zero**  
 cerquillo **m** [sairkee-yo] **fringe, (US) bangs**  
 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** [sairoHo] **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] (Mex) **shopping basket**  
 chabacano **m** (Mex) **apricot**  
 chafa **m** (Guat) **soldier; (Hond) police officer**  
 chaleca **f** [chaleka] (Ch) **cardigan**  
 chaleco **m** [chaleko] **waistcoat, (US) vest**

- chaleco salvavidas**  
 [salbabeedas] life-jacket  
**chalet m** [chaleh] villa  
**chalupa f** (Mex, CA, Col)  
 dugout  
**chama mf** (Cu) kid  
**chamaco m** (CA, Cu, Mex) kid  
**chamarra f** (Mex) woollen  
 jacket; waistcoat, (US) vest  
**chamba f** (Mex, Pe, Ven) work  
**chamo m** (Ven) kid  
**champion m** [champee-on]  
 (Urug) trainer  
**champú m** shampoo  
**chance m** [chanseh] opportu-  
 nity, chance  
**chancha f** (Pe) whip-round  
**chancla f** (Col) slipper  
**chancuaco m** [chankwako]  
 (Guat) cigarette  
**chángana f** (Cu) fight  
**changarro m** (Mex) small store  
**chante m** [chanteh] (CR) lazy-  
 ness; (Guat) home  
**chantin f** [chanteen] (Pan) house  
**chao** bye-bye  
**chapa f** (Rpl) number plate, (US)  
 license plate; (Col, Mex) lock  
**chapapote m** [chapapoteh] (Mex)  
 tar; pitch  
**chaparro** (Mex) very small  
**chaparrón m** shower;  
 downpour  
**chapín** (CA, Mex) Guatemalan  
**chapulín m** (CA, Mex) grass-  
 hopper  
**chaqueta f** [chaketa] cardigan;  
 jacket  
**charcutería f** [charkootairee-a]  
 (Mex) delicatessen  
**charlar** to chat  
**charola f** (Andes, CA, Mex) tray  
**charrallear** (Hond) to burn  
**charreada f** [charreh-ada] (Mex)  
 horse-riding display,  
 rodeo  
**charro m** (Mex) horseman  
**chasquilla f** [chaskee-ya] (Ch)  
 fringe, (US) bangs  
**chato** (Mex) snub-nosed  
**chauchas fpl** [chowchas] (Rpl)  
 runner beans  
**chava f** [chaba] (Mex) girl  
**chavo m** (Mex) boy  
**chaya** (Hond) mean  
**checar** (Mex) to check  
**chela f** beer  
**chele** [cheleh] (CA) blond  
**chepa f** (Hond) police  
**cheque de viajero m** [chekeh  
 deh b-yañairo] traveller's  
 cheque  
**chequera f** [chekaira] cheque  
 book  
**cheto** (Rpl) posh  
**cheve f** [chebeh] (Guat) beer  
**chévere** [chebairh] (Andes)  
 great, fun  
**chibolo m** (Pe) kid  
**chica f** girl  
**chichi f** (Mex) breast, tit  
**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  
 chimbilín **m** (Pan) money  
 chimbo (Col) fake; (Ven) lousy  
 china **f** [cheena] (RD) orange  
 chinampa **f** (Mex) man-made island  
 chinche **m** [cheencheh] drawing pin, (US) thumbtack; bug  
 chingadera: ¡qué chingadera! [keh cheengadaira] (Mex) what a fuck-up!  
 chingar (Mex) to fuck  
 chingo: un chingo de [deh] (Mex) loads of  
 chino (**m**) Chinese; (Mex) curly  
 chiquear [cheekeh-ar] (Parag) to check  
 chiringue [cheereengeh] (CR) funny  
 chirote [cheeroteh] (Salv) naked  
 chiste **m** [cheesteh] joke  
 chiva (**f**) [cheeba] (CR) great; (Ec) bicycle  
 chivato **m** (RD) informer  
 chivo **m** (Mex) wages; (Cu) bicycle; (Pe) poof  
 chocar con to run into  
 choclo **m** (SAM) sweetcorn  
 chocolate con leche **m** [chokolatoh kon lecheh] milk chocolate  
 chofer **m** [chofair] driver  
 chompa **f** (Col, Ec) jacket; (Bol, Pe) sweater; (Arg) polo shirt  
 chop **m** (Ch) beer  
 choque **m** [chokeh] crash; clash  
 chorros: a chorros loads  
 choya **f** (Hond, Guat) laziness

choyado (Salv) mad  
 chubasco **m** sudden short shower  
 chubasquero **m** [choobaskairo] cagoule  
 chuleta **m** (Hond) poof  
 chulo **m** (Col) buzzard, vulture  
 chulón (Salv) naked  
 chupa **f** (Ven) dummy, (US) pacifier  
 chupar to drink (alcohol)  
 chupete **m** [choopeteh] dummy (baby's); (Ch, Pe) lollipop  
 chupo **m** (Col) dummy (baby's)  
 churrasco **m** roast meat  
 churro (SAM) gorgeous  
 Cía. company  
 cicatriz **f** [seekatrees] scar  
 ciclismo **m** [seekleesmo] cycling  
 ciclista **m/f** [seekleesta] cyclist  
 ciclovia **f** cycle lane  
 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** [seentooro] waist; waist measurement

cinturón **m** [seentooron] belt  
 cinturón de seguridad [deh  
 segooreeda] seat belt  
 cipote **m** [seepoteh] (Hond) kid  
 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  
 ciudadano **m** city dweller  
 ciudad **f** [s-yooda] town, city  
 ciudad perdida (Mex) shanty  
 town  
 claro clear; light  
 ¡claro! of course!  
 clase **f** [klaseh] class  
 clasificado **m** classified ad  
 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** [kobeeha] rug, blanket  
 cobrar to charge; to earn  
 cobre **m** [kobreh] copper  
 cocaleca **f** (RD) pop corn  
 cocer [kosair] to boil  
 coche-cama **m** sleeper,  
 sleeping car

cocheche [kochecheh] (Nic)  
 poof  
 cochecito **m** [kocheseeto] pram  
 coche-comedor **m** [kocheh  
 komedor] dining car  
 cochera **f** (Mex) garage  
 cocina **f** [koseena] kitchen  
 cocinar [koseenar] to cook  
 cocinera **f** [koseenaira],  
 cocinero **m** cook  
 cocuyos **mpl** [kokoo-yos] (Col,  
 Ven) sidelights  
 código de la circulación **m**  
 highway code  
 código postal **m** [pos-tal]  
 postcode, zip code  
 codo **m** elbow  
 cofre **m** [kofreh] (Mex) bonnet,  
 hood  
 coger [kohair] (Mex, Rpl, Ven) to  
 fuck  
 coger botella [boteh-ya] (Cu) to  
 hitch-hike  
 coima **f** [koyma] (CSur, Pe)  
 bribe  
 cojo **m** [kohoh] person with a  
 limp  
 cojudo [kohoodo] (Ec) stupid  
 cola **f** tail; queue  
 hacer cola to queue  
 pedir cola (Ven) to hitch-hike  
 colado **m** gatecrasher  
 colcha **f** bedspread  
 colchón **m** mattress  
 colchoneta inflable **f**  
 [eenflableh] air mattress  
 colección **f** [koleks-yon]  
 collection  
 colecta **f** whip-round

- colectivo **m** [kolekteebo] collective taxi; (Arg, Ven) bus
- colegio **m** [koleH-yo] school
- collar **m** [ko-yar] necklace
- colocar to place, to put
- colonia **f** [koloñ-ya] (Mex) urban district
- color **m** colour
- colorete **m** [koloreteh] blusher
- columna vertebral **f** spine
- comadre **f** [komadreh] godmother; mother of one's godchild
- combi **m** (Mex, Pe, Rpl) collective taxi, minibus
- combustible **m** [komboosteebileh] fuel
- comedor **m** dining room
- comenzar [komensar] to begin
- comer [komair] to eat
- comercial **m** [komairs-yal] advert
- comerciante **m** [komairs-yanteh] shopkeeper; dealer
- comicios **mpl** [komees-yos] elections
- comida **f** lunch; food; meal
- comidas para llevar [yevar] 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; father of one's godchild
- compañera **f** [kompan-yaira] girlfriend
- compañero **m** mate; boyfriend
- compañía **f** [kompan-yee-a] company
- compañía aérea [a-aireh-a] airline
- comparar to compare
- compartir to share
- compinche **m** [kompeencheh] friend, pal
- 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 (Mex) engaged, busy, occupied
- con with
- concha **f** shell
- concientizar [kons-yenteesar] make aware

concierto **m** [kons-yairto] concert  
 condenar **to** sentence  
 condición: a condición de que [kondees-yon deh keh] on condition that  
 condominio **m** apartment block  
 condón **m** condom  
 confección **f** [konfeks-yon] clothing industry  
 confecciones **fpl** [konfeks-yon-es] ready-to-wear clothes  
 conferencia internacional **f** [konfairrens-ya eentairnas-yonal] (Mex) international call  
 conferencia interurbana (Mex) long-distance call  
 confesar **to** admit; to confess  
 confiable [konf-yableh] reliable  
 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** [konmos-yon 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  
 consérvase 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**  
 conversa **f** [konbairsa] **chat**  
 coñudo [kon-yoodo] (Ec) **stingy**  
 copa **f** wine glass  
 coquetear [koketeh-ar] **to flirt**  
 corazón **m** [korason] **heart**  
 corbata **f** tie, necktie  
 corchete **m** [korcheteh] (Ch)  
 staple  
 corchetera **f** (Ch) **stapler**  
 cordillera **f** [kordee-yaira]  
 mountain range  
 cordón **m** (Cu, Rpl) **kerb**  
 cordones **mpl** [kordon-es]  
 shoelaces  
 corona [korona] **crown**  
 corpiño **m** [korppeen-yo] (Rpl) **bra**  
 correa del ventilador **f** [korreh-a  
 del benteelador] **fan belt**  
 correo **m** [korreh-o] **post, mail;**  
**post office**  
 correo aéreo [a-airh-o] **airmail**  
 correo central [sen-tral] **main**  
**post office**  
 correo terrestre [tairrestreh]  
 surface mail  
 correo urgente [oorhente]

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 [kortarse] **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  
 crespo (Col, CSur, Ven) curly  
 creyó [kreh-yo] he/she believed  
 criticar to criticize  
 crocante [krokanteh] (Rpl) crunchy  
 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** (CAm, Mex) hangover  
 Cruz Roja **f** [kroos roHa] Red Cross  
 cruzar [kroosar] to cross  
 cuaderno **m** [kwadairno] notebook  
 cuadra **f** [kwadra] block  
 está a dos cuadras 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?  
 cuanto: en cuanto ... as soon as ...  
 ¿cuánto? [kwanto] how much? ¡cuánto lo lamento! I'm so sorry!

¿cuántos? how many?  
 cuarenta [kwarenta] forty  
 cuartel **m** [kwartel] 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 [eendeebeedwal] single room  
 cuarto piso fourth floor, (US) fifth floor  
 cuate **m** [kwateh] (Mex) friend, pal; twin  
 cuatro [kwatro] four  
 cuatrocientos [kwatros-yentos] four hundred  
 cubeta **f** [koobeta] (Mex) bucket  
 cubierta **f** [koob-yairta] deck  
 cubierto (**m**) covered; overcast; menu  
 cubiertos **mpl** cutlery  
 cubo **m** [koobo] (Mex) bucket; cube; bin  
 cubo de la basura [deh] (Mex) dustbin, trashcan  
 cucaracha **f** cockroach  
 cuchara **f** spoon  
 cucharilla **f** [koocharee-ya] teaspoon

cuchillería **f** [koochee-yairee-a]  
cutlery

cuchillo **m** [koochee-yo] knife

cucho **m** (Ch, Ec) cat

hacerse el cucho to act  
dumb

cucos **mpl** (Col) knickers,  
panties

cucufate **m** [kookoofateh] (Guat)  
bottom, bum

cueco [kweko] (Pan) poof  
cuelgue, espere y retire la  
tarjeta hang up, wait and  
remove card

cueño **m** [kweh-yo] neck; collar

cuenta **f** [kwenta] bill, (US)  
check; account

cuenta corriente [korr-yenteh]  
current account

cuentas **pl** beads

cuento **m** [kwento] tale

cuerda **f** [kwairda] rope;  
string; (RD) anger

cuerito **m** [kwairreto] (CSur)  
washer

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

cuilia **f** [kweel-ya] (Salv) police  
culear [kooleh-ar] (SAm) to fuck

culebra **f** snake

culo **m** [koolo] bottom; back;  
rear

culpa **f** fault, blame; guilt  
es culpa mía it's my fault

culturismo **m** body building

cumbancha **f** (Cu) party

cúmbila **m/f** (Cu) pal

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

pagar en cuotas to pay by  
instalments

cura **m** priest

curado cured; drunk; smoked

curar to cure; to heal

curarse [kooarseh] to heal up  
curda: ¡tenía una curda! [koo-  
da] (Parag) he was so drunk!

curepa (mf) (Parag) Argentine

currular (Cu) to work

curva **f** [kooorba] bend; curve

curva peligrosa dangerous  
bend

cutear [kooteh-ar] (Hond) to throw up  
 cuyo [koo-yo] whose; of which

## D

D. (Don) Mr.  
 D.F. **m** [deh efeh] Mexico City  
 damas **fpl** draughts, (US) checkers; ladies' toilet, ladies' room  
 damasco **m** (CSur) apricot  
 danés [dan-es] Danish  
 danza **f** [dansa] dancing; dance  
 danzón **m** [danson] (Mex) 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  
 dcha. (derecha) right  
 de [deh] of; from  
 de dos metros de alto two metres high  
 debajo de [debaHo deh] under  
 deber (**m**) [debair] to have to; to owe; duty  
 deberes **mpl** [debair-es] homework  
 débil weak  
 decepción **f** [deseps-yon] disappointment  
 decepcionado [deseps-yonado] disappointed  
 decidir [deseeder] 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  
 defensa **f** (Mex) bumper, (US) fender  
 dejar [deh-Har] to leave; to let  
 dejar de beber [deh bebair] to stop drinking  
 delante de [delanteh] in front of  
 delantera **f** [delantaira] front (part)  
 delantero front; forward  
 la parte delantera [parteh] the front (part)  
 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?  
 demorón (Andes, Rpl): es demorón he is always late  
 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  
 [amueblado] furnished  
 apartment  
 departamento sin amueblar  
 [amueblar] 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, (US)  
 sneakers  
 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 [desa-yonar] to

have breakfast  
 desayuno **m** [desa-yoono]  
 breakfast  
 descansar to rest  
 descanso **m** interval; landing  
 descarado cheeky  
 descarrilarse to be derailed  
 deschongue **m** [deschongeh]  
 (Salv) racket  
 descolgar el aparato lift  
 receiver  
 descomponerse  
 [deskomponairseh] to break  
 down  
 descompostura breakdown,  
 mechanical problem  
 descompuesto [deskompwesto]  
 broken; broken down  
 descorchador **m** (Andes, Rpl)  
 corkscrew  
 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 deseh-a]  
 what can I do for you?

- desembarcadero m**  
 [desembarkada<sup>ai</sup>ro] 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  
**deslizador m** (Mex) hang-glid-  
 ing  
**desmadre m** [desmadreh] (Mex)  
 chaos; mess  
 ¡qué desmadre! [keh] what a  
 bloody mess!  
**desmaquillarse** [desmakee-  
 yarseh] to remove one's  
 make-up  
**desmayarse** [desma-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**  
 [owtomateeko] ticket machine  
**despachar** to check in  
**despacho de petróleo m** [deh  
 petroleh-o] (Mex) 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<sup>ado</sup>] clear  
**despelote m** [despeloteh] mess  
**despertador m** [despairtador]  
 alarm clock  
**despertar** to wake  
**despertarse** [-tarseh] to wake  
 up  
**despiche m** [despeecheh] (CR)  
 disorder  
**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  
 deuda **f** [deh-ooda] debt  
 devolver [debolbair] to give back; to vomit  
 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 [fair-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 [deeboonar] to draw  
 dibujos animados **mpl** [deeboohos] cartoons

diccionario **m** [deeks-yonar-yo] dictionary  
 dice [deeseh] he/she says; you say  
 dicho [deecho] said  
 diciembre **m** [dees-yembreh] December  
 diecinueve [d-yeseenwebeh] nineteen  
 dieciocho [d-yeseo-och] eighteen  
 dieciséis [d-yeseesays] sixteen  
 diecisiete [d-yesees-yeteh] seventeen  
 diente **m** [d-yenteh] tooth  
 dieron [d-yairon] they gave; you gave  
 diesel **m** [deesel] 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  
 digitar [deehheetar] to key  
 digo I say  
 dije [deeh] I said  
 dijeron [deehairon] they said; you said  
 dijiste [deehceesteh] you said  
 dijo [deeho] 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  
 direccional **f** [deereks-yon-al]  
 (Col, Mex) indicator  
 director **m**, directora **f**  
 manager; director;  
 headteacher  
 directorio **m** telephone  
 directory  
 dirigir [deereeHeer] to direct;  
 to lead  
 disco **m** record  
 disconformidad **f**  
 [deeskonformeeda]  
 disagreement  
 discoteca **f** music 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] (Mex)  
 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 postcode, zip  
 code  
 disuélvase en agua dissolve  
 in water  
 divertido [deebairteedo]  
 entertaining; funny  
 divertirse [deebairteerseh] to  
 have a good time  
 divisas **fp** [deebeesas] foreign  
 currency  
 divorciado [deebors-yado]  
 divorced  
 divorciarse [deebors-yarseh] to  
 divorce  
 divorcio **m** [deebors-yo] divorce  
 divulgar [deeboolgar] to  
 publicize  
 dizque [deeskeh] (Andes, Mex)  
 apparently, supposedly  
 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 cabeza [kabesa]  
 headache  
 dolor de garganta [deh] sore  
 throat  
 dolor de muelas [mwelas]  
 toothache

dolor de oídos [o-**eedos**]  
earache  
doloroso **painful**  
domicilio **m** [domee**seel**-yo]  
place of residence  
domingo **m** Sunday  
domingos y feriados **Sundays**  
and public holidays  
donativa **f** donations  
donde [don**deh**] where  
¿dónde? where?  
donjuán **m** [don**Hwan**] woman-  
izer  
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** [drogade**ekto**]  
drug addict  
drogado **drugged**; (Mex) **in**  
**debt**  
drogarse [drogarse**h**] **to take**  
**drugs**; (Mex) **to get into**  
**debt**  
droguería **f** [drogaire**ee**-a]  
drugstore  
ducha **f** shower  
ducharse [doo**charseh**] **to have**  
**a shower**  
dudar **to doubt**; **to hesitate**  
duele [dwe**leh**] **it hurts**  
dulce [dool**seh**] **sweet**; **gentle**

dulces **mpl** [dool**ses**] **sweets**,  
**candies**  
dunas **fpl** sand dunes  
dundo (Nic) **stupid**  
durante [door**anteh**] **during**  
Durex® **m** Sellotape®, Scotch  
tape®  
duro **hard**; (Pan) **stingy**, **mean**

## E

e [eh] **and**  
E **parking**  
echar **to throw**; **to throw**  
**away**  
echar al buzón [boos**on**] **to**  
**post**, **to mail**  
echar al correo [korreh-**o**] **to**  
**post**, **to mail**  
echar dedo (Col) **to hitch-**  
**hike**  
echar el cerrojo [sairro**Ho**] **to**  
**bolt**  
echar sangre [sangreh] **to**  
**bleed**  
echarse la siesta [e**charseh**] **to**  
**have a nap**  
echarse un polvo **to have a**  
**shag**  
ecobio **m** [ekob-**yo**] (Cu) **pal**  
**ecológico** [ekolo**Heeko**]  
**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 [edeefeēs-yo]  
 building  
 edredón m quilt, eiderdown;  
 duvet  
 educado polite  
 EE.UU. (Estados Unidos) USA  
 efectivo: en efectivo [efekteēbo]  
 in cash  
 egresado m graduate  
 eje m [eHeh] axle  
 eje del cigüeñal [seegwen-yal]  
 crankshaft  
 ejemplo m [eHemplo] example  
 por ejemplo for example  
 ejidatario m [eHeedatar-yo] (Mex)  
 member of an agricultural  
 community  
 ejido m [eHeedo] (Mex)  
 communal land  
 el the  
 él he; him  
 elástico elastic; (Ch) elastic  
 band  
 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  
 embarrarla (Col) to make a  
 mistake  
 embole m [emboleh] (Rpl) bore  
 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  
 empaque m [empakeh] (Col, Ven)  
 washer  
 empaquetado m [empaketado]  
 packing  
 empaste m [empasteh] (Mex)  
 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

**emplomadura f** [emplomadoora] (Rpl) filling (in tooth)  
**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  
**encamotarse [enkamotarseh]** (Pe) to fall for, to fall in love with  
**encantado** delighted  
 ¡encantado! pleased to meet you!  
**encantador** lovely  
**encantar** to please  
**encendedor m** [ensendedor] lighter  
**encerrar [ensairrar]** to lock in; to lock up  
**enchibolarse [encheebolarseh]** (Hond) to get confused  
**enchufe m** [enchoofeh] plug; socket  
**encima [enseema]** above  
 encima de [deh] on top of  
**encomienda f** parcel  
**encontrar** to find  
**encontrarse (con/a) [-trarseh]** to meet  
**encuentra: se encuentra [seh enkwentra]** is located  
**encuentro (m)** [enkwentro] meeting, encounter; I find  
**endrogarse [-garseh]** (Mex) 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 [benaireha]** VD, venereal disease  
**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  
**enmocado 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 [entairo]** 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**  
 entretiempo **m** [entret-yempo] (CSur) **half-time**  
 entrevista **f** [entrebeesta] **interview**  
 enviar [emb-yar] **to send**  
 envolver [embolbair] **to wrap up; to involve**  
 enyesar (SAm) **to put in plaster**  
 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 [ekeebokado] **wrong**  
 equivocarse [ekeebokarseh] **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**  
 escaparate **m** [eskapareteh] **shop window**  
 escarcha **f** **frost**  
 escayola **f** [eska-yola] **plaster cast**  
 escocés [eskos-es] (**m**) **Scottish; Scot, Scotsman**  
 Escocia **f** [eskos-ya] **Scotland**  
 escoger [eskoHair] **to choose**  
 esconder [eskondair] **to hide**  
 escorpión **m** [eskorp-yon] **scorpion**  
 escribir **to write**  
 escrito **written**  
 por escrito **in writing**  
 escritorio **m** [eskreetor-yo] **office**  
 escritura **f** **deed; document**  
 escuchar **to hear**  
 escuela **f** [eskwela] **school**  
 escuela de párvulos [deh parboolos] (Mex) **kindergarten**  
 escuincle **m/f** [eskweenkleh] (Mex) **kid, nipper; runt**  
 escurrir a mano **to wring by hand**  
 ese [eseh] **that**  
 ése **that (one)**  
 esencial [esens-yal] **essential**  
 esfero **m** (Col) **biro®, ball point**  
 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**  
 éstos **those (ones)**  
 espalda **f** back  
 España **f** [espan-ya] Spain  
 español **(m)** [espan-yol],  
 española **(f)** Spanish;  
 Spaniard  
 espantoso **dreadful**;  
 frightening  
 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 [espairéh] **please wait**  
 ¡espéreme! [espairémeh] **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  
 afayar] **shaving foam**  
 esquí acuático [eskee  
 akwateeko] **waterski**;  
 waterskiing  
 esquina **f** [eskeena] **corner**  
 esta **this**  
 ésta **this one**  
 estación **f** [estas-yon] **station**;  
 season; radio station

estación de autobuses [deh  
 owtobooes-es] **bus station**  
 estación de ferrocarril **train**  
 station  
 estación de nafta (Rpl) petrol/  
 gas station, filling station  
 estación de servicio [sairbees-  
 yo] **service station**  
 estacionamiento **m** [estas-  
 yonam-yento] **car park**, (US)  
 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**  
 estadia **f** [estadee-a] **stay**  
 estadio de fútbol **m** [estad-yo  
 deh] **football stadium**  
 Estados Unidos **mpl** [ooneedos]  
**United States**  
 estadounidense [estado-oonee-  
 denseh] **American**, North  
**American**  
 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  
 estilógrafo **m** (Col) fountain  
 pen  
 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  
 estreñido [estren-yeedo]  
 constipated  
 estreñimiento **m** [estren-yeem-  
 yento] constipation  
 estreno **m** new film/movie  
 release  
 estropear [estropeh-ar] **to**  
 damage  
 estudiante **m/f** [estood-yanteh]  
 student  
 estudiar [estood-yar] **to** study  
 estufa eléctrica **f** (Col, Mex)  
 electric fire  
 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 [ekselenteh] excellent  
 excepto [esepto] except  
 excepto domingos y feriados  
 except Sundays and holidays  
 excepto sábados except  
 Saturdays  
 exceso de equipaje **m** [ekseso  
 deh ekeepaheh] excess baggage  
 exceso de velocidad  
 [beloseeda] speeding  
 excursión **f** [eskoors-yon] trip  
 excusados **mpl** [eskoosados]  
 toilets, rest rooms  
 exhausto **m** [eksosto] (Col)  
 exhaust  
 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  
 extensión **f** extension; exten-  
 sion lead  
 exterior (**m**) [estair-yor]  
 exterior, outer; foreign;  
 overseas  
 extinguidor **m** [esteengeedor]  
 (SAm) fire extinguisher  
 extra four-star petrol, (US)  
 premium gas

extranjera (f) [estranHaira],  
extranjero (m) [estranHairo]  
foreign; foreigner  
en el extranjero abroad,  
overseas

extrañar [estran-yar] to miss  
extraño [estran-yo] strange

## F

fábrica f factory  
fabricado por ... made by ...  
fachento (CR) eccentric  
facho m fascist  
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  
faena f [fa-ena] (Rpl) slaugh-  
tering  
faenar (Rpl) to slaughter  
fajasón m [faHason] (Guat) fight  
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 ...  
falta de visibilidad poor  
visibility  
faltaba más don't mention it

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

fardo m (Cu) trousers, (US)  
pants

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

farra f partying

nos vamos de farra el viernes  
we are going out partying  
on Friday

faso m (Rpl) fag, cigarette

faul f [fowl] foul

favor: a favor de [fabor deh] in  
favour of

por favor please

si hace el favor [aseh] if you  
don't mind

fayuca f [fa-yooka] (Mex)  
contraband goods

fayuquero m [fa-yookairo] (Mex)  
seller of contraband goods

febrero **m** [febrairo] 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; (CSur, Pe) market

feriado: días feriados [fair-yados] public holidays

ferretería **f** [fairretairee-a] hardware store

ferrocarril **m** railway, railroad

festividad **f** [festeebeeda] celebration

festivos bank holidays, public holidays

fiaca **f** [f-yaka] (Andes, CSur) laziness

me da fiaca I can't be bothered

fiambrería **f** (CSur) delicatessen

fibras naturales natural fibres

fiebre **f** [f-yebreh] fever; high temperature

fiebre del heno [eno] hay fever

fierro **m** [f-yairro] iron; (SAM) gun

fiesta **f** public holiday; party

fiesta de ... [deh] feast of ...

fifar [feefar] (Rpl) to screw

fila **f** row

fila india single file

filmar [feelmar] to film

filo: tengo filo I'm hungry

filtro **m** filter

filtro solar sunblock

fin **m** [feen] end; purpose

por fin at last, finally

a fin de que [deh keh] so that

fin de semana [deh] weekend

fin de serie discontinued

articles

final **m** [feenal] end

final de autopista end of motorway/highway

financiamiento **m** [feenans-yam-yento] funding

finger [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

fior **f** flower

florería **f** [florairee-a] florist  
 florero **m** [floraio] vase  
 floristería **f** (Col, Ven) florist  
 flotadores **mpl** lifebelts  
 flotar **to** float  
 FMT [efemeteh] (Mex) tourist card  
 foco **m** light bulb  
 folleto **m** [fo-yeto] pamphlet  
 Folleto de Migración Turística [deh meegras-yon] (Mex) 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** [fontanaio] plumber  
 footing **m** jogging  
 forma **f** form  
 en forma fit  
 forro **m** (Rpl) condom  
 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  
 fracatán (RD) a lot of  
 fraccionamiento **m** [fraks-yonam-yento] (Mex) housing estate  
 francamente [-menteh] frankly  
 francés [frans-es] French

Francia **f** [frans-ya] France  
 franela **f** (Rpl) duster  
 franqueado [frankeh-ado] franked  
 franqueo **m** [frankeh-o] postage  
 frazada **f** [frasada] blanket, rug  
 frecuencia: con frecuencia [frekwens-ya] often  
 fregadero **m** [fregadaio] (Mex) sink  
 fregar **to** keep on at; to annoy  
 fregar los platos (Mex) to do the washing up  
 fregarlo **to** screw up  
 freír [freh-eer] **to** fry  
 frenar **to** brake  
 freno **m** brake  
 freno de mano [deh] handbrake, parking brake  
 frente **f** [frenteh] forehead  
 hacer frente a ... [asair] **to** face up to ...  
 fresa (Mex) posh  
 fresco fresh  
 fríforol **m** (Pan) chaos  
 frigorífico **m** (Mex) fridge  
 frío [free-o] cold  
 hace frío [aseh] it's cold  
 frontera **f** [frontaira] 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? do you have a light?  
 fuegos artificiales [arteefeas-yales] fireworks

fuente **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  
fueran [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  
fuetazo **m** [fwetaso] lash  
fui [fwee] I was; I went  
fuimos [fwemos] we were;  
we went  
fuiste [fwesteh] you were;  
you went  
fulo (Pan) blond  
fumadores [foomador-es]  
smoking  
fumar to smoke  
función de noche late  
showing  
función de tarde early  
showing  
funcionar [foons-yonar] to work  
funcionario **m** [foons-yonar-yo]  
civil servant; employee  
funda **f** [foonda] (Mex) crown

(on tooth); pillow case  
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

gachupín **m** [gachoopeen] (Mex)  
Spaniard  
gafas **fpl** glasses, (US)  
eyeglasses  
gafas de bucear [deh booseh-ar]  
goggles  
gafas de sol sunglasses  
gafo (Ven) stupid, dumb  
galería **f** [galairée-a] gallery;  
enclosed balcony  
galería de arte [deh arteh] art  
gallery  
Gales **m** [gal-es] Wales  
galés [gal-es] Welsh  
gallo [ga-yo] (Hond) skillful  
gama: toda la gama the  
whole range  
gamulán **m** (Rpl) sheepskin  
coat  
gamuza **f** [gamoosa] suede  
ganadería **f** [-dairee-a] cattle  
farming  
ganadero **m** [-dairo] (cattle)  
rancher  
ganado **m** cattle

- ganar** to win; to earn  
**gancho m** hanger; (Rpl) staple  
**ganga f** bargain  
**ganso m** goose  
**garaje m** [garaHeh] garage  
**garantía f** guarantee  
**garantizar [-teesar]** to guarantee  
**garganta f** throat  
**garoso** [garoso] (Col) greedy  
**garrón: de garrón** (Rpl) free  
**gásfiter m** [gasfeetair] (Ch) plumber  
**gasfitero m** [gasfeetairo] (Pe) plumber  
**gasolina f** petrol, (US) gas  
**gasolina normal** two-star petrol, (US) regular (gas)  
**gasolina super** [soopair] (Mex) four-star petrol, (US) premium (gas)  
**gasolinera f** [gasoleenaira] petrol/gas station, filling station  
**gastar** to spend  
**gata f** (Ch) jack  
**gatillero m** [gateeyairo] (Mex) gunman  
**gato m** cat; jack  
**gayola f** [ga-yola] (Rpl) slammer  
**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] (Mex) chalk  
**gitano m** [Heetano] gypsy  
**globo m** balloon  
**glorieta f** [glor-yeta] roundabout, (US) traffic circle  
**gobierno m** [gob-yairno] government  
**gobilote m** [gobeeloteh] (Hond) turkey  
**gol m** goal  
**golero m** (Rpl) goalkeeper  
**golfito m** mini-golf  
**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; elastic band, rubber band; (CSur) tyre  
**gomelo** (Col) posh  
**gomita f** rubber band; (Rpl) elastic band

gordo *fat*  
 gorra **f** cap  
 gorrero **m** scrounger, free-loader  
 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  
 grama **f** lawn  
 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 **f** (Mex) loose chippings; gravel  
 gremio **m** trade union  
 grifo **m** tap, (US) faucet; (Pe) petrol/gas station, filling station  
 gringo **m** gringo, foreigner  
 gripa **f** (Col, Mex) flu  
 gripe **f** [greepeh] flu  
 gris grey  
 gritar to shout  
 grosería [grosairee-a] swearword, oath  
 decir groserías [deseer] to swear  
 grosero [grosairo] rude  
 grúa **f** [grou-a] tow truck, breakdown lorry; crane  
 grueso [grwesoo] thick  
 grupo **m** group  
 grupo sanguíneo [sangeeneh-o] blood group  
 guacamayo **m** [gwakama-yo] parrot  
 guacarear [gwakareh-ar] (Mex) to throw up  
 guachimán **m** [gwacheeman] (SAM) watchman  
 guagua **f** [gwagwa] (Cu) bus; (Ec) **mf** kid  
 guajiro **m** [gwaheero] (Cu) peasant  
 guajolote **m** [gwaHoloteh] (Mex) turkey  
 guambra **m/f** [gwambra] (Ec) teenager  
 guanaco [gwanako] (Nic) stupid  
 guanajo [gwanaHo] (Cu) stupid  
 guante **m** [gwanteh] glove



guapo [gwapo] handsome  
 guaraches **mpl** [gwarach-es]  
 (Mex) sandals  
 guardacostas **m/f**  
 [gwardakostas] coastguard  
 guardafango **m** mudguard  
 guardar [gwardar] to keep; to  
 put away  
 guardarropa **m** [gwardarropa]  
 cloakroom, (US) checkroom  
 guardería (infantil) **f** [gward-  
 dairee-a (eenfanteel)] crèche;  
 nursery school  
 guárdese en lugar fresco **keep**  
 in a cool place  
 guardia **m/f** [gward-ya] guard  
 guarura **m/f** [gwaroora] (Mex)  
 thug, hood  
 guata **f** [gwata] (Mex) belly  
 guatemalteco (**m**)  
 [gwatemala] Guatemalan  
 guayabera **f** [gwa-yabaira]  
 embroidered shirt  
 guayabo **m** [gwa-yabo] (Col)  
 hangover  
 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  
 güila **mf** [gweela] (CR) kid  
 güirro **m** [gweerro] (Hond) kid  
 guisar [geesar] to cook  
 guita **f** [geeta] (Arg) money  
 guitarra **f** [geetarra] guitar

guloso greedy  
 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 [mocho]  
 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  
 habichuelas **fpl** [abeechwelas]  
 runner beans  
 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

h is not pronounced in Spanish

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] (Mex) don't worry about it

¿cuánto se hace de México a Veracruz? how long does it take from Mexico City 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!

hawaiana f [Hawa-yana] (Rpl) flip-flop

hay [ɪ] 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

heladera f [eladaira] (Rpl) fridge

heladería f [eladairee-a] ice-cream parlour

helado m ice cream

helar to freeze

hembra f female

hemos we have

henequén m [eneken] (Mex) 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** [eeHa] daughter  
 hijo **m** [eeHo] son  
 ¡hijo de la chingada! son of a  
 bitch!  
 ¡híjole! [eeHoleh] (Mex) 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 autobuses [deh  
 owtoboos-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  
 horma de queso **f** (Arg) a  
 cheese  
 hormiga **f** ant  
 horno **m** oven  
 horquilla **m** [orkee-ya] hairslide,  
 hairpin  
 hospedarse [ospedarseh] to  
 stay  
 hotel-garaje **m** [-garaHeh]  
 (Mex) hotel where rooms are  
 rented by the hour  
 hoy [oy] today  
 hoyo **m** [o-yo] hole  
 huaraches **mpl** [warach-es] (Mex)  
 leather sandals

h is not pronounced in Spanish

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] (Mex) how's it going?  
 hueco m [weko] (Guat) poof;  
 hole  
 huele: huele a ... [weleh] it  
 smells of ...  
 huelga f [welga] strike  
 huella f [weya] print; trace  
 huellas digitales [deehheetal-es]  
 fingerprints  
 hueso m [wesoo] bone; stone  
 (of fruit etc)  
 huésped m/f [wesped] guest  
 huevo poché m (Rpl) poached  
 egg  
 huillo [wee-yo] (Salv) weird  
 huipil m [weepeel] (Mex) short,  
 embroidered blouse  
 huiuncha f [wee-ooncha] (Bol, Ch,  
 Pe) hair band  
 hule m [ooleh] (Mex) rubber  
 humedad f [oomeda] humidity,  
 dampness  
 húmedo damp  
 humo m smoke  
 humor m humour  
 hundirse [oondeerseh] to sink  
 huracán m hurricane

idéntico (a/que) [keh] identical  
 (to)  
 idioma m [eed-yoma] language  
 idiota m/f [eed-yota] idiot  
 iglesia f [eegles-ya] church  
 ignorar: ignoro si ... I don't  
 know whether ...  
 igual [eegwal] equal; like  
 me da igual [meh] it's all the  
 same to me  
 imbécil (m) [eembeseel] idiot;  
 stupid  
 impaciente [eempas-yenteh]  
 impatient  
 impactante [eempaktanteh]  
 striking; shocking  
 impermeable (m) [eempairmeh-  
 ableh] waterproof; raincoat  
 importación f [eemportas-yon]  
 import; importing  
 artículos de importación  
 imported goods  
 importante [eemportanteh]  
 important  
 importar: no importa it doesn't  
 matter  
 ¿le importa si ...? [leh] do you  
 mind if ...?  
 importe m [eemporth] amount,  
 sum  
 importe total total due  
 imposible [eemposeebleh]  
 impossible  
 impreso m [eempreso] form  
 impuesto m [eempwesto] tax  
 incendiar [eensend-yar] to set

fire to  
**incendio m** [eenseend-yo] fire  
 (blaze)  
**incluido** [eenkloo-eeo] included  
**incluso** even  
**inconsciente** [eenkons-yenteh] unconscious; unaware  
**increíble** [eenkreh-eebleh] incredible  
**indemnizar** [eendemneesar] to compensate  
**independiente** [eendepend-yenteh] independent  
**indicaciones fpl** [eendeekas-yon-es] instructions  
**indicador m** indicator  
**indicador de nivel** [deh neebel] gauge  
**indicar** to indicate  
**indígena (m/f)** [eendeehena] Indian; native inhabitant  
**indignado** indignant  
**indispuesto** [eendeespwesto] unwell  
**industria f** industry; factory  
**infantil** children's  
**infarto m** heart attack  
**infección f** [eenfek-syon] infection  
**infectarse** [eenfektarseh] to become infected  
**inflamado** swollen  
**inflamarse** [eenflamarseh] to swell  
**influcidar** [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/sobreh)] 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  
**ingüeroviable** [eengwairob-yableh] (Parag) incredible  
**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) [eentairree-or]  
 interior, inner; domestic,  
 home  
 interiores mpl [eentairree-or-es]  
 (Col, Ven) underpants  
 intermedio (m) [eentairmed-  
 yo] intermission, interval;  
 intermediate  
 intermitente m [eentairmeetenteh]  
 indicator  
 interno m (Rpl) extension  
 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 [eenoondas-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 [eembeetar] 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 [norteh]  
 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] (Mex) straw hut; shack  
**jacha f** [Hacha] (CR) face  
**jaiba f** [Hiba] crab  
**jalar** [Halar] to pull  
**jama f** [Hama] (Cu) food  
**jamaquino** [Hamī-keeno] Jamaican  
**jamás** [Hamas] ever; never  
**jardín m** [Hardeen] garden  
**jardín de niños** [deh neen-yos] kindergarten  
**jardines públicos mpl** [Hardeen-es] park, public gardens  
**jarra f** [Harra] jug  
**jarrón m** [Harron] vase  
**jayán** [Ha-yan] (Nic) rude  
**jeba f** [Heba] (Ven) girl  
**jebo m** (Arg) boyfriend  
**jefe m** [Hefeh] boss; chief  
**jefe de tren** [deh] guard  
**jején m** [Hehen] mosquito  
**jícara f** [Heekara] (Mex) gourd  
**jinetera f** [Heenetaira] (Cu) prostitute  
**jocho** [Hocho] (Hond) toothless  
**joder** [Hodair] to irritate, to annoy; to mess about; to screw up  
**¡lo jodiste!** [Hodeesteh] you screwed up!  
**jodido** [Hodeedo] annoying, a nuisance; knackered  
**jogging m** [yogeen] (Rpl) track-suit, (US) sweats  
**jojote m** [Hohoto] (Ven) sweetcorn  
**jornada f** [Hornada] working day  
**lorongo m** [Horongo] (Mex) poncho  
**joven (m/f)** [Hoben] young; young man; young woman  
**joyas fpl** [Hoyas] jewellery  
**joyería f** [Hoyairee-a] jewellery; jeweller's  
**jubilación f** [Hoobeelas-yon] pension  
**jubilada f** [Hoobeelada], **jubilado m** retired person, pensioner  
**jubilarse** [Hoobeelarseh] to retire  
**juca f** [Hooka] (Hond) beer  
**juda m** [Hooda] (Ec) plain-clothes policeman  
**judío** [Hoodee-o] Jewish  
**juego (m)** [Hwego] game; I play el juego gambling  
**juerga f** [Hwairga] partying  
**jueves m** [Hweb-es] Thursday  
**jugar** [Hoogar] to play  
**juguera f** [Hoogaira] (Ch, Rpl) juicer; blender  
**juguete m** [Hoogeteh] toy  
**juguetería f** [Hoogetairee-a] toyshop  
**juicio m** [Hwees-yo] judgement; opinion; trial  
**llevar una persona a juicio** to take someone to court  
**julepe m** [Hoolpeh] (Parag) fright  
**julio m** [Hool-yo] July  
**jumarse** [Hoomarseh] (CR) to get drunk  
**junio m** [Hoon-yo] June  
**juntar** [Hoontar] to collect, to gather

junto (a) [Hoo<sup>nto</sup>] next (to)  
 juntos together  
 justo [Hoo<sup>sto</sup>] just; exact,  
 precise  
 juventud f [Hoo<sup>bentoo</sup>] youth;  
 the young  
 juzgar [Hoo<sup>sgar</sup>] to judge

## K

kínder m [ke<sup>endair</sup>]  
 kindergarten  
 klaxon m [klak<sup>son</sup>] (Mex) horn

## L

la the; her; it  
 labios mpl [lab-yos] lips  
 laborables weekdays,  
 working days  
 laburante m [labooranteh] (Rpl)  
 worker  
 laburo m (CSur) work  
 laca f hair spray  
 Ladatel (Mex) long-distance  
 phone  
 lado m side  
 al lado de [deh] beside, next  
 to  
 ladrar to bark  
 ladridos mpl barking  
 ladrillo m [ladree-yo] tile; brick;  
 (Salv) thief  
 ladrón m thief  
 lagartija f [lagartee<sup>Ha</sup>] lizard  
 lagarto m alligator; (Cu) litre  
 of beer

lago m lake  
 lágrimas fpl tears  
 lama f (Mex) moth  
 lámpara f lamp  
 lamparoso (Ec) lying  
 lana f wool; (CAm, Mex)  
 money  
 lana pura pure wool  
 lanzar [lansar] to throw  
 lapicera fuente f (CSur) foun-  
 tain pen  
 lápiz de ojos [deh o<sup>Hos</sup>]  
 eyeliner  
 lápiz de pasta m (Ch) biro®,  
 ball point  
 lápiz m [lapees] pencil  
 lapizlabios m [lapees-lab-yos]  
 (Mex) lipstick  
 larga distancia [deestans-ya]  
 long-distance  
 largavistas m [largabee<sup>stas</sup>] (Rpl)  
 binoculars  
 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** [labandair~~ee~~-a]  
laundry
- lavandería automática  
[~~owtomateeka~~] laundrette,  
(US) laundromat
- lavandina **f** (Arg) bleach
- lavaplatos **mpl** (Andes, Mex) sink
- lavar [labar] to wash
- lavar a mano wash by hand
- lavar en seco dry clean
- lavar la ropa to do the  
washing
- lavar separado wash  
separately
- lavarse [labarseh] to wash
- lavarse la cara to wash one's  
face
- lavavajillas **m** [lababa~~hee~~-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** [lechairie-a] (Mex)  
dairy; dairy shop
- lechero **m** (Col, Pe) lucky so-  
and-so, lucky bastard
- lectura **f** [lektora] reading
- leer [leh-air] to read
- lejano [leh-hano] distant,  
faraway
- lejía **f** [le~~hee~~-a] (Mex) bleach
- lejos [lehos] far away
- lejos de [deh] far from
- lengua **f** [lengwa] tongue;  
language
- lenguaje **m** [lengwa~~Heh~~]  
language
- lentes de contacto **fpl** [lent-es  
deh] contact lenses
- lentillas **fpl** [lentee-yas] (Mex)  
contact lenses
- lento slow
- les them; you
- letra **f** letter; banker's draft
- levantar [lebantar] to raise, to  
lift; to pick up, to pull
- 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** [lebrairee-a]  
bookshop, bookstore
- librero **m** [lebrairo] (Mex)  
bookshelves; bookseller
- libreta **f** [leebreta] (Rpl) cheque-  
book; (Urug) driving licence
- libreta de ahorros **f** [deh a-orros]  
savings account book
- libreta de direcciones [deereks-  
yon-es] address book
- libretista **m** scriptwriter
- libreto **m** script
- libro **m** book
- libro de bolsillo [deh bolsee-yo]  
paperback
- libro de frases [fras-es]  
phrasebook
- lica **f** (Salv) movie
- licencia **f** driving licence
- 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 beloseedad] speed limit  
 limpiaparabrisas m [-breesas] windscreen wiper, (US) windshield wiper  
 limpiar [leemp-yar] to clean  
 limpieza f [leemp-yesa] cleanliness; cleaning  
 limpieza en seco dry-cleaning  
 limpio [leemp-yo] clean  
 limpión m (Col) dishcloth, tea towel  
 lindo [leendo] beautiful, lovely  
 línea f [leeneh-a] line  
 linterna f [leentairna] torch, (US) flashlight  
 lío m [lee-o] mess  
 liquidación f [leekeedas-yon] sale; redundancy pay  
 liquidación total clearance sale  
 liso flat; plain; straight; (Hond) penniless  
 lista f list  
 lista de correos [deh korreh-os] poste restante, (US) general delivery  
 lista de espera [espaira] standby; waiting list  
 listo clever; ready  
 litera f [leetaira] (Mex) 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  
 lantero m [yantairo] (Mex) 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 [yebar] 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's raining  
 lluvia f [yooob-ya] rain  
 lo it; the  
 en lo de Juan at Juan's (place)  
 localidad f [lokaleeda] place; seat  
 localidades fpl [lokaleedad-es] ticket office  
 localizador m pager  
 loción antimosquitos f [los-yon anteemoskeetos] 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 (Mex) 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  
 prender luces de cruce switch headlights on  
 luces de posición fpl [posees-yon] sidelights  
 luces traseras [trasairas] rear lights  
 lucha f [loooha] fight, struggle  
 lucha libre [leebreh] all-in wrestling  
 luchar to fight  
 luego [lwegu] 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

M.N. (moneda nacional) f national currency  
 macanudo (CSur) great  
 machista m male chauvinist, sexist  
 macho m male; large banana

macizo [maseeso] solid; (Hond) great  
 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!  
 madrear [madreh-ar] (Mex) to beat up; (Col) to swear  
 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] (Mex) unleaded  
 maguey **m** [magay] (Mex) agave cactus  
 maíz **m** [ma-ees] maize, (US) corn  
 maje [maheh] (Salv) stupid  
 mal (**m**) wrong; evil; bad; badly  
 mal de alturas altitude sickness

mal genio **m** [Hen-yo] bad temper  
 mal humor **m** [oomor] bad mood; bad temper; anger  
 malagua **f** [malagwa] (Pe) jellyfish  
 malandro **m** (Ven) criminal  
 maleado [maleh-ado] (Hond) furious  
 maleducado rude  
 malentendido **m** misunderstanding  
 maleta **f** suitcase; (Ch, Pe) boot, (US) trunk  
 hacer las maletas to pack  
 maletero **m** [maletairo] boot (of car), (US) trunk  
 malinchismo **m** (Mex) betrayal of one's country  
 malo bad; sick, ill, unwell  
 maluco (Col, Cu, Ven) to be poorly  
 mamá **f** mum  
 mamadera **f** (CSur, Pe) baby's bottle  
 mameluco **m** (CSur) overalls  
 mamera: tengo una mamera horrible (Col) I feel terribly lazy  
 mamila **f** (Mex) baby's bottle  
 mamó **m** (Hond) jail  
 mamón! (Mex) idiot!  
 mamplora (Nic) poofy  
 manantial **m** [manant-yal] spring  
 mancha **f** stain  
 manchar to stain, to dirty  
 mandadero **m** [mandadairo] (Rpl) errand boy  
 mandar to send; to order

mandatario: el primer  
 mandatario [mandatar-yo]  
 leader; President; Prime  
 Minister  
 mandato **m** period in  
 government  
 ¿mande? [mandeh] (Mex)  
 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** [maneeestas-  
 yon] demonstration;  
 manifestation  
 manija **f** [maneeha] crank  
 dar manija (Rpl) to encourage  
 mano **f** hand; pal, mate,  
 buddy  
 manopla **f** flannel  
 manoplas **fpl** (Mex) mittens  
 manta **f** blanket, rug  
 mantel **m** tablecloth  
 mantelerías **fpl** [mantelairree-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  
 manubrio **m** [manooobr-yo] han-  
 dlebars  
 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 a alguien [man-  
 yaneetas] (Mex) to serenade  
 someone on his/her  
 birthday  
 mapa **m** map  
 mapa de carreteras [deh  
 karretairas] road map  
 mapa de recorrido network  
 map  
 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**  
 máquina tragaperras **slot machine**  
 maquinaria **f** [makeenar-ya] **machinery**  
 maquinilla de afeitar **f** [makeenee-ya deh afaytar] **electric shaver**  
 mar **m** **sea**  
 maravilloso [marabee-yoso] **marvellous**  
 marca registrada **f** [reHeestrada] **registered trade mark**  
 marcador **m** (SAm) **felt-tip pen**  
 marcar **to dial; to 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** **gay**  
 marica **m**, maricón **m** **poof**  
 marido **m** **husband**  
 marina **f** **navy**  
 mariposa **f** **butterfly; fairy, pansy**  
 mariposo **m** **gay**  
 marisquería **f** [mareeskairee-a] **shellfish restaurant**  
 marque ... **dial ...**  
 martes **m** [mart-es] **Tuesday**  
 martes de carnaval [deh karnabal] **Shrove Tuesday, (US)**

Mardi Gras  
 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**  
 mate **m** [mateh] (Rpl) **bitter tea**  
 matraca **f** (Ven) **bribe**  
 matrícula **f** **licence plate; registration; registration fees**  
 maule [mowleh] (Hond) **clumsy**  
 máximo personas **maximum number of people**  
 maya (m/f) [ma-ya] **Maya; Mayan**  
 mayo **m** [ma-yo] **May**  
 mayor [ma-yor] **adult; bigger; older; biggest; oldest**  
 la mayor parte (de) [parteh deh] **most (of)**  
 mayor de edad **of age, adult**  
 mayoría: la mayoría [ma-yoree-a] **most; the majority**  
 mazucho [masoocho] (Salv) **skilful**  
 me **me; myself**  
 me duele aquí [dweleh] **I have a pain here**  
 mecánico **m** **mechanic**  
 mecate **m** [mekateh] (Mex) **string; rope; cord**  
 media docena (de) **f** [med-ya dosena deh] **half a dozen**

**media hora** **f** [ora] half an hour  
**media pensión** **f** [pens-yon] half board  
**mediano** [med-yano] medium; average  
**medianoche** **f** [med-yanocheh] midnight  
**medias** **fpl** [med-yas] stockings; tights, pantyhose  
**ir/pagar a medias** to go Dutch, to share the costs  
**medias bombacha** **fpl** (Rpl) pantyhose, tights  
**medias pantalón** **fpl** (Col) pantyhose, tights  
**medias panty** **fpl** (Ven) pantyhose, tights  
**medicina** **f** [medeeseena] medicine  
**médico** **m** [medeeko] doctor  
**médico general** [Henaíral] 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  
**medio litro** **m** half a litre  
**mediodía** **m** [med-yodee-a] midday  
**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, under-age  
**menos** less; least; fewer; fewest  
**a menos que** [keh] unless  
**echo de menos a mi ...** [deh] I miss my ...  
**mensual** [menswal] monthly  
**mentar: mentarle la madre a alguien** [mentarleh la madreh] to insult someone, to swear at someone  
**menú turístico** **m** set menu  
**menudo** (Mex) 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; (Ch) hardware store  
**merendar** (Mex) to have an afternoon snack  
**merendero** **m** [mairendairo] (Mex) open-air café  
**merienda** **f** [mair-yenda] (Mex) tea, afternoon snack  
**mero** [mairo] (Mex) exact; almost, nearly  
**ya mero** (Mex) any minute now, right away

- el mero mero (Mex) the big cheese  
 está aquí mero (Mex) it's just near here  
 mersa (Rpl) tacky  
 mes **m** month  
 mesa **f** table  
 mesera **f** [mesaira] waitress; chambermaid  
 mesero **m** waiter  
 mesón **m** restaurant specializing in regional dishes; (Andes) worktop  
 mesonera **f** (Ven) waitress  
 mestizo [mesteeso] mixed race, interracial  
 meta **f** goal  
 metate **m** [metateh] (Mex) mortar and pestle  
 metiche [meteecheh] nosy  
 metro **m** metre; underground, (US) subway  
 mexicana (**f**), [meHeekana] mexicana (**m**) Mexican  
 México **m** [meHeeko] Mexico; Mexico City  
 mezquita **f** [meskeeta] mosque  
 mi **my**  
 mí **me**  
 mía [mee-a] mine  
 micro **m** (Ch) bus  
 microondas: horno  
 microondas [orno meekroondas] 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!  
 migra **f** (Mex) immigration police  
 mil [meel] thousand  
 militar **m** soldier, serviceman  
 millón **m** [mee-yon] million  
 un millón de ... [deh] a million ...  
 milpa **f** (Mex) maize field  
 mina **f** mine; (Arg) girl  
 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  
 mochila **f** rucksack, backpack  
 mochilero **m** backpacker  
 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 (Mex) 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  
 mofle **m** [mofleh] (CAm) exhaust  
 mojado [mojado] wet  
 molcajete **m** [molkaHeteH] (Mex) mortar and pestle  
 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  
 monitorear [moneetoreh-ar] to monitor  
 monitoreo **m** monitoring  
 mono (**m**) (Col) blond; monkey  
 monoambiente **m** [mono-amb-yenteh] (Arg) studio flat  
 monopatín **m** (Rpl) scooter  
 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; (Ven) bruise  
 morbo **m** morbid interest  
 mordedura **f** bite  
 morder [mordair] to bite  
 mordida **f** bribe  
 moreno dark-haired; dark-skinned  
 moretón **m** bruise  
 morfar (Rpl) eat  
 morir to die  
 moropo **m** (Cu) head  
 morral **m** (Col, Ven) rucksack  
 mosca **f** fly; (Andes) alert  
 mostrador **m** counter; check-in desk; (Rpl) worktop  
 mostrar to show  
 motel-garaje **m** [garaHeh] (Mex) 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 [moocho] 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 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

mula **f** drug courier

muletas **fp** crutches

mulita **f** (Rpl) armadillo

multa **f** fine; parking ticket

multa por uso indebido

penalty for misuse

multifamiliar **m** block of flats,

apartment block

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** (Mex) new peso

na (Parag) please

nabo (Rpl) stupid, dumb

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 local

tourism

nacionalidad **f** [nas-yonaleeda]

nationality

nacionalismo **m** [nas-yonaleesmo]

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**

nafta **f** [Rpl] **petrol**, (US) **gasoline**

nagüilón [nagweelon] (Guat) **cowardly**

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!**

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**

nene **f** **baby girl**; **little girl**; (Col) **bird**, **chick**

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**

nevera **f** [nebaira] (SAm) **fridge**

nevería **f** [neberee-a] (Mex) **ice cream parlour**

ni **neither**; **nor**

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

nica **m/f** **Nicaraguan**

nicaragüense (**m/f**)

[neekaragwenseh] **Nicaraguan**

niebla **f** [n-yebLa] **fog**

nieta **f** [n-yeta] **granddaughter**

nieto **m** [n-yeto] **grandson**

nieva [n-yeba] **it's 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**

nítido [neeteedo] (Pan) **fun**, **enjoyable**

nivel del aceite **m** [neebel del asayteh] **oil level**

no **no**; **not**  
 no contiene alcohol **does not contain alcohol**  
 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 **[foomad~~or~~-es] no smoking**  
 no fumar **no smoking**  
 no funciona **[foons-yona] out of order**  
 no hay de qué **[ī deh keh] you are welcome**  
 no hay localidades **sold out**  
 no molestar **do not disturb**  
 no para en ... **does not stop in ...**  
 no pisar el pasto **keep off the grass**  
 no rebasar **no overtaking, no passing**  
 no recomendada para menores de 18 años **not recommended for those under 18 years of age**  
 no se admiten devoluciones **no refunds given**  
 no se admiten perros **no dogs allowed**  
 no ... sino ... **not ... but ...**  
 no tocar **please do not touch**  
 no utilizar lejía **do not bleach**  
 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**  
 nocturno **[noktoorno] night**  
 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**  
 nopal **m (Mex) cactus leaf**  
 nordeste **m [nordesteh] north-east**  
 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**  
 nos **us; ourselves**  
 nosotras, nosotros **we; us**  
 nota **f note**  
 nota de consumo **[deh] receipt**  
 noticias **fpl [notees-yas] news**

**noticiero m** [notees-yairo] news  
 bulletin  
**nova f** [noba] two-star petrol,  
 (US) regular gas  
**nova plus** four-star petrol,  
 (US) premium gas  
**novcientos** [nobes-yentos] nine  
 hundred  
**novcito** [nobeseeto] (Mex) 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** [nwebah] nine  
**nuevo** [nwobo] new  
**nuevón** (Andes) inexperienced  
**número m** [noomairo] number;  
 size  
**número de calzado** [deh  
 kalsado] shoe size  
**número de teléfono** phone

number  
**nunca** never  
**nutritivo** [nootreeteebo]  
 nutritious

## Ñ

**ñampearse** [n-yampeh-arseh]  
 (Cu) to die  
**ñata f** nose  
**ñembotavy**; ¡no te hagas el  
**ñembotavy!** [n-yembotabee]  
 (Parag) don't pretend it's  
 nothing to do with you!

## O

**o or**  
 o ... o ... either ... or ...  
**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, (US) 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  
**ocambo m** (Cu) elderly person

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  
 ocho días **mpl** [dee-as] week  
 ochocientos [ochos-yentos]  
 eight hundred  
 ocote **m** [okoteh] (Mex) 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 [okooreer] 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** [ofeeseena] office  
 oficina de correo [deh korreh-os]  
 post office  
 oficina de correos y telégrafos  
 (Mex) post office and  
 telegrams  
 oficina de información y  
 turismo [eenformas-yon] tourist  
 information office  
 oficina de objetos perdidos  
 [obhetos] lost property office,  
 (US) lost and found  
 oficina de reclamaciones  
 [reklamas-yon-es] (Mex)  
 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 [ofesair] 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!  
 ojota **f** [ohota] (Rpl) flip-flop  
 ola **f** wave  
 ola de calor [deh] heatwave  
 oler [olair] to smell  
 olfato **m** sense of smell  
 olla: en la olla [oya] (Col)  
 broke, skint  
 olor **m** smell

olvidar [olbeedar] to forget  
 ómnibus **m** (Cu, Pe, Urug) bus  
 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** [oportooneda]  
 chance, opportunity  
 oposición **f** [oposees-yon]  
 opposition  
 óptica **f** optician's  
 óptico **m** optician  
 optimista optimistic  
 ¡órale! [oraleh] (Mex) 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  
 orita (CAm, Mex) right away  
 oro **m** gold  
 orquesta **f** [orkesta] orchestra  
 oscuro dark  
 oso: hacer el oso to play the  
 fool  
 Ote. east

otoño **m** [oton-yo] autumn,  
 (US) fall  
 otorrinolaringólogo **m** ear,  
 nose and throat specialist  
 otra vez [bes] again  
 otro another (one); other  
 óvalo **m** (Pe) roundabout, (US)  
 traffic circle  
 oveja **f** [obeHa] sheep  
 overol **m** [obairo] overall  
 oye [o-yeh] he/she listens;  
 you listen; he/she hears;  
 you hear

## P

pabellón **m** [pabeh-yon]  
 (hospital) ward  
 paca **f** (CR) police  
 pacha **f** (CAm) baby's bottle  
 pachamanca **f** (Pe) meat bar-  
 becued between two hot  
 stones  
 pachanga **f** (Mex) party;  
 partying  
 paciente **m/f** [pas-yenteh]  
 patient  
 paco **m** (Ch, Col) policeman  
 padecer [padesair] to suffer  
 padecer del corazón [korason]  
 to have a heart condition  
 padre **m** [padreh] father  
 ¡está padre! (Mex) 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** [pīsaHeh] landscape;  
 scenery  
 paja **f** [paHa] (CAm) tap, (US)  
 faucet  
 pájaro **m** [paHaro] bird; (Cu)  
 gay  
 pajuerano **m** [paHwairano] (Rpl)  
 hick  
 pala **f** spade  
 palabra **f** word  
 palacio **m** [palas-yo] palace  
 Palacio de Justicia [deh  
 Hoostees-ya] Law Courts  
 paladar **m** (Cu) small restaurant  
 in a private house  
 palanca **f** influence  
 necesitas tener palanca you  
 need to know an influential  
 person  
 palanca de velocidades  
 [beloseedad-es] gear lever,  
 gear shift  
 palco **m** box (at theatre)  
 paleta **f** ice lolly  
 paliacate **m** [pal-yakateh] (Mex)  
 headscarf  
 palmera **f** [palmaira] palm tree  
 palo **m** stick; tree  
 paloma (Salv) difficult  
 palomitas (de maíz) **fpl** pop-  
 corn  
 palos de golf **mpl** [deh] golf  
 clubs  
 pálpito **m** (SAm) hunch,  
 feeling

palta **f** [palta] (Bol, CSur, Pe)  
 avocado  
 paluchero [paloochairo] (Cu)  
 show-off  
 paludismo **m** [paloodeesmo]  
 malaria  
 pana **m** (Ven) friend, pal  
 panadería **f** [panadairee-a]  
 baker's  
 panal **m** honeycomb  
 panameño (**m**) [panamen-yo]  
 Panamanian  
 panceta **f** (Rpl) bacon  
 pancho **m** (Rpl) hot dog  
 pantaletas **fpl** (Mex, Ven)  
 knickers, panties  
 pantalla **f** [panta-ya] screen  
 pantalón corto **m** shorts  
 pantalones **mpl** [pantalón-es]  
 trousers, (US) pants  
 patantaco (Guat) clumsy  
 panteón **m** [panteh-on]  
 cemetery  
 pantimedias **fpl** (Mex) tights,  
 pantyhose  
 pantis **mpl** knickers, panties  
 pants **mpl** (Mex) tracksuit, (US)  
 sweats  
 pantufla **f** slipper  
 panza **f** [pansa] belly  
 pañal **m** [pan-ya] nappy, (US)  
 diaper  
 pañuelo **m** [panwelo]  
 handkerchief; scarf  
 papa **f** [papa] potato  
 papá **m** dad  
 papalote **m** [-loteh] (Mex) kite  
 Papanicolau **m** [papaneeekolow]  
 smear test



- papas chips** **fpl** (Urug) crisps, (US) potato chips
- papaya**: darle papaya a alguien **[papa-ya]** (Col) to give someone the opportunity to take advantage of you
- ser papaya** (Ch) to be a piece of cake
- papel** **m** **[papel]** paper; rôle; (Ch) toilet paper
- papel de envolver** **[deh embolbair]** wrapping paper
- papel de escribir** writing paper
- papel de plata** (Mex) silver foil
- papel sanitario** **[saneetar-yo]** toilet paper
- papel tapiz** **[tapees]** wallpaper
- papelera** **f** **[papelaira]** litter; litter bin
- papelería** **f** **[papelairee-a]** stationery, stationer's
- 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, (US) quarter of three
- para que** **[keh]** in order that
- para uso del personal** staff only
- para uso externo** not to be taken internally
- parabrisas** **m** windscreen, (US) windshield
- paracaidismo** **m** **[parakideesmo]** parachuting; squatting
- paracaidista** **m/f** parachutist; squatter
- parachoques** **m** **[parachok-es]** bumper, (US) fender
- parada** **f** stop
- parada de autobús** **[deh]** bus stop
- paradero** **f** **[paradairo]** stop
- paraguas** **m** **[paragwas]** umbrella
- parar** to stop
- pararse** to stand (up)
- parcela** **f** **[parsela]** plot (of land)
- parcero** **m** **[parsairo]** (Col) friend, pal
- parecer** **[paresair]** to seem; to resemble
- parece que sí/no** it seems so/not
- me parece (que) ...** I think (that) ...
- parecido** **[pareseedo]** similar
- pared** **f** **[pareh]** wall
- pareja** **f** **[pareha]** pair; couple; partner
- parezco** **[paresko]** I am like
- pari** **f** (RD) party
- 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 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?  
 parte m [parteh] report  
 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 as from tomorrow  
 parto m birth  
 parvulario m [parboolaree-o] (Mex) nursery school  
 pasado last  
 la semana pasada last week  
 pasado mañana [man-yana] the day after tomorrow  
 pasado de moda [deh] out of fashion  
 pasadores mp (Pe) shoelaces  
 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  
 pase m (Col) driving licence  
 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  
 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  
 pasó: ¿qué pasó? how's it going?, what's happening?  
 pasta f (Ch) shoe polish

**pasta de dientes** **f** [deh d-yent-es] toothpaste  
**pastel de queso** **m** (Arg) cheesecake  
**pastelería** **f** [pastelairée-a] cake shop  
**pastilla** **f** [pastee-ya] pill, tablet  
**pastillas para la garganta** throat pastilles  
**pata** **m** (Pe) friend, pal  
**patatas fritas** crisps, (US) potato chips  
**patente** **f** [patenteh] (CSur) number plate, (US) license plate  
**patinaje** **m** [pateenaHeh] skating  
**patinar** to skid; to skate  
**patria** **f** [patree-a] motherland, home country  
**las fiestas patrias** celebration of national independence  
**patrulla** **f** [patroo-ya] (Andes, Mex) patrol car  
**patrullero** **m** [patroo-yairo] (Rpl) patrol car  
**pavada** **f** (Rpl) silly thing to say/do  
**paz** **f** [pas] peace  
**PB** ground floor, (US) first floor  
**peatón** **m** [peh-aton] pedestrian  
**peatón, circula por tu izquierda** pedestrians keep to the left  
**peatonal** pedestrian  
**peatones** [peh-aton-es] pedestrians  
**pebre** **m** [pebreh] (Pan) food  
**pecado** **m** sin

**pecho** **m** chest; breast  
**pechú** [pechoo] (RD) brave  
**pécora** **f** (Pe) stink of smelly feet  
**pecoso** freckly  
**pedazo** **m** [pedaso] piece  
**pediatra** **m/f** [pedee-atra] pediatrician  
**pedir** to order; to ask for  
**pedir disculpas** to apologize  
**pedir la hora** [ora] to ask the time  
**pedo** **m** trouble  
**pegar** to hit; to stick  
**no me pega la gana** I don't feel like it  
**pegue** **m** [pegeh] (Nic) work  
**peinar** [paynar] to comb  
**peinarse** [paynarseh] to comb one's hair  
**peine** **m** [payneh] comb  
**peineta** **f** (Ch) comb  
**peinilla** **f** [paynee-ya] comb  
**pelado** (**m**) cropped; bare, barren; skint, penniless; (CSur) bald guy, baldie  
**pelapapas** **m** potato peeler  
**pelea** **f** [peleh-a] fight  
**peletería** **f** [peletairée-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 asomarse **do**  
not lean out

es peligroso bañarse **danger:**  
no swimming

pelirrojo [peleerɔho] **redheaded**

pelo **m** hair

pelón (CAm, Mex) **bald**

pelota **f** ball

peluca **f** wig

peluquera **f** [pelookaira],  
peluquero **m** hairdresser

peluquería **f** [pelookaire-a]  
hairdresser's

peluquería de caballeros  
[deh kaba-yairos] **gents'**  
hairdresser's

peluquería de señoras [sen-  
yoras] **ladies' salon**

pena **f** sadness, sorrow; (Andes,  
CAm, Cu, Mex) **embarrassment**

¡qué pena! [keh] **what a**  
pity!

me da mucha pena [meh] **I'm**  
very sorry

tener pena [tenair] **to be shy,**  
**to be embarrassed**

penca **f** (Mex) **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** [peneeseleena]  
penicillin

penoso (Andes, CAm, Cu, Mex)  
**embarrassing; shy**

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]  
(Mex) **old-age pensioner**

peña **f** [pen-ya] **rock, boulder;**  
**singing club**

peón **m** [peh-on] **labourer;**  
**pawn**

peor [peh-or] **worse; worst**

pepenar (Mex) **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** [pairdeeda] **loss**

perdón [paidon] **sorry,**  
**excuse me; pardon, pardon**  
**me**

perezosa **f** (Col, Pe) **deckchair**

perezoso (m) **lazy; (Urug)**  
**deckchair**

perfecto [pairfekto] **perfect**

**perfumería f** [pairfoomairee-a] perfume shop  
**perilla f** [pairee-ya] doorknob  
**periódico m** [pair-yodeeko] newspaper  
**periodista m/f** [pair-yodeesta] journalist  
**período m** [pairee-odo] period  
**perla f** [pairla] pearl  
**permanente m** [pairmanenteh] perm  
**permiso m** [pairmeeso] licence; permit  
 con permiso excuse me, may I pass?  
**permitir** [pairmeeteer] to allow  
**pero** [paíro] but  
**perol m** (Cu) car  
**perro m** [paíro] dog  
**perro caliente m** [kal-yenteh] hot dog  
**persona f** [paírsona] person  
**persona mayor** [ma-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** [peskadairee-a] fishmonger's

**pescar** to fish; to catch out  
**pesero m** [pesaíro] (Mex) minibus  
**peso m** weight; peso (currency)  
**peso máximo** maximum weight  
**peso neto** net weight  
**pestañas fpl** [pestan-yas] eyelashes  
**pestañina f** [pestan-yina] (Col) mascara  
**petaca f** (Mex) suitcase  
**petate m** [petateh] (Mex) straw mat  
**petróleo para lámparas m** [petróleh-o] paraffin oil, kerosene oil  
**pez m** [pes] fish  
**pibe m** [peebeh] (Rpl) boy  
**picadura f** bite  
**picante** [peekanteh] hot, spicy  
**picar** to sting; to itch  
**pico: horas pico fpl** rush hour  
**picor m** itch  
**picoso** [peekoso] (Mex) hot  
**pidió** [peed-yo] he/she asked for; you asked for  
**pie m** [p-yeh] foot  
**a pie** on foot  
**piedra f** [p-yedra] stone  
**piedra preciosa** [pres-yosa] precious stone  
**piel f** [p-yel] skin  
**pienso** [p-yenso] I think  
**pierna f** [p-yairna] leg  
**pijalío m** [peeHalee-o] (Hond) remote place, back of beyond  
**pijama m** [peeHama] pyjamas

pijinear [peeHeeneh-ar] (Hond)  
 to party  
 pila **f** battery  
 píldora **f** pill  
 pileta **f** (Rpl) swimming pool;  
 sink  
 pileta cubierta **f** (Rpl) indoor  
 swimming pool  
 pileta infantil **f** (Rpl) children's  
 pool  
 pilingui [peeleenkee] (Pan)  
 stingy  
 pilocho (Salv) naked  
 piloto **m** pilot  
 pilotos **mpl** rear lights  
 pimentón **m** [peementon] (SAm  
 not Rpl) pepper  
 pincel **m** [peense] paint brush  
 pinchar puncture; (Cu) to  
 work  
 pinchazo **m** [peenchaso]  
 puncture  
 pinche [peencheh] (Mex)  
 bloody; lousy  
 pintada **f** graffiti  
 pintar to paint  
 pintura **f** painting; paint  
 pinzas **fpf** [peensas] tweezers  
 piña **f** [peen-ya] pineapple  
 piola (Rpl) great, fun  
 pipa **f** pipe  
 piquete [peeketeh] (Col)  
 picnic  
 piragua **f** [peeragwa] canoe  
 piragüismo **m** [peeragweesmo]  
 canoeing  
 pirámide **f** [peerameedeh]  
 pyramid  
 pirulo **m** (Parag) year

piscina **f** [peesena] swimming  
 pool  
 piscina cubierta [koob-yairta]  
 indoor swimming pool  
 piscina infantil children's pool  
 piso **m** floor  
 pista **f** track; clue  
 pista de baile [deh bīleh] dance  
 floor  
 pista de tenis tennis court  
 pisto **m** (Salv) money  
 pistola **f** gun  
 pituco (CSur) posh  
 placa **f** [plaka] number plate,  
 (US) license plate  
 placa de dientes (Ch)  
 dentures  
 plancha **f** iron  
 planchado (Ch) broke, skint;  
 (Rpl) shattered  
 planchar to iron  
 planear [planeh-ar], planificar  
 [planeefeekar] to plan  
 planilla **f** [planee-ya] form  
 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] (Mex)  
 conversation; talk  
 platicar [plateekar] (Mex) to  
 talk, to converse  
 platillo **m** [platee-yo] saucer  
 plato **m** plate; dish, course  
 playa **f** [pla-ya] beach

playa de estacionamiento (CSur, Pe) car park, (US) parking lot  
 playera **f** [pla-yaira] (Mex) T-shirt  
 playeras **fpl** [pla-yairas] (Mex) trainers, (US) sneakers  
 playo **m** (CR) poof  
 playo **f** (Nic) prostitute  
 plaza **f** [plasa] square; seat  
 plaza de mercado (Col) market  
 plaza de toros [deh] bullring  
 plazas libres [leeb-res] seats available  
 plomero **m** [plomairo] plumber  
 pluma **f** pen; feather  
 pluma atómica (Mex) biro®, ball point  
 plumón **m** [ploomon] (Ch, Mex) felt-tip pen  
 población **f** [poblas-yon] village; town; population  
 población callampa [ka-yampa] (Ch) shanty town  
 pobre [pobreh] poor  
 pobreza **f** [pobresa] poverty  
 pocho (Mex) Americanized  
 pochoclo **m** (Arg) popcorn  
 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  
 pollera **f** [po-yaira] (Arg, Bol) skirt  
 polvo **m** [polbo] powder; dust  
 polvo de hornear baking powder  
 pólvora **f** [polbora] gunpowder  
 pomada **f** ointment; (Rpl) shoe polish  
 pomelo **m** (CSur) grapefruit  
 pon put  
 ponchadura **f** (Mex) puncture  
 ponchar (Mex) to puncture  
 poner [ponair] to put  
 ponerle el gorro a alguien (Ch) to two-time someone  
 ponerle los cuernos a alguien [kwairnos] to two-time someone  
 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] (Mex) (drinking) straw  
 poquito: un poquito [pokeeto] a little bit  
 por by; through; for  
 por allí [a-ye] over there  
 por fin [feen] at last  
 por lo menos at least  
 por semana per week  
 por ciento [s-yento] per cent  
 por favor [fabor] please  
 por qué [keh] why

- porcentaje **m** [porsentaHeh] percentage  
 porotos **mpl** (CSur) beans  
 porotos verdes **mpl** (Ch) runner beans  
 porque [porkeh] because  
 portada **f** cover  
 portaequipajes **m** [porta-ekkeepaH-es] luggage rack  
 portátil [portateel] portable  
 portero **m** [portairo] porter; doorman; goalkeeper  
 portugués [portoog-es] Portuguese  
 posada **f** hotel, inn; restaurant; hospitality  
 posible [poseebleh] possible  
 postal **f** [pos-tal] postcard  
 posudo (Col) posh  
 precaución **f** [prekows-yon] caution  
 precio **m** [pres-yo] price  
 precio unidad [ooneeda] price per unit, price per item  
 precios fijos [feehos] fixed prices  
 precioso [pres-yoso] beautiful; precious  
 predio **m** [pred-yo] building  
 preferencia **f** [prefairens-ya] right of way; preference  
 preferir [prefaireer] to prefer  
 prefijo **m** [prefehho] dialling code, area code  
 pregunta **f** question  
 preguntar to ask  
 premio **m** [premyo] prize  
 prenda las luces switch on your lights  
 prendas **fpl** clothing  
 prender [prendair] to light; to switch 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!  
 prepa(ratoria) **f** (Mex) pre-university level school  
 preparar to prepare  
 prepararse [prepararseh] to get ready  
 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  
 prieto [pree-yeto] (Mex) dark-skinned; black  
 prima **f** cousin  
 primavera **f** [preemabaira] spring  
 primer piso first floor, (US) second floor  
 primer plato **m** first course  
 primera (clase) **f** [klaseh] first class  
 primera especial [espes-yal] deluxe first-class



primero *first*  
 primeros auxilios [owseel-yos] *first-aid post*  
 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 (Mex)  
do not sound your horn  
prolijo [proleeHo] (Rpl) tidy  
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  
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] (Mex)  
toll bridge  
puerta **f** [pwairta] door; gate  
por la otra puerta use other  
door  
puerta de embarque  
[embarkeh] gate  
puerto **m** [pwairto] harbour,  
port  
puerto de montaña [deh  
montan-ya] 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] (Mex) drink made from fermented agave cactus sap  
 pulquería **f** [poolkairee-a] (Mex) bar specializing in pulque  
 pulsera **f** [poolsaira] bracelet  
 pulso **m** pulse  
 puna **f** (Ch) altitude sickness  
 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 [bairda] it's the absolute truth  
 puse [pooseh] I put

## Q

¿qué hubo? [oobo] what's happening?; how's things?  
 ¿qué tal? how do you do?  
 ¡qué va! [ba] no way!  
 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  
 quejarse [keh-harseh] to complain  
 quemadura **f** [kemadoora] burn  
 quemadura de sol [deh] sunburn  
 quemar [kemar] to burn  
 quemarse [kemarseh] to burn oneself  
 queque **m** [kekeh] (Ch, Pe) cake  
 querer [kerair] to love; to want  
 querido [kaireedo] dear  
 queso **m** [keso] cheese  
 ¿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?  
 quilombo **m** [keelombo] (Bol, Rpl) mess  
 quince [keenseh] fifteen

que [keh] who; that; which; than  
 ¿qué? what?; which?

quince días [dee-as] fortnight, two weeks  
 quinientos [keen-yentos] five hundred  
 quinto [keento] fifth  
 quiño **m** [keen-yo] (Ec) punch  
 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  
 quiubo [kee-oo-bo] (Andes, Mex) how's it going?  
 quizá(s) [keesa(s)] maybe

## R

rabia **f** [rab-ya] rage; rabies  
 me da rabia it makes me mad  
 rabioso [rab-yoso] furious  
 rabona: hacerse la rabona (Rpl) to play truant  
 raca (Bol) stingy  
 ración **f** [ras-yon] portion  
 radiador **m** [rad-yador] radiator  
 radio **f** radio  
 radio **m** [rad-yo] spoke  
 radiografía **f** [rad-yografee-a] X-ray  
 ráid: pedir ráid [rid] (Mex) to hitch-hike  
 rajarse [ra-harseh] to back down, to run away  
 rancharo **m** [ranchario] small farmer  
 rancho **m** small farm, smallholding  
 ranchos **mpl** (Ven) shanty town  
 rápidamente [-menteh] quickly  
 rápido fast  
 raponero **m** (Col) bag-snatcher  
 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; (Ven) hangover  
 rayas: de rayas [deh ra-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** (Mex) bedroom  
**recepción** **f** [reseps-yon] reception  
**repcionista** **m/f** [reseps-yoneesta] receptionist  
**receta** **f** [reseta] recipe; prescription  
 con receta médica only available on prescription  
**recetar** [resetar] to prescribe  
**recetario** **m** cookbook  
**recibir** [reseebeer] 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  
**reclamo** **m** complaint  
**recoger** [rekoHair] to collect; to pick up  
**recogida de equipajes** **f** [rekoHeda deh ekeepah-es] baggage claim  
 recoja su boleto take your ticket  
**recomendar** to recommend  
**reconocer** [rekonosair] to

recognize; to examine  
**reconocimiento** **m** [rekonoseemyento] examination  
**reconocimiento médico** medical examination  
**recordar** to remember  
**recorrer** [rekorrair] 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** **fpl** [refaks-yon-es] (Mex) spare parts, spares; (SAm) refurbishment  
**refrigerador** **m** [refreeHairador] fridge  
**refrigeradora** **f** [refreeHairadora] (Col, Pe) fridge  
**regadera** **f** [regadaira] shower  
**regalo** **m** present  
 regalón (Mex) spoiled  
**regatear** [regateh-ar] to haggle  
**regenta** **f** [reHenta], **regente** **m** [reHenteh] (Mex) mayor

**régimen m** [reHeemen] diet;  
 regime  
**registrar** [reHeestrar] to search;  
 to register, to certify  
**registro m** (Arg) driving  
 licence  
**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** [reh-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** [reloHairree-a] watches  
 and clocks; watchmaker's  
 shop  
**remar** to row  
**remate m** [remateh] sale,  
 auction sale; the final detail  
**remera f** (Rpl) T-shirt  
**remitante m/f** [remeenteh]  
 sender  
**remo m** oar  
**remolque m** [remolkeh] trailer  
**renguera f** [rengaira] (SAM)  
 limp

**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  
**repasador m** (Rpl) dishcloth,  
 tea towel  
**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  
**reposera f** (Rpl) deckchair  
**representante m/f**  
 [representanteh] representative,  
 agent  
**repuestos mpl** [repwestos] spare  
 parts  
**repugnante** [repoognanteh]  
 disgusting  
**requisito m** [rekeeseeto]  
 requirement, condition  
**res m** cow, bull  
**resaca f** hangover  
**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; (CSur) to tell off  
**rete: está rete lindo** [reteh] (Mex) it's really beautiful  
**retrato hablado m** identikit  
**reumatismo m** [reh-oomateesmo] rheumatism  
**reunión f** [reh-oon-yon] meeting  
**revelado m** [rebelado] film processing  
**revelar** [rebelar] to develop; to reveal  
**reversa f** reverse (gear)  
**revisar** [rebeesar] to check  
**revisor m** [rebeesor] conductor; guard

**revista m** [rebeesta] magazine  
**revolución f** [rebolooos-yon] revolution  
**rey m** [ray] king  
**Reyes: día de los Reyes m** [dee-a deh los reh-yes] 6th of January, Epiphany  
**rico** rich  
**ridículo** ridiculous  
**riego: tierras de riego** **fpl** irrigated land  
**rímel m** mascara  
**rin: a puro rin** (Hond) naked  
**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  
**roco (CR)** old  
**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 kabairos] 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  
rubor m (Mex, Rpl) blusher  
rueda f [rweda] wheel; (Rpl)  
spare wheel  
rueda de repuesto f [deh  
repwesto] spare wheel  
ruega: se ruega ... [seh rwega]  
please ...  
ruego I request  
rufa f (Cu) bicycle  
ruido m [rweedo] noise  
ruidoso [rweedoso] noisy  
ruinas fpl [rweenas] ruins  
rumba f (Col, Ven) party  
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 un boleto to buy a

ticket  
sacar una foto to take a  
photo  
saco m jacket  
saco tejido m [teHeedo] (Rpl)  
cardigan  
sal (f) salt; leave  
sala f room; lounge; hall  
sala climatizada [kleemateesada]  
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 [espaira]  
waiting room  
sala de exposiciones [esposees-  
yon-es] exhibition hall  
sala de tránsito transit lounge  
sala X X-rated cinema, adult  
movie theater  
salado salty; jinxed  
salchichonería f [salcheechonai-  
ree-a] (Mex) delicatessen  
saldar to sell at a reduced  
price; to pay off  
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 (Mex)  
 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  
**salivar** [saleebar] to spit  
**salón de baile** m [deh bñleh]  
 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]  
 (Mex) mudguard  
**salsamentaria** f (Col) delicatessen  
**saltar** to jump  
**Salubridad** f (Mex) Ministry of  
 Health  
**salud** f [saloo] health

**saludar** to greet  
**saludos** best wishes  
**salvadoreño** (m) [salbadoren-yo]  
 Salvadorean  
**salvavidas** m/f lifeguard  
**salvo que** [keh] except that  
**sandalias** fpl sandals  
**sangrar** to bleed  
**sangre** f [sangreh] blood  
**sanitarios** mpl [saneetar-yos]  
 toilets, rest rooms  
**sano** healthy  
**sarampión** m [saramp-yon]  
 measles  
**sarape** m [sarapeh] (Mex)  
 woven blanket  
**sartén** f frying pan  
**sastre** m [sastreh] tailor  
**scotch**® m Sellotape®,  
 Scotch tape®  
**se** [seh] himself; herself;  
 itself; yourself; themselves;  
 yourselves; oneself  
**se aceptan tarjetas de crédito**  
 we accept credit cards  
**se habla inglés** English  
 spoken  
**se hacen fotocopias**  
 photocopying service  
**se necesita ... ..** needed,  
 required  
**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  
se renta **for hire, to rent**  
se renta departamento **flat to**  
let, apartment **for rent**  
se rentan cuartos **rooms to**  
rent  
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**  
sé I know  
no sé I don't know  
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** (Mex) **Ministry**  
secreto **secret**  
Sector (Mex) **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 **second floor,**  
(US) **third floor**  
seguridad **f** [segooreeda] **safety;**  
**security**  
seguro (**m**) **safe; sure;**  
**insurance; safety pin**  
seguro de viaje [deh b-yaHeh]  
**travel insurance**  
seis [says] **six**  
seiscientos [says-yentos] **six**  
**hundred**  
selva **f** [selba] **jungle; rain**  
**forest**  
semáforo **m** **traffic lights**  
semana **f** **week**  
Semana Santa **Holy Week**  
semanal **weekly**  
semiñoca [semeen-yoka] (**Cu**)

stupid  
 senador **m** Senator  
 sencillo [sensee-yo] simple  
 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  
 señalizador **m** [sen-yaleesador]  
 (Ch) indicator  
 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  
 septiembre **m** [sept-yembreh]  
 September  
 séptimo [septeemo] seventh  
 sequía **f** [sekee-a] drought  
 ser [sair] to be  
 a no ser que [keh] unless  
 serio [sair-yo] serious  
 en serio seriously  
 serpiente **f** [sairp-yenteh] snake

serranía **f** mountains  
 serrucho **m** handsaw; (RD)  
 whip-round  
 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  
 sexo **m** sex  
 sexto [sesto] sixth  
 si [see] if  
 si no otherwise  
 sí yes; oneself; herself;  
 itself; yourself; themselves;  
 yourselves; each other  
 sicario **m** (SAm) gunman  
 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  
 sifrino (Ven) posh  
 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 playa f deckchair  
 silla de ruedas [deh rwe-das]  
 wheelchair  
 sillita de ruedas [see-yeeta]  
 pushchair, buggy  
 sillón m [see-yon] armchair  
 simpático nice  
 sin [seen] without  
 sin duda undoubtedly  
 sin embargo however,  
 nevertheless  
 sin plomo unleaded  
 sinagoga f synagogue  
 sincero [seensairo] sincere  
 sindicalista m/f trade unionist  
 sindicato m trade union, (US)  
 labor union  
 singado (Cu) mean  
 singuagua [seengwangwa] (Cu)  
 tasteless  
 sino: no ... sino ... not ...

but ...  
 sino que [keh] but  
 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-goön]  
 nowhere  
 smoking m [esmokeen] dinner  
 jacket  
 soborno m bribe  
 sobrar to be left over; to be  
 too many  
 sobre (m) [sobreh] envelope;  
 on; above  
 sobrecarga [sobrekarga] excess  
 weight; extra charge  
 sobrevivir [sobrebeeber] to  
 survive  
 sobrina f niece  
 sobrino m nephew  
 sobrio [sobr-yo] sober  
 sobros leftovers  
 socado (CR) drunk; (Salv) dif-  
 ficult  
 sociedad f [sos-yeda] society;  
 company  
 socio m [sos-yo] associate;  
 member  
 socorrer [sokorair] to help  
 socorrista m/f lifeguard  
 ¡socorro! help!  
 sol m sun  
 al sol in the sun  
 solamente [solamenteh] only  
 soleado [soleh-ado] sunny

solera **f** (Ch) **kerb**  
 solo **lonely**  
 sólo **only**  
 no sólo ... sino también ...  
 [tamb-yen] **not only ... but also ...**  
 sólo autobuses **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**  
 soroche **m** [sorocheh] (Andes) **altitude sickness**  
 sorprendente [sorprendenteh] **surprising**  
 sorpresa **f** **surprise**

sostén **m** **bra**  
 sótano **m** **lower floor; basement**  
 soutien **m** [soot-yen] (Urug) **bra**  
 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**  
 subido (Hond) **arrogant**  
 subir **to go up; to get on; to get in; to take up**  
 subsuelo **m** [soobs-welo] (Rpl) **basement**  
 subtulado **sub-titled**  
 subtítulos **mpl** **subtitles**  
 suburbios **mpl** [sooboorb-yos] **suburbs; poor quarters**  
 suceder [soosedair] **to happen**  
 sucio [soos-yo] **dirty**  
 sucursal **f** **branch**  
 sudadera **f** (Col) **tracksuit, (US) sweats**  
 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 [sweeseedarseh] to  
commit suicide

Suiza f [sweesa] Switzerland

sumar to add; to add up to

supe [soopeh] I knew

súper [soopair] (Mex) 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

tabique m [tabeekkeh] (Mex)  
brick

tabla de surf f [deh soorf]  
surfboard

tabla de windsurf 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

tabo m (CR) jail

tachero m (Rpl) taxi driver

tacho m (Rpl) taxi

tacho de la basura (Mex) bin,  
dustbin, trashcan

tacón m heel

tacones altos [takon-es] high  
heels

tacones planos flat heels

taguara [tagwara] (Ven) cheap  
restaurant

tal such

con tal (de) que provided  
that

tal vez [bes] maybe  
 talco **m** talcum powder  
 talla **f** [ta-ya] size  
 ¿qué número talla? what size are you?  
 tallador **m** [ta-yador] banker  
 tallas grandes [grand-es] large sizes  
 tallas sueltas [sweltas] odd sizes  
 taller mecánico **m** [ta-yair mekaneeko] garage  
 talón **m** heel  
 talón de equipajes [ekeepaH-es] baggage slip  
 talonario (de cheques) **m** [talonar-yo (deh chek-es)] cheque book, checkbook  
 tamaño **m** [taman-yo] size  
 tamarindo **m** (Mex) traffic cop  
 también [tamb-yen] also  
 yo también me too  
 tampoco neither, nor  
 yo tampoco me neither  
 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  
 tapabarros **m** (Andes) mud-guard  
 tapadora **f** (Rpl) bulldozer  
 tapadura **f** [tapadoora] (Ch) filling (in tooth)

tapar to cover  
 tapas **pl** savoury snacks, tapas  
 tapete **m** [tapeteh] rug, carpet  
 tapón **m** plug; (CSur) fuse  
 taquería **f** [takairee-a] (Mex) taco restaurant, taco stall  
 taquilla **f** [takee-ya] ticket office  
 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 [redooseeda] reduced rate  
 tarjeta **f** [tarjeta] card  
 tarjeta bancaria [bankar-ya] cheque card  
 tarjeta de crédito [deh kredoeto] credit card  
 tarjeta de embarque [embarkeh] boarding pass  
 tarjeta postal postcard

tarjeta telefónica **phonecard**

tarjeta verde **Green Card**

(tourist permit in Mexico)

tarro de la basura **m** (Ch) **bin**,  
**dustbin**, **trashcan**

tatú **f** (Bol, Parag, Rpl) **armadillo**

tauromaquia **f** [**towromak-ya**]  
**bullfighting**

taxista **m/f** **taxi driver**

taza **f** [**tasa**] **cup**

te [**teh**] **you**; **yourself**

té **m** **tea**

té de hierbas **m** [**teh deh yairbas**]  
**herbal tea**

té de yuyos **m** [**teh deh yoo-yos**]  
(Pe, Rpl) **herbal 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**] (Mex) **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** [**telese-ya**] **chairlift**

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**

temporariamente [**-menteh**]  
**temporarily**

ten **hold**

tender **to make**; **to set**

tenedor **m** **fork**

tener [**tenair**] **to have**

tener derecho **to have the**  
**right**

tener prioridad [**pree-oreeda**]  
**to have right of way**

tener prisa **to be in a hurry**

tener que [**keh**] **to have to**

¡tenga cuidado! [**kweedado**] **be**  
**careful!**

tengo **I have**

tengo que **I have to**, **I must**

tenis **m** **trainers**, (US) **sneakers**;  
**tennis**

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**] (Mex)  
**type of soft stone used for**  
**building**

terapia **f** [**terap-ya**] **intensive**  
**care**

tercer piso **m** [**tairsair**] **third**  
**floor**, (US) **fourth floor**



tercera edad **f** [eda] old age

tercero **third**

tercio **m** [tairs-yo] **third**

terciopelo **m** [tairs-yopelo]  
velvet

terco [tairko] **stubborn**

terminal **f** [tairmeenal]  
terminus; terminal

terminal de transportes **m** [deh  
transport-es] (Col) **bus station**

terminar **to finish**

termo **m** Thermos® **flask**

termómetro **m** **thermometer**

terrateniente **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**

tetero **m** (Col) **baby's bottle**

tetunta **f** (Hond) **head**

Teuacán ® [teh-wakan] (Mex)  
mineral water

tezontle **m** [tesontleh] (Mex)  
volcanic marble-like rock

ti [tee] **you**

tía **f** [tee-a] **aunt**

tianguis **m** [t-yangees] (Mex)  
market

tibio [teeb-yo] **lukewarm**

tiburón **m** **shark**

tico **Costa Rican**

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 [deh  
abarroet-es] (Andes, CAm, Mex)  
**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, (US) liquor store**

tienda libre de impuestos  
[leebreh deh eempwestos] **duty-  
free shop**

tiene: ¿tiene ...? [t-yeneh] **have  
you got ...?, do you have  
...?; do you sell ...?**

tiene que [keh] **he/she has to;**  
you have to

tierra **f** [t-yairra] **earth; land**

tifo **m** **typhus**

tijeras **fpl** [teehairas] **scissors**

tiliches **mpl** [teeleech-es] (Mex)  
 bits and pieces  
 timbre **m** [teembreh] bell;  
 stamp  
 timbre de alarma [deh] alarm  
 bell  
 tímido shy  
 timón **m** (Andes) steering  
 wheel  
 tina **f** bath(tub)  
 tintorería **f** [teentorairee-a] dry-  
 cleaner's  
 tío **m** [tee-o] uncle  
 tipo de cambio **m** [deh kamb-yo]  
 exchange rate  
 tira **m** (Mex) policeman  
 tirar to throw; to shoot; to  
 waste; to fuck  
 tirta **f** Elastoplast®, (US)  
 Bandaid®  
 tiro **m** shot  
 tlapalería **f** [tlapalairee-a] (Mex)  
 hardware store  
 toalla **f** [to-a-ya] towel  
 toalla de baño [deh ban-yo]  
 bath towel  
 toalla sanitaria [saneetar-ya]  
 (SAm) sanitary napkin/towel  
 toallita **f** [to-a-yeeta] (SAm)  
 flannel  
 tobillo **m** [tobee-yo] ankle  
 tobo **m** (Ven) bucket  
 tobo de la basura **m** (Ven) bin,  
 dustbin, (US) trashcan  
 tocadiscos **m** record player  
 tocar to touch; to play  
 tocayo **m** [toka-yo] namesake  
 todavía [todabee-a] still; yet  
 todavía no not yet

## Ti

todo all, every; everything  
 todos los días every day  
 todo derecho straight on  
 todo recto straight ahead  
 todos everyone  
 tomado drunk  
 tomar to take; to drink  
 tomar el sol to sunbathe  
 tomate **m** [tomateh] tomato  
 tomavistas **m** (Mex) cine-  
 camera  
 tome usted [tomeh oosteh] take  
 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  
 tonelada **f** tonne  
 tongo **m** (Pan) police officer  
 tono **m** dialling tone; shade  
 tonto silly  
 topes **mpl** (Mex) 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  
 tortillera **f** [tortee-yaira] lesbian  
 tos **f** cough

toscano **m** (Rpl) cigar  
 toser [tosair] to cough  
 tosferina **f** [tosfaireena] whooping cough  
 total: en total [tot-al] altogether  
 totalmente [totalmenteh] absolutely  
 tóxico [tokseeko] poisonous  
 toxicómano **m** [tokseekomano] drug addict  
 trabajador (**m**) [trabaHador], trabajadora (**f**) worker; industrious  
 trabajar [trabaHar] to work  
 trabajo **m** [trabaHo] work; job  
 traducir [tradooseer] to translate  
 traer [tra-air] to bring  
 tráfico: tráfico de drogas drug traffic; drug-trafficking  
 tragamonedas **fpl** slot machine  
 tragar to swallow  
 tragarse [tragarseh] to swallow; to put up with; to fall for; (Col) to fall in love  
 trago **m** drinking  
 traigo [trigo] I bring  
 tráiler **m** [trilair] large truck; caravan, (US) trailer  
 trainers **mpl** [trínairs] trainers, (US) sneakers  
 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 (Mex) to sell out, to compromise  
 tránsito **m** traffic  
 trapear [trapeh-ar] to mop  
 trapo de cocina **m** dishcloth  
 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  
 trasnochar to spend the night  
 traste **m** [trasteh] (CSur) bottom; back; rear  
 tratamiento **m** [-m-yento] treatment  
 tratar to treat; to try  
 trato **m** way of treating people  
 través: a través de [trab-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  
 tres cuartos de hora **mpl** [kwartos deh ora] three quarters of an hour  
 trescientos [tres-yentos] three hundred  
 tribunal **m** [treeboonal] court; tribunal  
 tripulación **f** [treepoolas-yon] crew  
 triste [treesteh] sad  
 tristeza **f** [treestesa] sadness  
 trompudo (Guat) angry  
 tronco **m** body; buddy  
 tropezar [tropesar] to trip  
 trueno **m** [trweno] thunder  
 tu [too] your  
 tú you  
 tú mismo yourself  
 tuanis [twanees] (Salv) cool, great  
 tubo de escape **m** [deh eskapeh] (Mex) exhaust  
 tubo de respirar snorkel  
 tuerce a la izquierda turn left  
 tuerza [twairsa] turn  
 tumbona **f** deckchair  
 túnel **m** [too-nel] tunnel  
 turismo **m** tourism; luxury

bus; tourist office  
 turista **m/f** tourist  
 turístico [tooreesteeko] 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] fingernail  
 urbanización **f** [oorbaneesas-yon] housing estate

urbano urban, city  
 urgencias [oorHens-yas]  
 casualty (department);  
 emergencies  
 uruguayo [ooroogwa-yo]  
 Uruguayan  
 usado used; secondhand  
 usar to use  
 no se usa [seh] it isn't done  
 uso use  
 uso externo not to be taken  
 internally  
 uso obligatorio cinturón de  
 seguridad seatbelts must be  
 worn  
 el uso del tabaco es  
 perjudicial para su salud  
 smoking can damage your  
 health  
 usted [oosteh] you  
 ustedes [oosted-es] you  
 útil useful  
 utilidades **fpl** profits

## V

v is pronounced more like a b than  
 an English v

v.o. titulada version in  
 the original language with  
 subtitles  
 va he/she/it goes; you go  
 vaca **f** cow; (Col) whip-round  
 vacacionar [bakas-yo-nar] go  
 on holiday  
 vacaciones **fpl** [bakas-yon-es]  
 holiday, vacation

vacacionista **m/f** holiday  
 maker  
 vacilar [baseelar] to party, to  
 have a good time  
 vacilón [baseelon] fun-loving  
 vacío [basee-o] empty  
 vacuna **f** vaccination  
 vacunarse [bakoonaarseh] to be  
 vaccinated  
 vagón **m** carriage, coach  
 vagón de literas [deh leetairas]  
 sleeping car  
 vagón restaurante  
 [restowranteh] restaurant car  
 vainitas **fpl** [bineetas] (Ven) run-  
 ner beans  
 vajilla **f** [bahee-ya] dinner  
 service, set of crockery  
 vale: ¿cuánto vale? [kwanto  
 baleh] how much is it?  
 me vale (madre) [madreh] (Mex)  
 I don't give a shit  
 valer [balair] to be worth  
 valiente [bal-yenteh] brave  
 valija **f** [baleeha] (Rpl) suitcase  
 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  
 vaquita **f** [bakeeta] (CSur, Mex)  
 whip-round  
 vara **f** pole; (CR) excuse  
 variar [bar-yar] to vary  
 para variar for a change

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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 [ba-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] (Mex) inner city slum  
 vecino **m** [beseeno] neighbour  
 vehículos pesados heavy vehicles  
 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  
 velocidad limitada speed limits apply  
 velocidades **fpl** [beloseedad-es] gears  
 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 a plazos hire purchase, (US) installment plan  
 ventas al contado cash sales  
 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  
 vereda **f** (CSur, Pe) pavement, sidewalk  
 vergüenza **f** [bairgwensa] shame  
 verraco (Col) fantastic; gutsy  
 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-aireh-a] by air mail  
 vía oral orally  
 vía rectal per rectum  
 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  
 víbora **f** [beebora] snake  
 vida **f** life  
 vidriera **f** [beedree-aira] (Rpl) shop window  
 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  
 villa miseria **f** [bee-ya meesair-ya] (Arg) shanty town  
 vincha **f** [beencha] (Parag) hair-band  
 vine [beeneh] I came  
 viñedo [been-yedo] vineyard  
 vinos y licores wines and spirits  
 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

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víspera **f** [ˈβeespaɾa] the day before

vista **f** view

visto **seen**

dar el visto bueno a [ˈbweˈno] to approve

vitrina **f** [ˈβeetɾeˈena] (Ch, Col, Ven) shop window

viuda **f** [ˈβ-yooda] widow

viudo **m** widower

vivir to live

vivo **alive; I live**

VO (versión original) **original language**

voceador **m** [ˈboseador] newspaper seller

vocero **m** [ˈbosairo] spokesman

volante **m** [ˈbolanteh] steering wheel

volantín **m** (Ch) kite

volar to fly

volcán **m** [ˈbolkan] volcano

volibol **m** [ˈboleebol] volleyball

voltaje **m** [ˈboltaheh] voltage

voltear [ˈbolteh-ɑr] to turn over; to knock over

volver [ˈbolbair] to come back

volver a hacer algo to do something again

vomitarse to vomit

voy I go

voz **f** [ˈbos] voice

vuelo **m** [ˈbwelo] flight

vuelo nacional [ˈnas-yonal] domestic flight

vuelo regular **scheduled flight**  
 vuelta **f** [ˈbwelta] tour, trip  
 a la vuelta **around the corner**  
 dar una vuelta to go for a walk

vuelto **m** [ˈbwelto] change

vuelvo [ˈbwelbo] I return

vulcanizadora **f**

[ˈboolkaneesadora] vulcanizer, tyre repairs

## Y

y [ˈee] and

ya **already; now**

ya está **there you are**

ya mero [ˈmairo] (Mex) **right here, right now**

ya que [ˈkeh] **since**

yace [ˈya-seh] **lies**

yanqui **m/f** [ˈyankee] **Yankee, North American**

yatismo **m** (CSur) **yachting**

yéneca (Cu) **pally**

yerba **f** [ˈyairba] **herb**

yerbero **m** (Mex) **healer**

verno **m** [ˈyairno] **son-in-law**

yeso **m** [ˈyeso] (SAm) **plaster cast**

yeta **f** (Rpl) **jinx**

yo I; me

yo mismo **myself**

yuca (CAm) **difficult**

yunta **m** (Ec) **friend, pal**

yuyos **mpl** [ˈyoo-yos] (Pe, Rpl) **herbs**



## Z

- zafarse** [safarse] to get away, to escape  
**zafra** f (CAm, Cu, Mex) (sugar cane) harvest  
**zamuro** m (Ven) buzzard, vulture  
**zancudo** m [sankoodo] mosquito  
**zapallito** m (Rpl) zucchini, courgette  
**zapallo** m (CSur, Pe) pumpkin  
**zapatería** f [sapatairee-a] shoe shop/store  
**zapatero** m [sapatairo] cobbler; shoe repairer  
**zapatos** mpl [sapatos] shoes  
**zaperoco** m (Ven) chaos  
**zenzontle** m [sensontleh] (Mex) mockingbird  
**zócalo** m [sokalo] (Mex) central square  
**zoco** (Ec) blond  
**zona** f [sona] area  
**zona arqueológica** [arkeholoogeeeka] archaeological site  
**zona de servicios** [deh sairbeesyos] service area  
**zona industrial** [eendoostree-al] industrial estate  
**zona monumental** historic monuments  
**zona postal** [pos-tal] postcode, (US) zip code  
**zona (reservada) para peatones** pedestrian precinct  
**zona roja** [roHa] red light

district

zopilote m [sopeeloteh] (Mex)

vulture

zorrillo m [sorree-yo] (Andes, CAm, Cu, Mex) skunk

zorrino m [sorreeno] (Rpl) skunk

zurdo [soordo] left-handed





**Menu  
Reader:  
Food**

## Essential Terms

- bread el pan  
 butter la mantequilla [manteke~~ee~~-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, la comida corriente [korr-yenteh]  
 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]

- abrebocas (Col) appetizers  
 acaramelado [akaramelado] toffee-coated  
 aceite [asayteh] oil  
 aceite de oliva [deh oleeba] olive oil  
 aceitunas [asaytoonas] olives  
 aceitunas aliñadas [aleenyadas] olives with salad dressing  
 aceitunas negras [neh-gras] black olives  
 aceitunas rellenas [reh-yenas] stuffed olives  
 acelgas [aselgas] spinach beet  
 achicoria [acheekor-ya] chicory, endive  
 achiote [ach-yoteh] (Mex) spicy seasoning from Yucatán  
 acocil [akoseel] freshwater shrimp  
 acompañamiento ... [akompanyamento] served with ...  
 adobado tossed in adobo seasoning  
 adobo red chilli paste used for cooking, in marinades etc  
 aguacate [agwakateh] avocado  
 ahumado [owmado] smoked  
 ají [ahee] chilli  
 ajíaco [ahyako] (Col) stew of chicken, potatoes, vegetables and corn on the cob  
 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] (Mex) 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] (Mex) with chilli sauce and black refried beans  
 a la veracruzana [bairakroosana] (Mex) in a tomato-based sauce with olives, capers and chillies  
 al carbón grilled  
 al clima at room temperature  
 al horno [orno] baked  
 al mojo de ajo [moHo deh aHo] in a garlic sauce  
 al natural [natooral] plain  
 al tiempo at room temperature  
 al vapor steamed  
 albahaca [albaka] basil  
 albacora [albakora] (Ch) swordfish  
 albaricoques [albareekokes] apricots  
 albóndigas meatballs  
 albóndigas de lomo [deh] pork meatballs  
 alcachofas artichokes  
 alcachofas a la romana artichokes in batter  
 alcaparras capers

aliñado [aleen-yado] with salad dressing  
 alioli 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  
 ambrosía [ambrosee-a] (Rpl) type of sweet custard  
 ananás pineapple  
 anchoas [ancho-as] anchovies  
 anchoas a la barquera [barkaira] marinated anchovies with capers  
 anguila [angeela] eel  
 angulas [angoolas] baby eels  
 ante [anteh] (Mex) dish made with sweet potato and pineapple  
 anticucho [anteekoocho] (Bol, Ch, Pe) kebab  
 antojitos [antoheetos] snacks  
 apanado (Andes) coated in breadcrumbs  
 apio [ap-yo] celery  
 arenque [arenkeh] herring  
 arenque ahumado kipper  
 arepa corn meal pancake  
 arequipe [arekeepeh] (Col) fudge  
 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 a la valenciana rice with seafood  
 arroz blanco boiled white rice  
 arroz con leche [lecheh] rice pudding  
 arroz con mariscos rice with seafood  
 arroz integral brown rice  
 arroz verde [bairdeh] rice with olives and green peppers  
 asado roast; roast meat  
 ate [ateh] (Mex) quince jelly  
 atún tuna  
 avellanas [abeh-yanas] hazelnuts  
 aves [ab-es] poultry  
 azafrán [asafran] saffron  
 azúcar [asookar] sugar

babilla [babee-ya] flank, thigh  
 bacalao a la vizcaína [bakala-o – beeska-eena] cod served with ham, peppers and onions  
 bacalao al pil pil [peel] cod cooked in olive oil  
 bagre [bagreh] catfish  
 baleada [baleh-ada] corn meal pancake filled with beans, cheese and eggs  
 banana, banano banana  
 bandeja [bandeHa] main dish  
 bandeja paisa (Col) beef, beans, eggs, rice and vegetables  
 barbacoa barbecued meat

- barbecú [barbekoo] (Ch)  
barbecue
- berenjena [bairɛnɛna]  
aubergine, eggplant
- berlín [bairlɛn] (Ch) type of  
doughnut or sweet roll
- berlina [bairlɛna] (Col) jam
- 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 (Mex) beetroot
- betún [betoon] (Ch, Mex) icing,  
topping
- bien hecho [b-yen echo] well-  
done
- bife [bɛfɛh] steak
- birria [beerr-ya] (Mex) mutton  
stew
- bistec steak
- bistec alemán (Ch) steak  
tartare
- bistec de ternera [deh tairnaira]  
veal steak
- bizcocho [beeskocho] sponge  
finger
- bizcochuelo [beeskochwelo]  
(CSur) sponge cake
- blanquillo [blanke-ye] (Mex)  
egg
- bocadillo [bokadee-ye] (Col, Ven)  
guava jelly
- bocado [bokado] (Ch) vanilla  
ice cream
- bolillo [bole-ye] (Mex) bread  
roll
- bollo [bo-ye] roll
- bomba (Rpl) éclair
- bomba de chocolate (Rpl)  
chocolate éclair
- bomba de crema (Rpl) cream  
puff
- 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
- borgoña [borgon-ya] (Ch)  
strawberries in red wine
- borracho cake soaked in rum
- botanas snacks
- brazo de gitano [braso deh  
heetano] swiss roll
- brevas [brɛbas] figs
- brochetas kebabs
- budín bread pudding
- budín inglés trifle
- buey [bweh-ee] beef
- bufet frío cold buffet
- bufet libre set price buffet
- buñuelos [boon-ywelos] light  
fried pastries; doughnuts
- burritos stuffed tortilla parcels
- buseca [booseka] oxtail soup  
with peas and beans
- butifarra [booteefarra] spicy  
blood sausage
- cabeza [kabesa] pig's head  
(brains, cheeks etc)
- cabrilla [kabree-ya] sea bass

- cabritas **[kabreetas]** (Ch)  
   popcorn  
 cabrito **kid**  
 cabrito al pastor **grilled kid**  
 cabrito asado **roast kid**  
 cacahuates **[kakawat-es]**  
   peanuts  
 cachelada **[kachelada]** **pork**  
   stew with tomatoes, onions  
   and garlic  
 cachito **[kacheeto]** (Ven)  
   croissant  
 caguama **[kagwama]** (Mex)  
   turtle  
 cajeta **[kaheta]** (Mex) **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 **[kaldayrada]** **fish**  
   **soup**  
 caldillo **[kaldee-yo]** **stew**  
 caldo de ... **[deh]** ... **soup**  
 caldo de gallina **chicken**  
   **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]**  
   **(Mex) chicken broth with**  
   **vegetables, chicken strips**  
   **and coriander**  
 caldo Xóchitl **[socheeti]**  
   **(Mex) chicken broth with**  
   **pumpkin blossoms**  
 callampas **[kayampas]** (Ch)  
   **mushrooms**  
 callos **[ka-yos]** **tripe**  
 callos a la madrileña  
   **[madreelen-ya]** **tripe cooked**  
   **with chillis**  
 caluga **[kalooga]** (Ch) **toffee**  
 camarones **[kamaron-es]**  
   **prawns**  
 camarones al mojo de ajo  
   **[moHo deh aHo]** **garlic prawns**  
 cambur **[kamboor]** (Ven) **banana**  
 camote **[kamoteh]** (Mex) **sweet**  
   **potato**  
 campechana de camarón **[deh]**  
   **spicy prawn cocktail**  
 canela **cinnamon**  
 canelones **[kanelon-es]**  
   **cannelloni**  
 cangrejos de río **[kan-grehos]**  
   **river crabs**  
 capirotada (Mex) **bread**  
   **pudding**  
 caracoles **[karakol-es]** **sea snails**  
 caramelo: a punto de  
   **caramelized**  
 caraotas **[kara-otas]** (Ven) **beans**  
 carne **[karneh]** **meat**



- carne a la cacerola **pot roast**  
 carne de choncho (Ch, Pe) **pork**  
 carne de cochino (Ven) **pork**  
 carne de marrano [karn-eh deh marrano] (Col) **pork**  
 carne de puerco [pwairko] **pork**  
 carne de res **beef**  
 carne desmechada (Col, Ven) **shredded meat**  
 carne de venado **venison**  
 carne magra **lean meat**  
 carne picada **minced meat, (US) ground beef**  
 carne roja [roha] **red meat**  
 carnero [karnairo] **mutton**  
 carnes [karn-es] **meat; meat dishes**  
 carnitas **barbecued pork**  
 carta **menu**  
 casero [kasairo] **home-made**  
 castañas [kastan-yas] **chestnuts**  
 catalina [katalena] (Ven) **type of cookie**  
 causa [kowsa] (Pe) **potato salad**  
 causeo [kowseh-o] (Ch) **dish made with cold meat, tomato and onion**  
 caza [kasa] **game**  
 cazuela [kaswela] **casserole, stew**  
 cazuela de ave [aveh] (Ch) **soup made with chicken and vegetables**  
 cazuela de hígado [deh eegado] **liver casserole**  
 cazuela de mariscos **seafood stew**  
 cazuela de pescado **fish casserole**  
 cazuela de vacuno (Ch) **soup made with meat and vegetables**  
 cebada perlada [sebada] **pearl barley**  
 cebolla [sebo-ya] **onion**  
 cebolla de verdeo (Arg) **spring onion**  
 cebollitas [sebo-yeetas] **spring onions**  
 cecina [sesena] **cured beef or pork; (Ch) pork sausage**  
 cena [sena] **dinner, evening meal**  
 centollo [sento-yo] **spider crab**  
 cerdo [sairdo] **pork, pig**  
 cereza [sairesa] **cherry**  
 ceviche [sebeecheh] **marinated raw seafood cocktail**  
 chabacano (Mex) **apricot**  
 chairó [chairo] **mutton and potato broth**  
 chalupa **fried tortilla with filling**  
 champiñones [champeen-yon-es] **mushrooms**  
 chancada [chankada] (Pe) **maize cake**  
 chancho **pork, pig**  
 chanquetes [chanketes] **fish similar to whitebait**  
 charamusca [charamooska] (Mex) **candy twist**  
 charcha [charcha] (Ch) **scrag end**

- charqui [charkee] (SAm) jerked beef, spicy beef
- charquicán [charkeekan] (Bol, Ch) stew made with charqui and vegetables
- chauchas [chowchas] (Rpl) green beans
- chayote [cha-yoteh] vegetable similar to marrow or squash
- chícharos (Mex) peas
- chicharrón pork crackling
- chifa [cheefa] (Pe) Chinese food
- chilaquiles [cheelakeel-es] (Mex) fried tortillas in hot chilli sauce
- chile [cheeleh] chilli pepper
- chile de árbol [deh] dried reddish chilli pepper
- chile güero [gwairo] (Mex) very hot, white chilli pepper
- chile habanero [abanaíro] (Mex) very hot red or green chilli
- chile jalapeño [halapen-yo] (Mex) green chilli pepper, usually in vinegar with onions and carrots
- chile Pekín (Mex) small, green, very hot chilli pepper
- chile poblano (Mex) large green bell pepper, usually stuffed
- chile rubio (Mex) very hot, white chilli pepper
- chile serrano [sairrano] (Mex) very hot, thin green chilli pepper
- chiles en nogada [cheel-es] (Mex) stuffed peppers with a sauce made from walnuts and pomegranate seeds
- chiles rellenos [reh-yenos] (Mex) stuffed green peppers
- chiltoma [cheeltoma] (CAm) sweet pepper
- chimichanga (Mex) stuffed, fried tortilla
- china [cheena] orange
- chinchulines [cheenchooleenes] (Bol, Rpl) chitterlings
- chip (Arg) bread roll, bridge roll
- chipichipi [cheepeecheepee] (Col, Ven) baby clam
- chipirones [cheepeeron-es] baby squid
- chiporro [cheeporro] (Ch) lamb
- chipotle [cheepotleh] (Mex) dark chilli sauce
- chirimoya soursop (a tart-flavoured fruit)
- chirla [cheerla] baby clam
- chirmol [cheermol] hot sauce made from tomatoes, onion and mint
- chivito [cheebeeto] (Arg) goat's meat; (Urug) steak sandwich
- choclo (SAm) maize, corn on the cob, sweet corn
- chocos squid
- cholga (Ch) mussel
- chompique [chompekeh] (CAm, Mex) turkey
- chongo (Mex) dessert made of fried bread, topped with cheese or cinnamon
- chongos zamoranos

- [samoranos] (Mex) curds in  
 syrup  
 chorizo [choreeso] spicy red  
 sausage  
 choro (Chi, Pe) mussel  
 chotos (Rpl) chitterlings  
 chuchoca [choochoka] (Ch)  
 dried maize flour  
 chuleta chop, cutlet  
 chuleta de cerdo [deh sairdo]  
 pork chop  
 chuleta de cerdo empanizada  
 [empaneesada] breaded pork  
 chop  
 chuleta de chanco pork  
 chop  
 chuleta de cordero [kordairo]  
 lamb chop  
 chuleta de lomo ahumado  
 [owmado] smoked pork chop  
 chuleta de ternera [tairnaira]  
 veal chop  
 chuleta de ternera  
 empanizada [empaneesada]  
 breaded veal chop  
 chuleta de venado [benado]  
 venison chop  
 chumpique [choompeekeh]  
 (CAm) turkey  
 chuños [choon-yos] freeze-  
 dried potatoes  
 chupe [choopeh] (Andes)  
 chowder  
 chupete [choopeteh] lollipop  
 chupete helado (Andes) ice  
 lolly, (US) Popsicle®  
 churrasco roast or grilled  
 meat  
 chorros [choorros] long fritters  
 cigalas [seegalas] crayfish  
 cigalas a la parrilla [parree-ya]  
 grilled crayfish  
 cilantro [seelantro] coriander  
 ciruela [seerwela] plum,  
 greengage  
 ciruela pasa prune  
 clavos [klabos] cloves  
 cobertura [kobairtoora] icing,  
 (US) frosting  
 cocaleca [kokaleka] popcorn  
 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 frutas fruit cocktail  
 coctel de gambas prawn  
 cocktail  
 coctel de langostinos king  
 prawn cocktail  
 coctel de mariscos seafood  
 cocktail  
 codornices [kodornees-es]  
 quails  
 codornices estofadas braised  
 quails  
 col cabbage  
 coles de Bruselas [kol-es deh]  
 Brussels sprouts  
 corvina bass  
 coliflor cauliflower  
 coliflor con bechamel  
 [bechamel] cauliflower in  
 white sauce  
 comal (Mex) griddle

comida set menu; meal; food  
 comida corrida set menu  
 comida corriente set menu  
 comidas para llevar [yebar] take-away meals  
 comino cumin  
 completo (Ch) hot-dog  
 conejo [koneho] rabbit  
 conejo asado roast rabbit  
 congrio [kon-gryo] conger eel  
 conservas [konsairbas] jams, preserves  
 consomé de pollo [deh po-yo] chicken consommé  
 copa de helado [helado] assorted ice creams  
 corazón [korason] (Col) palmier, a biscuit/cookie made of layers of puff pastry rolled in sugar  
 cordero [kordairo] lamb  
 cordero asado roast lamb  
 coriandro [kor-yandro] (Arg) coriander  
 corteza de pan crust  
 costillas [kostee-yas] ribs  
 costillas de cerdo [deh sairdo] pork rib  
 cotufa [kotoofa] (Ven) popcorn  
 coyotas (Mex) biscuits, cookies  
 crema cream  
 crema ácida soured cream  
 crema batida whipped cream  
 crema de espárragos cream of asparagus soup  
 crema de espinacas cream of spinach soup  
 crema doble [dobleh] double

cream  
 crema líquida single cream  
 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  
 cuajada [kwañada] milk curds  
 cubierto menu  
 cuchuco [koochooko] wheat and pork soup  
 cuerno [kwairno] (Mex) croissant  
 cuitlacoche [kweetlakocheh] (Mex) type of edible mushroom which grows on the maize/corn plant  
 curanto [kooranto] dish of various meats, seafood and vegetables  
 curvina [koorbeena] sea bass  
 cuy [koo-ee] guinea pig  
 damascos [damaskos] (CSur) apricots  
 dátiles [dateel-es] dates  
 de fabricación casera [deh fabreekas-yon kasaira] home-made  
 desayuno [desa-yoono]

- breakfast
- dorado type of fish
- dulce de leche [doolseh deh lecheh] (Rpl) fudge
- dulce de membrillo [membree-yo] quince jelly
- dulces [dools-es] sweets, candies
- durazno [doorsno] peach
- ejotes [ehot-es] (Mex) green beans, runner beans
- elote [eloteh] (Mex) maize, corn on the cob, corncob
- embutidos cured pork sausages
- empanada pasty filled with meat or fish
- empanadillas de queso [empanadee-yas deh keso] cheese pasties
- empanizado [empaneasado] in breadcrumbs
- en escabeche [eskabecheh] pickled
- enchilada (Mex) fried corn meal pancake filled with meat, vegetables and cheese
- enchiladas rojas [rohas] (Mex) stuffed tortillas in red chilli sauce
- enchilada suiza [sweesa] (Mex) stuffed tortilla with soured cream
- enchiladas verdes [baird-es] (Mex) stuffed tortillas in green chilli sauce
- endivias [endeeb-yas] endive, chicory
- endulzante [endoolsanteh] sweetener
- ensalada salad
- ensalada de frutas [deh] fruit salad
- ensalada de pollo [po-yo] chicken salad
- ensalada mixta [meesta] mixed salad
- ensalada rusa Russian salad – cold diced potatoes and other vegetables in mayonnaise
- ensalada verde [bairdeh] green salad
- ensaladilla [ensaladee-ya] vegetables and chicken in mayonnaise
- ensaladilla rusa Russian salad
- entrada starter
- entrante [entranteh] starter
- entraña [entran-ya] (Rpl) skirt (cut of beef)
- entrecot de ternera [deh tairnaira] veal entrecôte
- entremeses [entremes-es] hors d'oeuvres
- entremeses variados [bar-yados] assorted hors d'oeuvres
- epazote [epasoteh] (Mex) commonly used Mexican herb
- escabeche de ... [eskabecheh deh] pickled ...
- escalope de ternera veal escalope
- escamoles [eskamol-es] (Mex) ants' eggs

escarola curly endive  
 esencia de café [esens-ya] coffee essence  
 esencia de vainilla [binee-ya] vanilla essence  
 espada ahumado [owmado] smoked swordfish  
 espaguetis [espagetees] spaghetti  
 espaldar loin  
 espárragos asparagus  
 espárragos con mayonesa [ma-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  
 espinazo de cerdo con papas stew of pork ribs with potatoes  
 estofado de... .. stew  
 estofado de liebre [l-yebreh] hare stew  
 estragón tarragon  
  
 fabada (asturiana) [astoor-yana] bean stew with red sausage  
 factura [faktoora] (Rpl) rolls, croissants, cookies etc  
 fajitas [faheetas] (Mex) soft

wheat tortillas stuffed with chicken or beef, peppers and onion  
 faisán [fisan] pheasant  
 faisán con castañas [kastan-ya] pheasant with chestnuts  
 faisán estofado stewed pheasant  
 faisán trufado pheasant with truffles  
 falda brisket  
 fiambres [f-yambres] cold meats, cold cuts  
 fideos [feedeh-os] thin pasta; noodles; vermicelli  
 filete [feeleteh] 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] (Mex) 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** (Mex) beans cooked with beer  
**frijoles de olla** [deh o-ya] boiled beans in gravy-type sauce  
**frijoles en salsa de tomate** baked beans  
**frijoles negros** [neh-gros] black beans  
**frijoles refritos** (Mex) refried beans  
**fritada** [freetada] fried fish  
**fritanga** [freetanga] (Andes, CAm, Mex) fried meal, consisting of pork, beef, plantain, black pudding, sausage, giblets, potato and cassava  
**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  
**galleta de campaña** [kampanya] (CSur) type of bread  
**galleta de champaña** [champanya] (Ch) sponge  
  
**finger**  
**galleta de soda** (Andes) cracker  
**gallina** [ga-yeena] chicken  
**gallina con pepitoria** chicken stewed with peppers  
**gallopinto** (CAm) re-fried rice and beans  
**gallos** [ga-yos] cornmeal pancakes filled with meat or chicken in sauce  
**gamba** large prawn  
**garbanzos** [garbansos] chickpeas  
**garnachas** (Mex) 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  
**glaseado** glazed  
**gomita** [gomeeta] (Ven) marshmallow  
**gorditas** (Mex) stuffed tortillas  
**granada** pomegranate  
**granadilla** [granadee-ya] passion fruit  
**gratén de...** ... au gratin, baked in a cream and cheese sauce  
**gratinado** au gratin – baked in a cream and cheese sauce  
**greifrú** [grayfroot] (CAm, Ven) grapefruit

- grosellas** [groseh-yas] redcurrants  
**guacamole** [gwakamoleh] avocado dip  
**guachalomo** [gwachalomo] (Ch) sirloin  
**guanábana** [gwanabana] soursop (a tart-flavoured fruit)  
**guapote** [gwapoteh] (CAm) freshwater fish  
**guayaba** [gwa-yaba] guava  
**guargüero** [gwargwairo] (Pe) sweet fritter filled with fudge  
**guasacaca** [gwasakaka] (Ven) avocado sauce similar to guacamole  
**guasca** [gwaska] (Col) frenchweed, aromatic herb used for seasoning  
**guatita** [gwateeta] (Ch) tripe  
**guinda** [geenda] black cherry; alcoholic drink made from black cherries  
**guineo** [geeneh-o] small banana  
**güirila** [gweereela] (CAm) maize pancake  
**guisado** [geesado] stew  
**guiso** [geeso] stew  
**gusanos de magüey** [deh magay] (Mex) magüey worms  
  
**habanitos** [abaneetos] (Arg) chocolate fingers  
**habas** [abas] broad beans  
**habichuelas** [abeechwelas] runner beans  
**hallaquita** [a-yakeeta] (Ven) ground corn wrapped in leaves for cooking  
**hallulla** [a-yoo-ya] (Ch) type of white bread  
**hamburguesa** [amboorgesa] hamburger  
**harina** [areena] flour  
**harina de maíz** [ma-ees] cornflour  
**hayaca** [a-yaka] (Col, Ven) cornmeal, meat and vegetables wrapped in banana leaves  
**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



hormigas culonas [ormeeegas  
koolonas] (Col) large fried ants

huachinango [wacheenango]  
(Mex) red snapper

huachinango al ajo [aHo] (Mex)  
red snapper with garlic  
butter

huevo [webo] egg

huevo duro [dooro] hard-  
boiled egg

huevo pasado por agua [ag-  
wa] boiled egg

huevo tibio [teeb-yo] soft-  
boiled egg

huevos a la copa boiled eggs

huevos a la mexicana  
[meneeekana] (Mex) scrambled  
eggs with peppers, onions  
and garlic

huevos a la oaxaqueña  
[waHaken-ya] (Mex) eggs in  
chilli and tomato sauce

huevos chimbos dessert made  
with eggs, cognac and syrup

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 picadillo  
[peekadee-yo] eggs with  
minced sausage

huevos con salchichas eggs  
and sausages

huevos con tocino [toseeno]  
eggs and bacon

huevos duros hard-boiled  
eggs

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 hilados [eelados]  
sweetened strands of egg  
yolk

huevos motuleños [mootolen-  
yos] (Mex) eggs cooked in  
chillis and tomatoes, served  
on a fried tortilla and  
garnished with cheese, ham  
and chillis

huevos pasados por agua  
soft-boiled eggs

huevos pericos (Col)  
scrambled eggs

huevos poché [pocheh] (Rpl)  
poached eggs

huevos rancheros [ranchairos]  
(Mex) fried eggs with hot  
tomato sauce and tortilla

huevos rellenos [reh-yenos]  
stuffed eggs

huevos revueltos [rebweltos]  
scrambled eggs

huevos sancochados hard-  
boiled eggs

humita [oomeeta] (SAM)  
flavored corn paste wrapped  
in corn leaves

incluye pan, postre y vino  
includes bread, dessert and  
wine

jaiba [Hība] crab  
jalapeños [Halapen-yos] (Mex)  
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  
jeta [Heta] pigs' cheeks  
jícama [Heekama] sweet  
turnip-like fruit eaten with  
lemon juice or chilli  
jitomate [Heetomateh] (Mex)  
tomato  
jojote [HoHoteh] sweetcorn  
jojoto [HoHoto] (Ven) maize

lagarto (Ven) cheap cut of  
meat  
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  
leche frita [lecheh] pudding

made from milk, eggs and  
semolina  
lechona [lechona] sucking pig  
lechosa [lechosa] papaya  
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  
lenguado a la romana sole in  
batter  
lenguado frito fried sole  
lentejas [lenteHas] lentils  
liebre estofada [l-yebreh]  
stewed hare  
lima [leema] lime  
limón lemon; lime  
llapingachos [yapeengachos]  
potato and cheese pancakes  
lobina sea bass  
lobina a la marinera sea bass  
in a parsley sauce  
lobina al horno baked sea bass  
locro maize and meat soup  
lombarda rellena [reh-yena]  
stuffed red cabbage  
lombarda salteada sautéed  
red cabbage  
lomo pork fillet, pork loin,  
tenderloin  
lomo curado pork-loin  
sausage  
lomo saltado stir-fried pork  
with vegetables  
lonchas de jamón [Hamon]  
sliced, cured ham

longaniza [longaneesa] cooked spicy sausage

lulo [lulo] (Col) a tomato-like fruit

macarrones [makarron-es] macaroni

macarrones gratinados macaroni cheese

macedonia de fruta [masedon-ya] fruit salad

machaca (Mex) shredded meat

macho large green banana

maduro ripe; (Col) plantain

magdalena sponge cake, (US) muffin

maíz [ma-ees] sweetcorn, maize, (US) corn

majarete [mahareteh] (Ven) corn pudding

malaya [mala-ya] (Ch) skirt (cut of beef)

malojo [maloho] (Ven) maize

mamey [mamay] round, apple-sized tropical fruit

mandarina tangerine

mandioca [mand-yoka] cassava

maní [manee] peanuts

manitas de cerdo [deh sairdo] pig's trotters

manitas de cordero [kordairo] leg of lamb

manjar blanco [manhar] (Andes) fudge dessert

mantecadas [mantekadas] small sponge cakes

mantequilla [mantekee-ya] butter

manzana [mansana] apple

manzanas acarameladas toffee apples

manzanas asadas baked apples

mañoco [man-yoko] (Ven) cassava flour

maracuyá [marakoo-ya] passion fruit

mariscada cold mixed shellfish

mariscal (Ch) mixed seafood dish

mariscos shellfish

mariscos de temporada seasonal shellfish

mariscos del día fresh shellfish

marrano (Col) pork

marraqueta [marraketa] (Ch) bread roll

masa dough

matambre [matambreh] (Rpl) skirt (cut of beef)

matambre arrollado rolled beef stuffed with spinach, onion, carrots and eggs

mazorra [masamorra] (SAm) milky pudding; (Pe) pudding made with corn starch, sugar and honey; (Col) maize soup

mayonesa [mī-yonesa] mayonnaise

mazapán [masapan] marzipan

mazorca [masorka] corn on the cob, (US) corncob

medallones de anguila [medayon-es deh angeela] eel steaks

- medallones de merluza  
 [mairloosa] hake steaks
- medialuna [med-yaloona] (Rpl)  
 croissant
- 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
- melcocha [melkocha] candy  
 made with molasses
- melocotón peach
- melocotones en almíbar  
 peaches in syrup
- 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
- menudencias [menoodens-yas]  
 gIBLETS
- menudo tripe; sweetbreads
- menú turístico set menu
- merluza a la parrilla [mairloosa a  
 la parree-ya] grilled hake
- merluza a la plancha grilled  
 hake
- merluza a la riojana [r-yoHana]  
 (Mex) hake with chillies
- merluza a la romana hake  
 steaks in batter
- merluza en salsa hake in  
 sauce
- merluza en salsa verde hake  
 in a parsley and wine sauce
- merluza fría cold hake
- 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 frambuesas  
 [frambwesas] raspberry 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
- milhojas [meeloHas]  
 millefeuille
- minuta [meenoota] (Rpl) quick  
 meal
- mojarro [moHarro] type of fish
- mojicón [moHeekon] sponge  
 finger
- mole [moleh] (Mex) sauce  
 made with chilli peppers,  
 chocolate and spices
- mole de olla [deh o-ya] (Mex)  
 spicy meat stew

- mole oaxaqueño** [wahakɛn-yo] (Mex) type of black or green mole sauce
- mole poblano** (Mex) rich mole sauce made from nuts, prunes and bananas, a Puebla speciality
- mollejas de ternera** [mo-yɛHas deh tairnaira] calves' sweetbreads
- molletes** [mo-yɛ-tes] toasted roll with refried beans and cheese
- mondongo** tripe
- mora** blackberry
- morcilla** [morsee-ya] black pudding, blood sausage
- morcilla de ternera** [deh tairnaira] black pudding made from calves' blood
- moronga** (CAm, Mex) black pudding
- morrocoy** (Col, Ven) tortoise
- mortadela** salami-type sausage
- mosh** (Guat) oats with cinammon and honey
- mostaza** [mostasa] mustard
- mote** [moteh] (Andes) boiled wheat
- mousse de limón** [deh] lemon mousse
- nabo** turnip
- naco** (Col) purée
- nacatamales** [nakatamal-es] corn meal dough filled with meat in sauce and steamed in banana leaves
- nachos** tortilla chips with cheese
- naiboa** [nibo-a] (Ven) cassava bread filled with brown sugar
- nalga** (Rpl) rump steak
- 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-yɛbeh] (Mex) sorbet; ice cream
- niscalos** wild mushrooms
- nisperos** [neespairos] medlars – fruit like crab apples
- nixtamal** [neestamal] (Mex) maize dough, (US) corn dough
- nopalitos** (Mex) chopped cactus-leaf salad
- nueces** [nwes-es] walnuts
- nuez** [nwes] nut
- nuez de Castilla** [kastee-ya] (Mex) walnut
- nuez moscada** nutmeg
- ñoquis** [n-yokees] gnocchi
- ñoquis a la romana** gnocchi in batter
- ñoquis de sémola** semolina gnocchi
- oblea** wafer
- onces** [onses] (Andes) (afternoon) tea

ostión [ost-yon] oyster; (Ch)  
scallop

ostras oysters

pabellón [pabeh-yon] minced  
meat/ground beef, beans,  
rice and banana

pachamanca (Pe) meat  
barbecued between two hot  
stones

pacumutu [pakoomootoo] beef  
kebabs

paella [pa-eh-ya] fried rice  
with seafood and chicken

paella valenciana [balens-yana]  
paella with assorted shellfish

paila [pīla] fried or poached  
eggs with bread

paleta ice lolly

pallar [pa-yar] (Pe) butter bean

palmita [palmeeta] (Rpl)  
palmier, a biscuit/cookie  
made of layers of puff  
pastry rolled in sugar

palmito palm heart

palomitas popcorn

palta (Bol, CSur, Pe) avocado

pan bread

pan blanco white bread

pan de azúcar [asookar]  
sugarloaf

pan de carne [karneh] meat  
loaf

pan de cazón [kason] (Mex)  
layered dish of tortillas,  
beans and dogfish with a  
hot sauce

pan de centeno [senteno]  
brown bread

pan de higos [eegos] dried fig  
cake with cinnamon

pan de huevo [Hwevo] (Ch) bun,  
sweet roll

pan de molde [moldeh] pan  
loaf

pan de Pascua (Ch) panettone

pan de Viena (Rpl) bridge roll

pan dulce [doolseh] buns and  
cakes, sweet pastries; (Rpl)  
panettone

pan francés (Rpl) French bread

pan integral [eentegral]  
wholemeal bread

pan lactal (Rpl) type of white  
bread

pan molido (Mex) breadcrumbs

pan rallado [ra-yado]  
breadcrumbs

pana (Ch) liver

panceta [panseta] (Rpl) bacon

pancho (Rpl) hot dog

pancita [panseeta] tripe

pantruca [pantrooka] (Ch)  
dumpling

papa potato

papa rellena [reh-yena] stuffed  
potato

papadzules [papadsul-es] (Mex)  
tortillas stuffed with hard-  
boiled eggs from Yucatán

papas a la huancaína [wanka-  
eena] (Arg) stuffed potato

papas a la criolla [cree-o-ya]  
potatoes in hot, spicy sauce

papas asadas baked  
potatoes

papas bravas potatoes in  
cayenne pepper

papas chips (Urug) crisps, (US) potato chips  
 papas fritas chips, French fries  
 papaya papaya, pawpaw  
 papelón (Ven) sugarloaf  
 pargo red snapper  
 parrillada de caza [parree-yada deh kasa] mixed grilled game  
 parrillada de mariscos mixed grilled shellfish  
 pasas raisins  
 pasta biscuit, cookie; pastry; pasta  
 pasta de hojaldre [OHaldreh] puff pastry  
 pastel cake; pie  
 pastel de carne [karneh] brawn, jellied meat  
 pastel de queso [keso] cheesecake  
 pasticho [pastecho] lasagna  
 pata foot, trotter  
 patacones [patakón-es] banana chips  
 patatas (fritas) crisps, (US) potato chips  
 patilla [patee-ya] (Col) watermelon  
 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 [pī] pie with a sweet filling

pay de queso [deh keso] cheesecake  
 pebre [pebreh] (Ch) dressing made with onion, chili, coriander, parsley and tomato  
 pechuga de pollo [deh po-yo] breast of chicken  
 pepián meat stew  
 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 [chokolateh] partridges with chocolate  
 perdices encebolladas [ensebo-yadas] partridge with onion  
 perejil [paireh-heel] parsley  
 perro caliente [pairro kal-yenteh] hot dog  
 pescaditos fritos fried sprats  
 pescado fish  
 pescado a la veracruzana [bairakroosana] (Mex) seasoned sea bass or red snapper fillets fried and served with tomato sauce on top  
 peto (Col) corn/maize soup

- pez espada ahumado  
[owmado] smoked swordfish
- píbil (Mex) cooked in a pit
- picadillo [peekadee-yo] minced meat, (US) ground beef
- picadillo de pollo [deh po-yo] minced chicken
- picadillo de ternera [tairnaira] minced veal
- picante [peekanteh] hot, spicy; (Chi, Pe) spicy meat stew
- pichón pigeon
- pichones estofados [peecheon-es] stewed pigeon
- picoso hot, spicy
- pierna [p-yairna] leg
- pilón [peelon] sugarloaf
- piloncillo [peelonsee-yo] (Mex) unrefined brown sugar
- pimentón paprika
- pimienta [peem-yenta] black pepper
- pimienta blanca white pepper
- pimienta de cayena [deh kí-yena] cayenne pepper
- pimiento rojo [roho] red pepper
- pimiento verde [bairdeh] green pepper
- pimientos rellenos [reh-yenos] stuffed peppers
- pinchitos snacks/appetizers served in bars; kebabs
- pincho kebab
- pino [peeno] (Ch) minced meat/ground beef and onion
- pinolillo [peenolee-yo] (CAm) maize flour
- piña [peen-ya] pineapple
- piña fresca fresh pineapple
- piña gratinada pineapple au gratin
- piñones [peen-yon-es] pine nuts
- pipián [peep-yan] hot chilli sauce with ground nuts, seeds and spices
- piré [peereh] (Ven) mashed potato
- pitahaya [peetaha-ya] red fruit of a cactus plant with soft, sweet flesh
- plantilla [plantee-ya] (Csur, Ven) sponge finger
- plátano banana
- plátano macho plantain
- plátanos flameados [flamehados] flambéed bananas
- plato central (Ven) main course
- plato fuerte [fwairteh] main dish
- plato montañero [montan-yairo] beef, sausage, beans, eggs and rice
- 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 braseado braised chicken



pollo con verduras [bairdooras]  
 chicken and vegetables  
 polvorones [polboron-es]  
 sugar-based dessert (eaten at  
 Christmas)  
 pomelo (CSur) grapefruit  
 ponqué [ponkeh] (Col, Ven) cake  
 pop (Urug) popcorn  
 porotos (CSur) kidney beans  
 porotos de manteca butter  
 beans  
 porotos en salsa de tomate  
 baked beans  
 porotos verdes [bairdes] (Ch)  
 runner beans  
 posta (CAm, Ch) cut of beef  
 from the back legs of a cow  
 postre [postreh] dessert  
 potaje [potaheh] thick broth  
 potaje de garbanzos chickpea  
 stew  
 pozole [posoleh] (Mex) thick  
 broth of vegetables meat  
 and corn  
 precocinado [prekoseenado]  
 precooked dish  
 primer plato [preemair] starter,  
 appetizer  
 puerco [pwairko] pork  
 puerro [pwairro] leek  
 pulпитos 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] (Mex)  
 fried corn meal pancake  
 usually filled with cheese  
 quesillo [kesee-yo] (Andes) curd  
 cheese; (Ven) crème caramel  
 queso [keso] cheese  
 queso azul blue cheese  
 queso crema cream cheese  
 queso con membrillo [mem-  
 bree-yo] cheese with quince  
 jelly  
 queso de bola Edam  
 queso de cabeza (Col) brawn  
 queso de cerdo brawn  
 queso de chancho (CSur)  
 brawn  
 queso de mano (Ven) cheese  
 similar to mozzarella  
 queso de soja tofu  
 queso fresco soft white cheese  
 queso fundido melted cheese;  
 processed cheese  
 queso graso full fat cheese  
 queso manchego hard, strong  
 cheese  
 queso Oaxaca [wahaka] (Mex)  
 soft white cheese used for  
 cooking  
 queso para untar cheese  
 spread  
 queso parmesano Parmesan  
 cheese  
 rábanos radishes  
 ración [ras-yon] portion  
 ración pequeña para niños  
 [peken-ya para neen-yos]  
 children's portion

rajas [raHas] (Mex) strips of pickled green chillies; sliced green peppers in cream  
 ratón (CAm) sinewy cut of meat  
 ravioles [rab-yol-es] ravioli  
 raya [ra-ya] skate  
 raya con manteca negra [neh-gra] skate in butter and vinegar sauce  
 rebanada slice  
 receta [reseta] recipe  
 refritos (Mex) refried beans  
 relleno [reh-yeno] stuffed; stuffing  
 remolacha beetroot  
 repollo [repo-yo] cabbage  
 requesón [rekeson] cream cheese, cottage cheese  
 res beef  
 revoltijo [rebolteeHo] (Mex) traditional dish made with seafood, vegetables and prickly pear  
 riñones [reen-yon-es] kidneys  
 riñones a la plancha grilled kidneys  
 riñones al jerez [Hair-es] kidneys in a sherry sauce  
 róbalo bass  
 rocoto hot red pepper  
 romero [romairo] rosemary  
 ron rum  
 ropa vieja [b-yeh-Ha] shredded meat  
 rosca round sponge made at Christmas  
 roscas sweet pastries  
 roseta (Arg) bread roll

rosquillas [roskee-yas] small sweet pastries  
  
 sábana (Mex) escalope  
 saice, saisi [sīseh, sīsee] spicy meat broth  
 sajita [saHta] chicken in hot sauce  
 sal salt  
 sal de ajo [aHo] garlic salt  
 sal de cocina [koseena] cooking salt  
 sal de mesa table salt  
 sal gruesa [grwesa] (CSur) cooking salt  
 sal marina sea salt  
 salbute [salbooteh] (Mex) 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 [owmado] smoked salmon  
 salmón frío [free-o] cold salmon  
 salmonetes [sal-monet-es] red mullet  
 salmonetes a la parrilla [parree-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 allioli/alioli [a-ye-olee/alee  
olee] garlic mayonnaise

salsa bechamel [bechamel]  
béchamel sauce, white sauce

salsa de tomate [deh tomateh]  
tomato sauce

salsa holandesa [olandesa]  
hollandaise sauce

salsa mexicana/pico de gallo  
[менеекана/пееко deh ga-yo]  
(Mex) 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] (Mex)  
green sauce made from  
tomatillo and chillies

salsa vinagreta [beenagreta]  
vinaigrette dressing

salteado [salteh-ado] sautéed

salteño [salteh-yo] small pasty  
usually filled with chicken  
or other meat and sauce

sancocho vegetable soup  
with meat or fish

sandía [sandee-a] water melon

sándwich sandwich

sándwich mixto [meesto]  
cheese and ham sandwich

sánguche [sangoocheh] (Ch)  
sandwich

sardina sardine

sardinas a la brasa barbecued  
sardines

sardinas a la parrilla [parree-ya]  
grilled sardines

sardinas fritas fried sardines

seco (Col) main dish

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

silpancho [seelpancho] beef  
with eggs

sobrebarriga brisket

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 de mondongo tripe stew  
 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] (Mex) 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 (Mex) creamy bean and tomato soup  
 sopes [sop-es] (Mex) 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  
 surubí [sooroobee] freshwater fish

taco (Mex) stuffed maize/corn pancake

tacos al pastor (Mex) tacos with grilled meat  
 tacos de pollo [deh po-yo] (Mex) 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 [chokolatoh] 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

- tequiche [tekeecheh] (Ven)  
coconut dessert
- tejos de queso [tehos deh keso]  
cheese pastries
- tencas tench
- tencas con jamón [Hamon]  
tench with ham
- ternera [tairnaira] veal
- ternera asada roast veal
- tinga [teenga] (Mex) dish made  
from ground meat, onion,  
tomato and chili
- 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; (Csur, Ven) cake
- torta frita (Rpl) fritter
- torta pascualina (Urug) spinach  
and egg pie
- 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 (Mex) thin, fried  
tortilla
- triple [treepleh] (Rpl) double-  
decker sandwich
- trucha [troocha] trout
- trucha ahumada [owmada]  
smoked trout
- trucha a la marinera  
[mareenaira] trout in white  
wine sauce
- trucha con jamón [Hamon]  
trout with ham
- trucha escabechada  
marinated trout
- trutro (Ch) chicken leg
- tuco [tooko] (Pe, Rpl) tomato  
sauce
- tuétano [twetano] marrow,  
squash
- tuna [toona] prickly pear
- tuntas [toontas] freeze-dried  
potatoes
- turrón nougat
- turrón de coco [deh] coconut  
nougat
- turrón de Jijona [Heehona] hard  
nougat
- turrón de yema [yema] nougat  
with egg yolk

uchepos (Mex) small sweet tamales

uvas [oo~~bas~~] grapes

vaho [ba-~~o~~] (CAm) dish made of steamed plantains, spicy beef and yam

vainilla [bī~~nee~~-ya] vanilla

vainitas [bī~~nee~~etas] (Ven) green beans

venado [ben~~ado~~] venison

verduras [bairdoo~~ras~~] vegetables

verduras capeadas [kapeh-~~adas~~] courgettes and cauliflower in batter served with hot tomato sauce and cream

vinagre [been~~agreh~~] vinegar

vuelvealvida [bwel~~beh~~-a-lab~~eeda~~] (Mex) marinated seafood cocktail with chilli

yema yolk

yerba [yair~~ba~~] herb

yogur [yo-~~goor~~] yoghurt

yuca cassava, manioc

zanahoria [sana-~~or~~-ya] carrot

zanahorias a la crema carrots à la crème

zapallito [sapa-~~yeeto~~] (Rpl)

zucchini, courgette, (US)

zucchini

zapallo [sapa-~~yo~~] (CSur, Pe)

pumpkin, marrow, squash

zapote [sapo~~teh~~] sweet

pumpkin

zarzamoras [sarsamo~~ras~~]

blackberries

zarzuela de mariscos [sarsw~~ela~~

deh] shellfish stew



**Menu**  
**Reader:**  
Drink

## Essential Terms

- beer la cerveza [sairbesa]  
 bottle la botella [boteh-ya], el frasco  
 brandy el coñac [kon-yak], el brandy  
 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], la merengada  
 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] (Mex)  
   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  
 angostura angostura bitters  
 anís aniseed-flavoured spirit  
 añejo [an-yeh-Ho] vintage;  
   mellow; mature  
 aperitivo [apaireetebo]  
   aperitif  
 api [apee] thick custard-like  
   drink made from maize and  
   cinnamon  
 aromáticas herb teas  
 atole [atoleh] (Mex) thick drink  
   made from maize/corn  
 azúcar [asookar] sugar  
  
 bebida drink  
 batido [bateado] milk shake  
 bebidas alcohólicas alcoholic  
   drinks

b Borgoña [borgon-ya] (Ch)  
   strawberries in red wine  
  
 cacao [kaka-o] 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 expés [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 [pairfoomado]  
   coffee with a dash of brandy  
   or other spirit  
 café perico [paireeko] (Col)  
   coffee with a dash of milk  
 café solo black coffee,  
   usually strong and often  
   sweet  
 café tinto (Col) black coffee

calentado (Ven) hot punch  
made with eau-de-vie, sugar  
and spices

campurrado (Mex) thick hot  
drink made with ground  
corn and chocolate

carajillo [karaHee-yo] coffee  
with brandy

carato (Ven) drink made from  
corn or rice flour

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

chicha [cheecha] alcoholic  
drink made from  
mermented maize

chicha andina alcoholic drink  
made with corn flour and  
pineapple juice

chicha de manzana alcoholic  
drink made from apple juice

chicha de uva alcoholic  
drink made from grape  
juice

chocolate caliente [chokolateh  
kal-yenteh] hot chocolate  
drink, sometimes sweetened  
with honey and flavoured  
with vanilla and spices

chocolate santafereño

[santaferen-yo] (Col) hot  
chocolate and cheese

chop (Ch) beer

clérico apéritif made of  
wine, fruit and fruit juice

coctel cocktail

cola de mono (Ch) rum punch  
with milk, coffe and vanilla

con azúcar [asookar] with  
sugar

con gas fizzy, sparkling

coñac [kon-yak] brandy

cosecha vintage

crema de cacao crème de  
cacao

crema de menta crème de  
menthe

cubalibre [koobaleebreh] rum  
and coke, cubalibre

cubito de hielo [deh yelo] ice  
cube

cucaracha (Mex) tequila and  
strong, alcoholic, coffee-  
flavoured drink

destornillador [destornee-yador]  
vodka and orange juice,  
screwdriver

embotellado en ... bottled  
in ...

espumoso sparkling

fresco (CAm) fruit juice

gaseosa [gaseh-osa]  
lemonade

ginebra [Heenebra] gin

gintónico [jeentoneek] gin and tonic  
 gol (Ch) alcoholic drink made from butter, sugar and milk  
 granizada/granizado [graneesada] crushed ice drink  
 guarapo [gwarapo] rough liquor made from sugar cane; (Ven) weak filtered coffee  
 guaro (CAm) [gwaro] sugar-cane liquor  
 guayayo (Ven) [gwa-ya-yo] rough liquor made from sugar cane  
 guinda [geenda] alcoholic drink made from black cherries; black cherry  
 guindada [geendada], guindilla [guindee-ya] cherry brandy

haya (Ch) [a-ya] fermented grape juice  
 Hidalgo Mexican wine producer  
 hielo [yelo] ice  
 horchata [orchata] (Mex) cold drink made from rice and water  
 horchata de chufas [deh] (Mex) cold almond-flavoured milky drink  
 huarisnaque [wareesnakeh] (Ch) rough brandy  
 huevos a la ostra [webos] prairie oysters

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  
 jora (Andes) [HORA] drink of fermented maize  
 jugo [Hoogo] juice  
 jugo de damasco apricot juice  
 jugo de durazno [doorasno] peach juice  
 jugo de jitomate [Heetomateh] (Mex) 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  
 jugo de tomate tomato juice  
 jugo de tumbo (Bol) passion fruit juice

leche [lecheh] milk  
 leche condensada condensed milk  
 leche de soja [deh soHa] soya milk  
 leche desnatada skimmed milk  
 leche en polvo powdered 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

mate de coca coca leaf tea

media de agua [med-ya deh  
ag-wa] half-bottle of mineral  
water

mediana bottle of beer

merengada fruit juice with  
ice, milk and sugar

mezcal [meskal] (Mex) spirit  
distilled from the maguey  
cactus

mistela (Ch) hot punch

Nescafé® [neskafeh] instant  
coffee

Oporto port

pinolillo (CAm) [peenolee-yo]  
drink made with cornstarch  
and water

piña colada [peen-ya] rum and  
pineapple cocktail

pisco (Pe) eau-de-vie made  
from grapes

pisco sour drink made with  
pisco, lemon juice and egg  
whites

posh sugar cane liquor  
pozol de cacao [posol deh  
kaka-o] (Mex) cool drink made  
from ground maize/corn  
and chocolate

pulque [poolkeh] (Mex) 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] (Mex) 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

semidulce [semeedoolseh] medium-sweet

sidra cider

sin azúcar [seen asookar] without sugar

sin gas still

sorbete [sorbeteh] (Col) fruit juice with cream

submarino [soobmareeno] (Rpl) hot milk with melted chocolate; (Col) a beer with a shot of eau-de-vie

tafia [taf-ya] (Bol) type of rum

taxallate [taHa-yateh] (Mex) drink from Chiapas made from maize/corn and cocoa

té [teh] tea

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

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

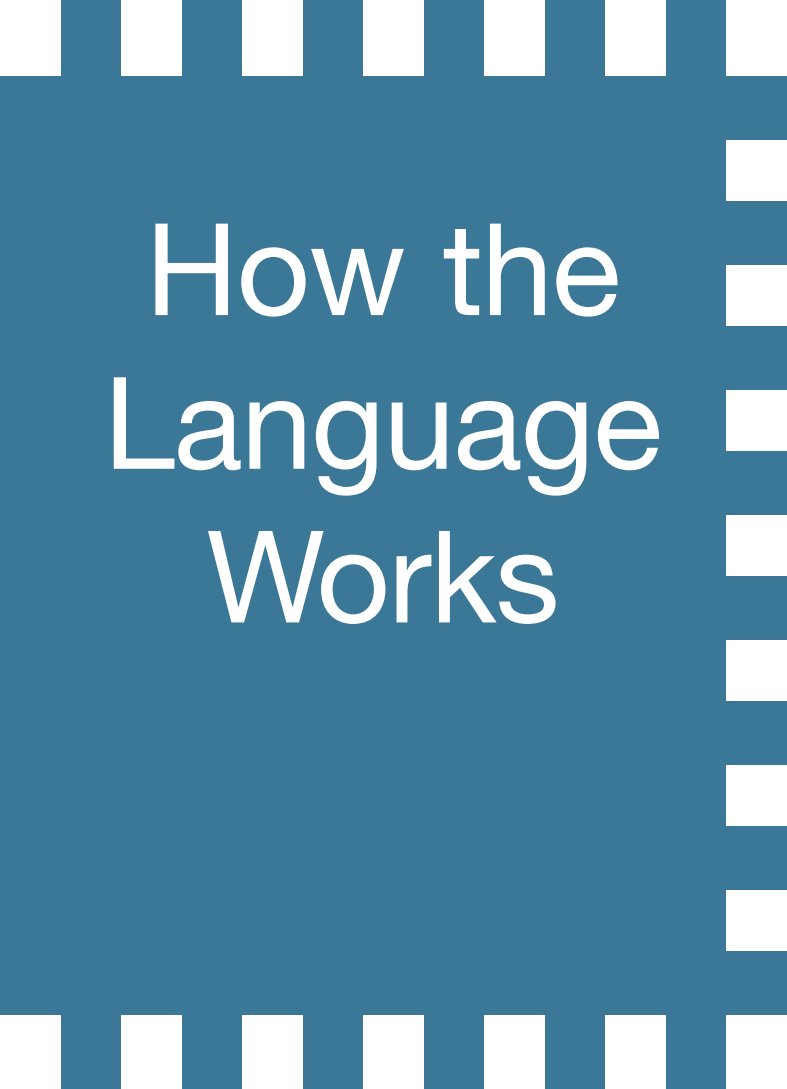
vino rosado rosé wine

vino tinto red wine

yerbabuena [yairba-bwena] mint tea

yerba mate [yairba mateh] bitter tea made from the dried leaves of the yerba mate bush





# 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>	ī	as the 'i' sound in <b>might</b>
ay	as in <b>may</b>	o	as in <b>not</b>
e, eh	as in <b>get</b>	ow	as in <b>now</b>
g	always hard as in <b>goat</b>	s	as in <b>miss</b>
H	as the Scottish ch in <b>loch</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'.

## Latin American Pronunciation

The pronunciation guide given in this book will stand you in good stead wherever you travel in Latin America. But, on your travels, you will encounter a wealth of different forms of pronunciation of Spanish. Here are some instances of this.

**Y** and **ll** are pronounced in different ways in Latin America. In the Southern Cone (Argentina, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay), the pronunciation is like the **sh** in the English word **ship**. Generally speaking, the rest of South America (Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela) pronounces **y** and **ll** like the **j** in the English word **job**. In Central America (Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama), Cuba, Mexico and the Dominican Republic, the pronunciation of **y** and **ll** is similar to the **y** in the English word **year**. In this phrasebook we have opted to use this latter pronunciation.

It is also worth mentioning some curiosities about the **s** sound. In Latin America, the letters **s**, **c** and **z** followed by a vowel or coming at the end of the word are all pronounced as **s** in the English word **set**. The **s** sound is sometimes omitted at the end of a word. For example: **hombres** can be pronounced [ombreh].

In Mexico, Central America, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Colombia and Venezuela, the letter **s** may become an **h**. For example: **pescado** (fish) would be pronounced [pehkado].

In Cuba and the Dominican Republic, you may hear the letter **l** replacing an **r**. For example, **caminar** (to walk) can be pronounced [kaminal].

The **d** sound at the end of a word is very soft or even nonexistent. For example, **usted** is pronounced [oosteh]. It is also possible for **d** to be omitted when it occurs between vowels: **mojado** (wet) becomes [moHa-o].

## Abbreviations

adj	adjective	m	masculine	sing	singular
f	feminine	pl	plural		
fam	familiar	pol	polite		

## 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.

## Abbreviations for Latin American countries and regions

Andes	Andes	Hond	Honduras
Arg	Argentine	Mex	Mexico
Bol	Bolivia	Nic	Nicaragua
CAM	Central America	Pan	Panama
Ch	Chile	Parag	Paraguay
Col	Colombia	Pe	Peru
CR	Costa Rica	PR	Puerto Rico
CSur	Southern Cone (Argentine, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay)	Rpl	River Plate (Argentine, Uruguay)
Cu	Cuba	Salv	El Salvador
Ec	Ecuador	SAM	South America
Guat	Guatemala	Urug	Uruguay
		Ven	Venezuela

## 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:

<b>la cama</b> la kama the bed	<b>la pensión</b> la pens-yon the boarding house, the guesthouse
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Nouns ending in **-or** are masculine. To form the feminine, add **-a**:

<b>el señor</b> el sen-yor the man	<b>la señora</b> la sen-yora the woman
<b>el profesor</b> the (male) teacher	<b>la profesora</b> the (female) teacher

A small number of nouns ending in **-o** and **-a** (usually professions) can be either masculine or feminine:

<b>el/la guía</b> el/la gee-a the guide	<b>el/la violinista</b> el/la bee-oleeneesta the violinist
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## Plural Nouns

If the noun ends in a vowel, the plural is formed by adding **-s**:

<b>el camino</b> el kameeno the path	<b>los caminos</b> los kameenos the paths
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la mesera  
la mesair  
the waitress

las meseras  
las mesairas  
the waitresses

If the noun ends in a consonant, the plural is formed by adding **-es**:

el chofer  
el chofair  
the driver

los choferes  
los chofair-es  
the drivers

la recepción  
la reseps-yon  
the reception desk

las recepciones  
las reseps-yon-es  
the reception desks

If the noun ends in a **-z**, change the **-z** to **-ces** to form the plural:

la luz  
la loos  
the light

las luces  
las loos-es  
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  
el koochee-yo/los koochee-yos  
the knife/the knives

la mesa/las mesas  
la mesa/las mesas  
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**

**bamos 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

**unos sellos**

oonos seh-yos

some stamps

**una chica**

oona cheeka

a girl

**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 auto más rápido  
el owto mas rapeedo  
the fastest car

la casa más linda  
la kasa mas leenda  
the prettiest house

las mujeres más inteligentes  
las moohair-es mas eenteleeent-es  
the most intelligent women

The following adjectives have irregular comparatives and superlatives:

<b>bueno</b> bwe-no good	<b>mejor</b> meHOR better	<b>el mejor</b> el meHOR the best
<b>grande</b> grandeh big old	<b>mayor</b> mī-yor bigger older	<b>el mayor</b> el mī-yor the biggest the oldest
<b>malo</b> malo bad	<b>peor</b> peh-or worse	<b>el peor</b> el peh-or the worst
<b>pequeño</b> peken-yo small	<b>menor</b> menor smaller younger	<b>el menor</b> el menor the smallest the youngest

'As ... as ...' is translated as follows:

¡Caracas está tan linda como siempre!

karakas esta tan leenda komo s-yempreh

Caracas is as beautiful as ever!

The superlative form ending in **-ísimo** indicates that something is 'very/extremely ...' without actually comparing it to something else:

<b>guapo</b> gwapo attractive	<b>guapísimo</b> gwapeeseemo very attractive
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### 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:

<b>exacto</b> eksakto accurate	<b>exactamente</b> eksaktamenteh accurately, exactly
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If the adjective ends in any other letter, add **-mente** to the basic form:

<b>feliz</b>	<b>felizmente</b>
felees	feleesmenteh
happy	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

**su maleta**

s00 maleta

your suitcase

**sus pastillas**

s00s pastee-yas

his/her/your tablets

**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 <b>eh</b> -yos	
de ella	her	de ellas	their (f)
deh <b>eh</b> -ya		deh <b>eh</b> -yas	
de usted	your (sing, pol)	de ustedes	your (pl)
deh oost <b>eh</b>		deh oost <b>ed</b> -es	

el dinero de usted  
el deen**ai**ro deh oost**eh**  
your money

el dinero de ella  
el deen**ai**ro deh **eh**-ya  
her money

el dinero de él  
el deen**ai**ro 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 <b>mío</b>	la <b>mía</b>	los <b>míos</b>	las <b>mías</b>
	el <b>mee</b> -o	la <b>mee</b> -a	los <b>mee</b> -os	las <b>mee</b> -as
yours (sing, fam)	el <b>tuyo</b>	la <b>tuya</b>	los <b>tuyos</b>	las <b>tuyas</b>
his/hers/yours (sing, pol)	el <b>suyo</b>	la <b>suya</b>	los <b>suyos</b>	las <b>suyas</b>
	el <b>soo</b> -yo	la <b>soo</b> -ya	los <b>soo</b> -yos	las <b>soo</b> -yas
ours	el <b>nuestro</b>	la <b>nuestra</b>	los <b>nuestros</b>	las <b>nuestras</b>
	el <b>nwestro</b>	la <b>nwestra</b>	los <b>nwestros</b>	las <b>nwestras</b>
yours (pl)/theirs	el <b>suyo</b>	la <b>suya</b>	los <b>suyos</b>	las <b>suyas</b>
	el <b>soo</b> -yo	la <b>soo</b> -ya	los <b>soo</b> -yos	las <b>soo</b> -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/vos	you (sing, fam)	nosotras	we (f)
too/bos		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.

**Vos** is a familiar form of address which is widely used instead of **tú** mainly in the River Plate area but also in other parts of Central and South America. Although, in certain contexts, it could be used as a formal form of address, it is highly recommended that it is used just in familiar and informal situations.

**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 Latin America 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  
no saben  
they don't know

está cansado  
esta kansado  
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 estadounidense  
el es eeng-les ee eh-ya es estado-ooneedenseh  
he's English and she's American

Subject pronouns are also used after prepositions:

para vos	con él	sin ella
para bos	kon el	seen eh-ya
for you	with him	without her

detrás de usted	después de nosotros
detras deh oosteh	despwes deh nosotros
behind you	after us

The exceptions are **yo**, which is replaced by **mí**, and **tú** which is replaced by **ti**:

eso es para mí/ti  
eso es para mee/tee  
that's for me/you

After **con** (with), **mí** and **ti** change as follows:

conmigo	contigo
konmeeego	konteeego
with me	with you

**Object pronouns**

me [meh] <b>me</b>	nos [nos] <b>us</b>
te [teh] <b>you</b> (sing, fam)	los [los] <b>them</b> (m), <b>you</b> (mpl)
lo [lo] <b>him/it, you</b> (sing, pol)	las [las] <b>them</b> (f), <b>you</b> (fpl)
la [la] <b>her/it, you</b> (sing, pol)	

Object pronouns usually precede the verb:

<b>me la dio ayer</b> meh la <b>dee-o</b> a- <b>yair</b> <b>she gave it to me yesterday</b>	<b>las compré para ella</b> las kom <b>preh</b> para <b>eh-ya</b> <b>I bought them for her</b>
<b>cada viernes la lleva a cenar</b> kada b- <b>yairn-es</b> la <b>yeba</b> a <b>senar</b> <b>every Friday he takes her to dinner</b>	<b>los vi ayer</b> los bee a- <b>yair</b> <b>I saw them yesterday</b>

When used with infinitives, pronouns are added to the end of the infinitive:

<b>¿puede llevarme al aeropuerto?</b> pw <b>edeh</b> yeb <b>armeh</b> al a-airopw <b>airto</b> <b>can you take me to the airport?</b>	<b>intentaré recordarlo</b> eententare <b>h</b> rekordarlo <b>I'll try and remember it</b>
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When used with commands, pronouns are added to the end of the imperative form. See **Imperatives** page 297.

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:

<b>me</b> [meh] <b>to me</b>
<b>te</b> [teh] <b>to you</b> (sing, fam)
<b>le/lo</b> [leh/lo] <b>to him, to you</b> (sing, pol)
<b>le/la</b> [leh/la] <b>to her, to you</b> (sing, pol)
<b>nos</b> [nos] <b>to us</b>
<b>les/los</b> [les/los] <b>to them</b> (m), <b>to you</b> (mpl)
<b>les/las</b> [les/las] <b>to them</b> (f), <b>to you</b> (fpl)

**me enseñó el camino**  
meh ensen-**yo** el kame**eno**  
**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 (one-self)’, that is where the subject and the object are one and the same person:

me [meh] **myself** (used with I)

te [teh] **yourself** (used with singular, familiar ‘you’)

se [seh] **him/her/itself** (used with singular, polite ‘you’)

nos [nos] **ourselves** (used with ‘we’)

se [seh] **themselves** (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**

esta   esa   akeh-ya

masculine plural

**estos esos aquellos****estos esos akeh-yos**

feminine plural

**estas esas aquellas****estas esas akeh-yas****este restaurante****esteh restowranteh****this restaurant****ese mesero****eseh mesairo****that waiter****aquella playa****akeh-ya pla-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/ésos/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 no es justo****eso no es Hoosto****that's not fair****eso****eso****¿qué es esto?****keh es esto****what is this?****aquello****akeh-yo**

## 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 (tú)	[ablas]	you speak (sing, fam)
habl-ás (vos)	[ablas]	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 (tú)	[kom-es]	you eat (sing, fam)
com-és (vos)	[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 (tú)	[ab-res]	you open (sing, fam)
abr-ís (vos)	[ab-rees]	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	[puedo]	I can
puedes (tú)	[pued-es]	you can (sing, fam)
podés (vos)	[pod-es]	you can (sing, fam)
puede	[puede]	he/she can, you can (sing, pol)
podemos	[podemos]	we can
pueden	[pueden]	they can, you can (pl)

**querer** to want

quiero	[k-yairo]	I want
quieres (tú)	[k-yair-es]	you want (sing, fam)
querés (vos)	[ker-es]	you want (sing, fam)
quiere	[k-yaireh]	he/she wants, you want (sing, pol)
queremos	[kairamos]	we want
quieren	[k-yairen]	they want, you want (pl)

**tener** to have

tengo	[tengo]	I have
tienes (tú)	[t-yen-es]	you have (sing, fam)
tenés (vos)	[ten-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 (tú)	[b-yen-es]	you come (sing, fam)
venís (vos)	[ben-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 294 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	[kom-yo]	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	[abr-yo]	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]

**hemos dado una propina**

emos dado oona propena

we have given a tip

**hemos comido bien**

emos komeedo b-yen

we've eaten well, we've had a  
good meal

he encendido la luz

eh ensendeedo la loos

I (have) put the light on

Some verbs have irregular past participles:

hacer to do, to make	hecho	[e <span>cho</span> ]
abrir to open	abierto	[ab-ya <span>irto</span> ]
decir to say	dicho	[de <span>e</span> cho]
volver to return	vuelto	[bwe <span>lto</span> ]
poner to put	puesto	[pwe <span>sto</span> ]
ver to see	visto	[be <span>e</span> sto]

### 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

habl-aba	[abl <span>a</span> ba]	I was speaking
habl-abas	[abl <span>a</span> bas]	you were speaking (sing, fam)
habl-aba	[abl <span>a</span> ba]	he/she was speaking, you were speaking (sing, pol)
habl-ábamos	[abl <span>a</span> bamos]	we were speaking
habl-aban	[abl <span>a</span> ban]	they were speaking, you were speaking (pl)

comer to eat

com-ía	[kome <span>e</span> -a]	I was eating
com-ías	[kome <span>e</span> -as]	you were eating (sing, fam)
com-ía	[kome <span>e</span> -a]	he/she/it was eating, you were eating (sing, pol)
com-íamos	[kome <span>e</span> -amos]	we were eating
com-ían	[kome <span>e</span> -an]	they were eating, you were eating (pl)

**abrir** to open

<b>abr-ía</b>	[abree-a]	I was opening
<b>abr-ías</b>	[abree-as]	you were opening (sing, fam)
<b>abr-ía</b>	[abree-a]	he/she/it was opening, you were opening (sing, pol)
<b>abr-íamos</b>	[abree-amos]	we were opening
<b>abr-ían</b>	[abree-an]	they were opening, you were opening (pl)

Other useful verbs in the imperfect tense are:

**estar** to be

<b>estaba</b>	[estaba]	I was
<b>estabas</b>	[estabas]	you were (sing, fam)
<b>estaba</b>	[estaba]	he/she/it was, you were (sing, pol)
<b>estábamos</b>	[estabamos]	we were
<b>estaban</b>	[estaban]	they were, you were (pl)

**tener** to have

<b>tenía</b>	[tenee-a]	I had
<b>tenías</b>	[tenee-as]	you had (sing, fam)
<b>tenía</b>	[tenee-a]	he/she/it had, you had (sing, pol)
<b>teníamos</b>	[tenee-amos]	we had
<b>tenían</b>	[tenee-an]	they had, you had (pl)

The following are irregular in the imperfect tense:

**ir** to go

<b>iba</b>	[eeba]	I was going
<b>ibas</b>	[eebas]	you were going (sing, fam)
<b>iba</b>	[eeba]	he/she/it was going, you were going (sing, pol)
<b>íbamos</b>	[eebamos]	we were going
<b>iban</b>	[eeban]	they were going, you were going (pl)

ser to be (see page 294 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 Cusco a Machu Picchu

b-yaHaban deh koosko a machoo peechoo

they were travelling from Cusco to Machu Picchu

### 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 beeno teento

we're going to buy a bottle of red wine

iré a recogerlo

eereh a rekoHairo

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-yon 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 (tú)	[air-es]	you are (sing, fam)
sos (vos)	[sos]	you are (sing, fam)
es	[es]	he/she/it is, you are (sing, pol)
somos	[sɔmos]	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, pol)
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
sɔmos eskɔses-es	mi madreh es profesora
we are Scottish	my mother is a teacher

éste es nuestro perro	son las cinco de la tarde
esteh es nwestro perro	son las seenko deh la tardeh
this is our dog	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 leebro esta en la mesa  
 the book is on the table

San José está en Costa Rica  
 san hoseh esta en kosta reeka  
 San José is in Costa Rica

It also describes the temporary or passing qualities of something or someone:

estoy enojado  
 estoy enoHado  
 I'm angry

estoy cansado  
 estoy kansado  
 I'm tired

este filete está frío  
 esteh feeleteh 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 mwee gwapa	Isabel esta mwee gwapa esta nocheh
Isabel is very pretty	Isabel looks pretty (tonight)

soy inglés	estoy en México
soy eeng-les	estoy en meHeeko
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-yendo	no ent-yendo
I understand	I don't understand

me gusta este helado	no me gusta este helado
meh goosta esteh elado	no meh goosta esteh elado
I like this ice cream	I don't like this ice cream

lo alquilé aquí  
lo alkeele**eh** akee  
I rented it here

van a cantar  
ban a kantar  
they're going to sing

no lo alquilé aquí  
no lo alkeele**eh** 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 sing.	usted	ustedes
<b>hablar</b> to speak	<b>hablo</b>	<b>habl-e</b> ableh	<b>habl-en</b> ablen
<b>comer</b> to eat	<b>como</b>	<b>com-a</b> koma	<b>com-an</b> koman
<b>abrir</b> to open	<b>abro</b>	<b>abr-a</b> abra	<b>abr-an</b> abran
<b>venir</b> to come	<b>vengo</b>	<b>ven-ga</b> benga	<b>ven-gan</b> 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:

<b>no me moleste, por favor</b>	<b>¡no beba alcohol!</b>
no meh molesteh por favor	no beba alkol
please don't disturb me	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** or **vos** remove the endings **-ar**, **-er**, and **-ir** from the verb and add these endings:

	tú	vos
<b>hablar</b> to speak	<b>habl-a</b> abla	<b>habl-á</b> abla
<b>comer</b> to eat	<b>com-e</b> komeh	<b>com-é</b> komeh
<b>abrir</b> to open	<b>abr-e</b> abreh	<b>abr-í</b> abree

To form a negative imperative to people addressed as **tú** or **vos**, **no** is placed in front of the verb and the endings change:

	tú		vos
habla	no habl-es	no ab-les	no habl-és
come	no com-as	no kom-as	no com-ás
abre	no abr-as	no abras	no abr-ás

por favor, no hables tan rápido (to one person)

por favor 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 favor

wake me up at eight o'clock, please

bébelo

bebelo

drink it

ciérralas

s-yairralas

close them

ayúdeme, por favor

a-yoodemeh por favor

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	usted	ustedes	tú	vos
	vaya	vayan	ve	ve
	ba-ya	ba-yan	beh	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 bīlar

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 301 to express the date, the exception being for the first of the month:

el primero de septiembre [el preemairo deh sept-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 [febraio]

March marzo [marso]

April abril

May mayo [ma-yo]

June junio [Hoon-yo]

July julio [Hool-yo]

August	agosto
September	septiembre [sept-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]
- 1 uno, una
- 2 dos
- 3 tres
- 4 cuatro [kwatro]
- 5 cinco [seenko]
- 6 seis [says]
- 7 siete [s-yeteh]
- 8 ocho [ocho]
- 9 nueve [nwebeh]
- 10 diez [d-yes]
- 11 once [onseh]
- 12 doce [doseh]
- 13 trece [treseh]
- 14 catorce [katorseh]
- 15 quince [keenseh]
- 16 dieciséis [d-yeseesays]
- 17 diecisiete [d-yesees-yeteh]
- 18 dieciocho [d-yeseee-ochó]
- 19 diecinueve [d-yeseenwebeh]
- 20 veinte [baynteh]
- 21 veintiuno [bayntee-oono]
- 22 veintidós [baynteedos]
- 23 veintitrés [baynteetres]
- 30 treinta [traynta]
- 31 treinta y uno [traynta ee oono]
- 40 cuarenta [kwarenta]
- 50 cincuenta [seenkwenta]
- 60 sesenta
- 70 setenta
- 80 ochenta [ochenta]
- 90 noventa [nobenta]
- 100 cien [s-yen]

120	ciento veinte [s-yento baynteh]
200	doscientos, doscientas [dos-yentos]
300	trescientos, trescientas [tres-yentos]
400	cuatrocientos, cuatrocientas [kwatros-yentos]
500	quinientos, quinientas [keen-yentos]
600	seiscientos, seiscientas [says-yentos]
700	setecientos, setecientas [setes-yentos]
800	ochocientos, ochocientas [ochos-yentos]
900	novcientos, novecientas [nobes-yentos]
1,000	mil
2,000	dos mil
5,000	cinco mil [seenko]
10,000	diez mil [d-yes]
1,000,000	un millón [meel-yon]

When **uno** is used with a masculine noun, the final **-o** is dropped:

un auto  
oon **owto**  
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 [nobenno]
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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