

Vocabulary Course

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Michel Thomas, 1914-2005

Michel Thomas, the internationally renowned linguist and language teacher, who was recently awarded the Silver Star by the US Army for his bravery in the Second World War, died of heart failure at his home in New York on 8th January. He was 90.

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Introduction

iBienvenido! Welcome! to those of you who have completed the **Michel Thomas Spanish courses** and **Language Builder** and to those of you who are about to experience a uniquely exciting way to learn and improve your Spanish!

My name is Rose Lee Hayden, and I had the distinct privilege of working closely with Michel Thomas for several decades, in particular, teaching what he referred to as his 'second phase'. This 'second phase' built upon the structural knowledge of the language that Michel Thomas so brilliantly provided in his Spanish courses. As Michel Thomas himself often said, 'I built the house, but it is up to you to decorate it!'

And decorate it we shall in this **Michel Thomas Method: Spanish Vocabulary Course** that reinforces and expands on what you have already learned having completed the **Michel Thomas Spanish courses**. And for those of you who have not done these courses, I urge you to do so. You will be surprised at how painlessly they will teach or reinforce your Spanish and will introduce you to a unique method of language learning.

At the outset, let me stress what this course does not attempt to do and how it may differ a little from your previous experiences with the **Michel Thomas Spanish courses**. First, this course does not and cannot re-teach the original courses, but rather builds directly on them. Therefore, you may wish to review and keep reviewing your **Michel Thomas Spanish courses** and **Language Builder** to re-familiarize yourself with structural items and basic vocabulary previously introduced by Michel Thomas.

Second, it is important to state that learning vocabulary is not the same as learning structure, even though this course teaches vocabulary the Michel Thomas way. You may find it helpful to review course content more frequently. But let me reassure you that this more frequent review is no reflection on your ability, but rather relates to the fact that you have moved on to another level of instruction with vocabulary acquisition as its basic

goal. Throughout his 'second phase' instruction, Michel Thomas frequently asked his students to review and reinforce the basics before moving on. Because his methodology is cumulative, you must never rush ahead. Each building block in some way relates to previous content and uses it in a carefully constructed way.

Third, those of you who expect drills of each and every word in a category – family members, days of the week, and so on – don't! Michel Thomas actively discouraged memorization, rote learning, writing out lists and any and all related activities of this type. He knew that we do not learn this way, and that the stress generated by these means actually impedes learning. And while we would have liked to have been able to include more words in a category, space on audio recordings is limited, and we had to make hard choices with respect to what we could and could not include. We did not want to waste valuable learning time at the expense of introducing more strategic content designed to help you create words, structures and habits of learning on your own.

I dedicate this course to the memory of Michel Thomas and to all of you who have chosen to build your Spanish vocabulary the Michel Thomas way, and am honoured to be your coach as we work together to get that ball over the net, as Michel Thomas always observed in his courses!

Dr Rose Lee Hayden Series editor

Who was Michel Thomas?



Michel Thomas was head of the Michel Thomas Language Centers and taught languages for over 50 years, primarily in New York, Beverly Hills and London, until his recent death, aged 90. A graduate of the Department of Philology at the University of Bordeaux and student of psychology at the Sorbonne, his harrowing wartime experiences escaping Hitler and fighting with the French Resistance made mastering languages a matter of survival for Michel Thomas.

Michel Thomas dedicated his long professional life to probing the learning process. He focused on the teaching and learning of foreign languages as a perfect test case for his revolutionary learning system, one that made him the world's foremost language teacher to celebrities, diplomats, corporate executives as well as others seeking to acquire or enhance their proficiency in another language.

What is the Michel Thomas method?

The Michel Thomas Method is unlike anything you have ever experienced, especially when you compare it with how languages are traditionally taught in schools or universities. It produces startling results within a remarkably short period of time, all without the need for books, drills, memorizing, or homework. Michel Thomas believed that anyone can learn another language having learned their own, and developed his unique methodology that proved this to be true for many thousands of students.

Learning a language the Michel Thomas way builds proficiency, self-confidence and engages you right from the start. The Michel Thomas Method breaks a language down to its component parts and presents these structures in carefully planned sets of exercises that enable you to reconstruct the language yourself, to form your own sentences that say what you want, when you want. Almost without you realizing it, you will retain

and apply what you have learned and will be motivated to learn more. Without the stress of memorization, note taking and homework, you can relax and let language learning take place as nature intended.

But you have to experience the Michel Thomas Method to believe it. Within hours you will be creating sophisticated sentences in a wide variety of situations, as those of you know who have completed the **Michel Thomas language courses** and **Language Builder**. These courses provided you with functional proficiency in your chosen language, be it French, German, Italian or Spanish, and are the foundation upon which this **Michel Thomas Method Vocabulary Course series** builds, phrase by phrase the Michel Thomas way.

You already know a lot more Spanish than you think you do!

The Michel Thomas method is, above all, based on the commonality of Western languages. Spanish shares as many as 5,000 – 7,000 words with English, everyday words that you already know. This **Michel Thomas Method: Spanish Vocabulary Course** provides dozens of tips to help you unlock what it is that you already know, to expand your Spanish vocabulary exponentially with easy transformations that convert thousands of English words into their Spanish equivalents. You will also learn how to pronounce and spell these new words. As Michel Thomas told you, one can attain functional proficiency in most languages by mastering no more than 500 – 1,500 words. A working knowledge of most languages – even your own – does not require the use of every word in the dictionary. Literally hundreds of additional words and expressions will be on the tip of your tongue as you build your Spanish vocabulary the Michel Thomas way.

How did we come to develop this *Michel Thomas Method: Vocabulary Course* series?

With nearly 1 million copies of **Michel Thomas language courses** sold in the UK alone, and with thousands of enthusiasts who never thought they could ever learn another language wanting 'more Michel', we at Hodder Arnold are particularly pleased to offer this new course series that preserves and extends the language teaching legacy of 'The Language Master', Michel Thomas. Working with us right up to the moment of his death aged 90,

Michel Thomas was in the process of creating a series of vocabulary courses building on his very successful language courses. Reflecting his prior input, this series is the product of a new team of authors and presenters who have either taught for Michel Thomas, or have utilized his methodology in their own classrooms and professional courses.

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With this, our first post-Michel Thomas series, we hope to provide what Michel Thomas and his ever-expanding number of 'students' would expect of us, both as educational publishers and professionals who love languages, teaching them and learning them. We dedicate this series and others that we will be developing for schools, businesses and individuals from all walks of life to our much-esteemed and beloved 'Language Master'. Michel Thomas.

Who is this *Michel Thomas Method: Spanish Vocabulary Course* for?

People who have already learned Spanish with Michel Thomas This Michel Thomas Method: Spanish Vocabulary Course does just what its name suggests: builds on the content Michel Thomas presented in the Michel Thomas Foundation Course: Spanish, Michel Thomas Advanced Course: Spanish, and Michel Thomas Spanish Language Builder. This course covers over 1,000 words and everyday phrases within the context of essential building blocks already presented by Michel Thomas, and includes dozens of useful tools for converting English words to their Spanish equivalents. You can both reinforce what you have already learned from your Michel Thomas Foundation courses and substantially increase your Spanish vocabulary the Michel Thomas way.

People who have learned Spanish using other methods

You may have learned Spanish before and want to brush up on it for a holiday or business trip. Perhaps you are looking for a new approach to help you with revision or to re-motivate you to dust off your Spanish and improve your proficiency. Either way, the **Michel Thomas Method: Spanish Vocabulary Course** will introduce you to a unique way of acquiring language proficiency that will provide dozens of helpful ways to unlock what it is you already know. Focusing on similarities between English

and Spanish, you will be able to increase your vocabulary exponentially, will learn or review over 1,000 words and everyday expressions, and will significantly boost your confidence in your ability to speak, listen to, read and understand Spanish.

You may find that it takes a while to get used to the Michel Thomas way of teaching. It is innovative and quite unlike any other method you will have come across. But once you have experienced the excitement of painless learning the Michel Thomas way, you will be hooked!

What does this pack contain?

The pack comprises over six hours of recorded material on CD, plus this User Guide that contains all the concepts, words and phrases presented in the course. In these recordings, a narrator experienced in teaching the Michel Thomas way will introduce concepts that you will be learning, one by one, and will present helpful hints and handy tools that you can then use to create your own phrases and increase your Spanish proficiency.

The narrator will guide you through three distinct course segments:

1) Cognates – vocabulary building using similarities between English and Spanish; 2) Verbs; and 3) Everyday expressions – to top off your new vocabulary and help you avoid making common mistakes in Spanish. Two native speakers, one female, one male, one with a Spanish accent and one with a Latin American accent, will repeat all words and phrases after a pause designed to allow you to come up with your own response based on prompts from the narrator. The correct response will then be repeated by the narrator to help set it in your mind.

This User Guide contains a detailed listing of all content on the CDs, track-by-track, to help you locate and review what it is you wish to reinforce. It also features a detailed English–Spanish glossary listing the over 1,000 words covered in this course, words that were carefully chosen to increase your communication skills in Spanish, as well as to improve your ability to listen and read for gist.

How are the recordings best used?

- Relax! Make yourself comfortable before playing the recordings and try
 to let go of the tensions and anxieties traditionally associated with
 language learning.
- Do not write or take any notes. Remove notebooks, pens, dictionaries and anything else associated with traditional, school-based language learning.
- Do not try to remember. While participating in the recording and
 afterwards, it is important that you do not try to memorize specific words
 or expressions. It is a basic principle of the Michel Thomas Method that
 the responsibility for the student's learning lies with the teacher. Your
 learning is based on understanding, and what you understand you
 don't forget.
- Interact fully with the recordings. Use the pause button and
 respond out loud (or in a whisper, or in your head if you are in a public
 place) before hearing the correct response. This is essential. You do not
 learn by repetition but by thinking out the answers to each question; it is
 by your own thought process that you truly learn and retain structure
 and vocabulary.
- **Give yourself time to think.** You have all the time you need to think through your response. Your pause button is the key to *your* learning! Be sure to use it. We have inserted standard-length pauses for your responses. When you use the recordings for the first time, these pauses may not be long enough for you to work out your responses. But rather than waste valuable recording time with long silences, we suggest you use the pause button when you listen to the course for the first time, in a place and at a time when it is convenient and safe for you to do so. On subsequent hearings you will need less time to work out your response, and the pauses we have left should be long enough.
- Start at the beginning of the course. Whatever your existing
 knowledge of Spanish, it is important that you follow the way the Michel
 Thomas Method builds up your knowledge of the language. The
 methodology is cumulative and recursive so you must not rush ahead
 before you feel comfortable that you have mastered a concept, phrase or

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- word. This vocabulary course also encourages you to take additional time to create similar examples of your own to reinforce what is being presented.
- Do not get annoyed with yourself if you make a mistake.

 Mistakes are part of the learning process; as long as you understand why you made the mistake and you have the 'aha' reaction 'Yes, of course, I understand now' you are doing just fine. If you made a mistake and you do not understand why, you may have been daydreaming for a few seconds. As noted, the course is structured so that you cannot go on unless you fully understand everything. So just go back a little and pick up where you left off.
- **Stop the recording whenever it suits you.** Track breaks in the CD recordings reflect the numbering and content listings in this User Guide. This will help you locate items you wish to review and will enable you to locate where you left off and where you wish to begin once again.

What can I expect to achieve?

The **Michel Thomas Spanish courses** provided you with a practical and functional use of the spoken language. Using the Michel Thomas Method, this Spanish Vocabulary Course introduces everyday conversational language that will improve your communication skills in a wide variety of situations, empowered by the ability to create your own sentences and use the language naturally. With this additional practice and review, plus over 1,000 words covered and the tools to create hundreds more, your proficiency in Spanish will be reinforced and strengthened as will your self-confidence and desire to use your newly acquired Spanish.

How can I go on to improve further?

Obviously, nothing compares with first-hand contact with native Spanish speakers. And while you may not think that this is possible for you, think again. There are most likely many Spanish speakers, Spanish language clubs and associations in your local area – you need not go to Peru or Mallorca to find them. A simple advert in the local newspaper or on a relevant website offering to exchange English for Spanish instruction may locate someone you will enjoy knowing and practicing with – but do think about your own safety before giving away any personal details. As Michel Thomas noted, we learn a lot more about our own language when we learn another.

Michel Thomas also recommended a little daily practice – ten minutes at least – and knew that this was worth more than several hours of cramming after a period of time has gone by. He encouraged you to start reading, especially newspaper and magazine interviews that reflect Spanish as it is actually being spoken rather than textbook versions of the language. You can also keep up and extend your language by reading items in subject areas of personal interest to you, or you can buy a Spanish translation of your favorite mystery writer. Michel Thomas knew and told you that the more you read, the more things will fall into place. And as he warned, fight that temptation to use your dictionary first and think last. You will be glad you did.

One last suggestion here. For really authentic practice, try to listen to Spanish radio and television programmes that you may be able to receive if you live in a city or have satellite TV options. Relax and listen for gist, not word by word. You can do it! And little by little, *poco a poco*, you will understand what is being said. As Michel Thomas told you upon the completion of his Spanish courses, you have all the tools you need to express yourself and have acquired many more having completed this course. We know that you will find it both rewarding and exciting to practice your ever-improving Spanish!

What do Michel Thomas' students have to say?

Academy award winning director and actress, **Emma Thompson** (as quoted in *The Guardian*):

'The excitement of learning something new was overwhelming. Michel not only taught me Spanish, he opened my eyes to the possibilities of a completely different kind of learning. Michel takes the burden off the student and upon himself...Learning Spanish with Michel was the most extraordinary learning experience of my life – it was unforgettable.'

Irish dance and music sensation, **Michael Flatley** (as quoted in *The Linquist*):

'He [Michel Thomas] was a genius ... a born teacher and thinker.'

Customer feedback on the Michel Thomas Method

'I am writing to congratulate you on the highly original and successful language courses by Michel Thomas; I am currently working on German and French, while my daughter, at my suggestion, has bought the Italian course.'

R. Harris

'I have now finished the eight cassette Italian course and would like to say how pleased I am with it. I am a scientist, with all my neurons in the side of my brain that deals with understanding, and next to none on the side that deals with memory. This has meant my ability to retain vocabulary and learn a language has been about as bad as it comes. Against all odds, the Michel Thomas course has left me with a real sense of achievement, and a tremendous basis for further progress in learning Italian.'

T. A. Whittingham

'He doesn't put words into your mouth, he makes you work out the words to say yourself.'

Angie Harper

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Course contents

Course segment 1: Cognates

- 1 Introduction (CD1, track 1)
- 2 *-ible* to **-ible**. (**CD1, track 2**)
 - possible posible (one stingy 's'); horrible horrible; etc.
- 3 *-able* to **-able**. **(CD1, track 3)**
 - probable probable; acceptable aceptable (one stingy 'c'); etc.
- 4 -ar verbs to -able. (CD1, track 4)
 - dudar (to doubt) to dudable (doubtful); soportar (to bear) to soportable (bearable); tolerar (to tolerate) to tolerable; etc.
- 5 Add in- to make a negative word. (CD1, track 5)
 - evitable (avoidable) to inevitable (inevitable; unavoidable); tolerable to intolerable; etc.
- 6 Diminutive -ito. (CD1, track 6)
 - hijo (son) to hijito (affectionate, little boy)
 - Juan to Juanito (nickname)
- 7 -er verbs to -ible. (CD1, track 7)
 - creer (to believe) to creible (believable); vender (to sell) to vendible (sellable); etc.
 - -ir verbs to -ible.
 - **definir** (to define) to **definible** (definable)
 - -ible to -ible
 - flexible to flexible; compatible to compatible; etc.
- 8 *-ant* to **-ant**e. (**CD1, track 8**)
 - important to importante; restaurant to restaurante; etc.
 - -ar verbs to -ante
 - participar (to participate) to participante (participant); alarmar (to alarm) to alarmante (alarming); etc.

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- 9 *-ent* to **-ent**e. **(CD1, track 9)**
 - different to differente (one stingy 'f'); evident to evidente; incompetent to incompetente; etc.
- 10 *-tion* to **-ción**. **(CD1, track 10)**
 - condition to condición; attention to atención; formation to formación; etc.
- 11 *-sion* to **-sión**. **(CD1, track 11)**
 - impression to impresion (one stingy 's'); decision to decision;
 mission to mision (one stingy 's'); etc.
- 12 *-ence* to **-encia**. **(CD1, track 12)**
 - *influence* to **influencia**; *difference* to **diferencia** (one stingy 'f'); preference to **preferencia**; etc.
- 13 Words that look feminine but are masculine. (CD1, track 13)
 - el problema; el mapa; el clima; etc.
 - -ance to -ancia. (CD2, track 1)
 - *importance* to **importancia**; *elegance* to **elegancia**; *intolerance* to **intolerancia**; etc.
- 14 -/y to -mente. (CD2, track 2)
 - *automatically* to **automáticamente**; *naturally* to **naturalmente**; *personally* to **personalmente**; etc.
 - Use **realmente** for *actually*.
- 15 *-ary* to **-ario**. **(CD2, track 3)**
 - *vocabulary* to **vocabulario**; *necessary* to **necesario** (one stingy 's'); *contrary* to **contrario**; etc.
- 16 *-ive* to **-ivo**. **(CD2, track 4)**
 - exclusive to exclusivo; positive to positivo; constructive to constructivo; etc.
- 17 *-ute* to **-uto**. **(CD2, track 5)**
 - absolute to absoluto; substitute to substituto; institute to instituto; etc.

- -ous to -oso.
- famous to famoso; etc.
- 18 *-ical* to **-ico**. **(CD2, track 6)**
 - *practical* to **práctico**; *basic* to **básico**; *magic* to **mágico**; etc. Require an accent over stressed syllable.
- 19 *-ent* to **-ento**.
 - *talent* to **talento**; *moment* to **momento**; etc.
 - *-t* or *-it* to **-to**.
 - honest to honesto; Robert to Roberto; credit to crédito; etc.
 - *-ic* to **-ico**. **(CD2, track 7)**
 - dramatic to dramático; automatic to automático; ironic to irónico; etc.

Require an accent over the stressed syllable.

- 20 *-ure* to **-ura**. (**CD2**, track 8)
 - temperature to temperatura; literature to literatura; culture to cultura; etc.
- 21 *-tude* to **-tud**. **(CD2, track 9)**
 - aptitude to aptitud; altitude to altitud; gratitude to gratitud; etc.
- 22 -ity to -dad. (CD2, track 10)
 - possibility to posibilidad (one stingy 's'); humanity to humanidad; infinity to infinidad; etc.
- 23 *-ist* to **-ista**. (CD2, track 11)
 - artist to artista; dentist to dentista; optimist to optimista; etc.
- 24 -y to **ía**. **(CD2, track 12)**
 - irony to ironía; astronomy to astronomía; philosophy to filosofía (ph to f); etc.

Require an accent over the stressed syllable.

- 25 *-in* or *-ine* to **-ina**. (**CD2, track 13**)
 - aspirin to aspirina; discipline to disciplina; gasoline to gasolina; etc.

-ice to -ina.

• office to oficina (one stingy 'f')

26 *-id* to **-ido**. **(CD2, track 14)**

• *solid* to **sólido**; *valid* to **válido**; *timid* to **tímido**; etc. Require an accent over the stressed syllable.

27 *-ism* to **-ismo**. **(CD2, track 15)**

• *organism* to **organismo**; *capitalism* to **capitalismo**; *heroism* to **heroismo**; etc.

-ure to **-uro**.

• future to futuro.

Course segment 2: Verbs

- 1 -ar 'good guy' regular verbs. (CD2, track 16)
 - evitar (to avoid); tentar (to tempt); usar (to use); inventar (to invent); mencionar (to mention); formar (to form); gastar (to spend)

Using **gustarse** – It is pleasing ...; It pleases me, you, us, them ... (**CD2**, **track 17**)

Using **debería** to express *should*.

More -ar 'good guys'.

• **gritar** (to shout); **ganar** (to earn; to win) 'Wing' tense endings: **-ar** track and the other track.

- · aba, abas, aba, ábamos, aban
- · ía, ías, ía, íamos, ían
- 2 Inventing **-ar** verbs using *-tion* words in English.

Remove the *-tion* and add an **r**. (**CD3, track 1**)

• invitation to **invitar** (to invite); justification to **justificar** (to justify); etc.

More -ar 'good guys'.

- olvidarse (to forget); cenar (to dine); imaginar (to imagine); admirar (to admire); instalar (to install); adorar (to adore); considerar (to consider); acusar (to accuse); inspirar (to inspire); clasificar (to classify); estudiar (to study); consolar (to console); administrar (to administer); etc.
- 3 More -ar 'good guys'. (CD3, track 2)
 - negociar (to negotiate)

Using **si fuera** for *If I were* ... plus the conditional tense (**-ría**, **rías**, **ríamos**, **rían**).

- Si fuera más joven, compraría un apartamento en Mallorca. (If I were younger, I would buy an apartment in Mallorca.)
- Cuando era un hombre rico, compraba un coche nuevo todos los años. (When I was a rich man, I would buy a new car every year.) When would refers to the past.

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- 4 More -ar 'good guys'. (CD3, track 3)
 - **limpiar** (to clean); **llamar** (to phone; to call); **gastar** (to spend); **mirarse** (to look at); **prestar** (to lend); **besar** (to kiss) In Spanish, you spell it like it sounds.
 - **tocar** (*to touch*) in command tense, **toque**, etc.
 - atacar (to attack) in command tense, ataque, etc.
- 5 'Good guys' from the other track: **-er** and **-ir**. (**CD3, track 4**)
 - beber (to drink); aprender (to learn); comprender (to understand); entender (to understand); responder (to respond; to answer); escribir (to write)
- 6 Reflexive verbs when the subject and object are the same: think ...self. (**CD3, track 5**)
 - esconderse (to hide oneself); despertarse (to wake up; to wake oneself up); sentarse (to sit down; to sit oneself down); levantarse (to get up or stand up; to get oneself up); lavarse (to wash oneself); casarse (to get married); vestirse (to get dressed; to dress oneself); irse (to go away); dormirse (to fall asleep); hacerse (to become; make of oneself); quejarse (to complain); darse cuenta de (to realize); olvidarse (to forget); expresarse (to express oneself); alegrarse (to be glad)

The impersonal 'one'.

- **Se come bien aquí.** (*One eats well here.*) The passive voice: when the subject is acted upon. **(CD3, track 6)**
- El museo se abre todos los días. (The museum is opened every day.)
- 7 More practice with **-er** verbs and reflexives. **(CD3, track 7)**
 - prometer (to promise); poder (to be able to); responder (to respond; to answer); caber (to fit into); llover (to rain); ofrecer (to offer)
 - protegerse (to protect oneself); defenderse (to defend oneself)
- 8 More -er verbs. (CD3, track 8)
 - **deber** (*should, ought to*); **vender** (*to sell*)

Go go to ga ga verbs.

valer (to be worth); valer la pena (to be worth it)
 E.g. valgo to valga in command tense.
 Using sino to express but rather.

- No soy rico sino pobre. (I am not rich, but rather poor.)
- 9 More -er verbs. (CD3, track 9)
 - temer (to fear); toser (to cough); creer (to believe); crecer (to grow); reconocer (to recognize); meter (to place or put)
- 10 Some -ir verbs. (CD3, track 10)
 - admitir (to admit); insistir en (insist on); invadir (to invade);
 omitir (to omit); decidir (to decide); sufrir (to suffer); recibir (to receive); cubrir (to cover); describir (to describe); abrir (to open);
 huir (to flee); permitir (to permit); prohibir (to prohibit); asistir a (to attend); decir (to say or tell); salir (to go out; to leave); dormir (to sleep)
- 11 Some more **-ir** verbs. **(CD3, track 11)** In Spanish you spell it like it sounds.
 - destruir (to destroy) | destroy = destruyo; command tense = destruya; construir (to construct) | construct = construyo; command tense = construya; incluir (to include)
 | conclude = concluyo; command tense = concluya.
- 12 Some more -ir verbs. (CD3, track 12)

'Cuzco' verb: **traducir** (*to translate*) *I translate* = **traduzco**; command tense = **traduzca**

Some **-ir** verbs with spelling changes in the **dot** tense.

- traducir (to translate) to traduje, tradujiste, tradujo, tradujimos, tradujeron; producir (to produce) to produje, produjiste, produjo, produjimos, produjeron
- 13 Some more -ir verbs. (CD3, track 13)
 - **subir a** (*to climb up*; *to board a train*, etc.)
 (Also used for *to raise your voice* or **subir la voz**.)

More practice with **-ir** verbs.

- salir (to go out; to leave); salir con (to go out with); sufrir (to suffer)
- 14 Verbs that 'cave in' from **e** to **ie**. (**CD3, track 14**)
 - perder (to lose) pierdo, pierdes, pierde, perdemos (does not 'cave in'), pierden
 - command tense: pierda, pierdas, pierda, perdamos (does not 'cave in'), pierdan
 - following this pattern: negar (to negate); pensar (to think);
 cerrar (to close)

The 'right now in the process of doing' **e** to **i**.

- mentir (to tell a lie) to mintiendo; pedir (to ask) to pidiendo
- 15 Verbs that 'cave in' from **o** or **u** to **ue**. (**CD3, track 15**)
 - poder (to be able to) puedo, puedes, puede, podemos (does not 'cave in'), pueden
 - command tense: **pueda**, **puedas**, **pueda**, **podamos** (does <u>not</u> 'cave in'), **pueden**
 - following this pattern: costar (to cost); volver (to come; to return);
 acostarse (to lie down); acordarse de (to remember)
- 16 More verbs that 'cave in' from o or u to ue. (CD3, track 16)
 - mostrar (to show); jugar (to play)
- 17 Verbs that go from **e** to **i**. (**CD4, track 1**)
 - vestirse (to get dressed; to dress oneself) to me visto, te vistes, se viste, nos vestimos (does not 'cave in'); se visten
 - following this pattern: **servir** (*to serve*); **repetir** (*to repeat*)
 - command tense: me vista, te vistas, se vista, nos vistamos, se vistan (CD4, track 2)

The 'right now in the moment of doing' **e** to **i** = **vistiéndose**; **mintiendo**; **pidiendo**; **sirviendo**; **repitiendo**.

- 18 Expressions that trigger the command tense.
 - Let's = hablar to hablemos; comer to comamos; sufrir to suframos

Positive command: pronouns after the verb.

- **Dígamelo.** (*Tell it to me.*) **Póngalos aquí.** (*Put them here.*)
- 19 Expressions that trigger the command tense. (**CD4, track 3**) Whenever you want someone else to do something.
 - querer que (to want that); preferir que (to prefer that);
 proponer que (to propose that); permitir que (to permit that);
 es necesario que (it is necessary that)

Expressing emotion.

 temer que (to fear that); alegrarse de que (to be glad that); ser ridículo que (to be ridiculous that); sentir que (to be sorry that);
 Es lástima que (lt's a shame that); ser bueno/malo que (to be good or bad that)

Expressing doubt, denial or unreality.

- dudar que (to doubt that); ser imposible que (to be impossible that); ser improbable que (to be improbable that)
- 20 More practice with expressions that trigger the command tense. **(CD4, track 4)**
 - querer que (to want that); dudar que (to doubt that); alegrarse de que (to be glad that)

Course segment 3: Everyday expressions

- 1 'Verb-plus' expressions. (**CD4, track 5**)
 - **acabar de** (*to have finished*, *to have just finished*) Followed by the *to* form of the verb.
- 2 More 'verb-plus' expressions. (**CD4, track 6**)
 - dejar de (to finish, to stop doing something); volver a (to return to; to return to doing something); aprovecharse de (to take advantage of)

These 'verb-plus' expressions are followed by the *to* form of the verb in the following examples:

- **Volvió a comerlo.** (He returned to eating it.) **Deben hacerlo.** (They ought to do it.).
- 3 More 'verb-plus' expressions. (**CD4, track 7**)
 - cambiar de (to change, to change your mind)
 - contar con (to count on)
 - darse cuenta de (to realize, to notice)
 - estar de acuerdo con (to agree with)
- 4 More 'verb-plus' expressions. (CD4, track 8)
 - querer decir (to mean)
 - valer la pena (to be worth it)
- 5 Hacer in time expressions. (CD4, track 9)
 - Lo comí hace una hora. (I ate it an hour ago.) Hace mucho tiempo lo hizo. (He did it a long time ago.) Hacía dos años que Juan vivía en España. (Juan had been living in Spain for two years.) etc.
- 6 **Hacer** in weather expressions. **(CD4, track 10)**
 - Hace frío. (It's cold.) Hace calor. (It's hot.) Hace viento. (It's windy.) etc.

Some other uses of **hacer**.

- hacer un viaje (to take a trip)
- hacer una pregunta (to ask a question)
- hacer daño (to harm)

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- 7 Expressions using tener. (CD4, track 11)
 - **tener que** (*to have to*; *to have to do something*) followed by the *to* form of the verb.
 - tener frío (to be cold)
 - tener calor (to be warm)
 - tener sed (to be thirsty)
 - tener hambre (to be hungry)
 - tener suerte (to be lucky)
 - tener cuidado (to be careful)
 - tener sueño (to be sleepy)
 - tener prisa (to be in a hurry)
 - tener razón (to be correct)
 - tener la culpa (to be to blame)
 - tener ganas de (to desire to do something; to be in the mood for)
- 8 More expressions using **tener**. (**CD4**, **track 12**)
 - tener X años (to be X years old)
 - tener lugar (to take place)
 - tener paciencia (to be patient)
 - tener lógica (to make sense)
 - tener remedio (to have a solution)
- 9 Uses of para. (CD4, track 13)
 - to a destination
 - for a person
 - in order to
 - to or towards a location or goal
 - · expressing deadlines

Words used to ask questions.

- ¿Cuándo? (When?); ¿Cuánto/a? ¿Cuántos/as? (How much?; How many?)
- ¿Cómo? (How?)
- ¿Dónde? (Where?)
- ¿Quién(es)? (Who?)
- ¿Cuál(es)? (Which one?; Which ones?)

Require an accent.

Days of the week. (See glossary.)

- 10 Using time expressions. (CD4, track 14)
 - antes de (before)
 - después de (after)

More days of the week. (See glossary.) Seasons of the year. (See glossary.) Months of the year. (See glossary.)

- 11 Telling the time. (CD5, track 1)
 - Es la una. (It's one o'clock.)
 - Son las dos. (It's two o'clock.)
 - Son las cuatro y cuarto. (lt's 4.15.)
 - Son las cinco y media. (/t's 5.30.)

Time of day. (See glossary.) Numbers (See glossary.)

- 12 More uses of para. (CD5, track 2)
 - comparison with others in a category. **Para un joven** ... (For a young person ...)
 - purpose, what an object or objects are used for
 - to study to be estudiar para
 - in order to
- 13 Uses of por. (CD5, track 3)
 - in exchange for
 - per (e.g., per hour)
- 14 More uses of **por**. (**CD5**, **track 4**)
 - through a place or space
 - · duration of time

Some expressions using **por**.

- por ahora (for now)
- **por eso** (because of that; therefore)
- 15 Some more expressions using **por**. (**CD5**, **track 5**)
 - iPor Dios! (For heaven's sake!)
 - por ahora (for now)

- **por eso** (because of that; therefore)
- por ejemplo (for example)
- por fin (at last; finally)
- por lo visto (apparently)

More uses of **por**.

- by (agent of doing)
- *on behalf of* in place of another person
- 16 More uses of **por**. (**CD5**, **track 6**)
 - to go for
 - to fetch something or someone

Choosing between **para** and **por** to convey different meanings.

- 17 Expressions using **lo**. (**CD5, track 7**)
 - **lo bueno** (the good thing)
 - **lo malo** (the bad thing)
 - **lo útil** (the useful thing)
 - **Io hecho** (the done thing; that which is done)
 - **lo necesario** (the necessary thing)
 - **lo importante** (the important thing)
 - **lo mío** (*mine*; *that which is mine*)
 - lo suyo (lo tuyo) (yours; that which is yours)
- 18 Uses of ser. (CD5, track 8)
 - to describe a rather permanent condition of being
 - to define something
 - to show possession (es de ...)
- 19 More practice with **ser**. **(CD5, track 9)**
 - to describe the colour of something

Colours (See glossary.)

- to express where someone is from; origin or nationality
- to describe someone's profession
- 20 Uses of estar. (CD5, track 10)
 - to describe a temporary condition or state of being
 - to use with **-ando** and **-iendo** to describe actions that right now,

at this moment – one is in the process of doing (e.g. **estoy hablando** – *I am right now speaking*)

· to describe location

Choosing between **ser** and **estar** to convey different meanings. Using **ser** to express the passive voice (i.e. when the subject is being acted upon).

- 21 More practice choosing between **ser** and **estar** to convey different meanings. **(CD5, track 11)**
 - · being ill vs. being an invalid
 - · being handsome vs. looking good right now
- 22 Using double negatives in Spanish. (CD5, track 12)
 - something vs. nothing
 - someone vs. no one or nobody
 - · sometimes vs. never
 - any vs. none

Expressions using negatives.

- ni yo tampoco (me neither)
- iDe ningún modo! iDe ninguna manera! (by no means; no way!)
- **ni ... ni** (neither ... nor)
- **o** ... **o** (either ... or)
- 23 Making comparisons. (CD5, track 13)
 - más ... menos (more ... less)
 - mejor ... peor (better ... worse)
 - **lo mejor ... lo peor** (the best ... the worst)
 - mayor/menor (older/younger)
- 24 Using opposites to build vocabulary. (CD5, track 14)
 - bueno/malo (good/bad)
 - **fácil/difícil** (easy/difficult)
 - pequeño/grande (small/large)
 - entrada/salida (entry/exit)

See glossary for more complete listings of opposites.

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- 25 Adding **-in** and **-des** to transform words into their opposites. **(CD5, track 15)**
 - **feliz/infeliz** (happy/unhappy)
 - $\bullet \ \ agradable/desagradable \ (\textit{pleasant/unpleasant})$

See glossary for more complete listings of opposites.

- 26 Some more useful, everyday expressions. (**CD5, track 16**)
 - sin embargo (however)
 - cada una de (each one of)
 - a ver (let's see)

Expressions describing location or where things are.

- dentro de (inside)
- cerca de/lejos de (near/far)
- detrás de (behind)

See glossary for more complete listings of locator words.

- 27 More ways to express location. (**CD5, track 17**)
 - encima de (on top of)
 - **debajo de** (under; underneath)

Some more useful, everyday expressions.

• al menos; por lo menos (at least)

English-Spanish glossary

o/a = 'agreeable' in masculine/feminine; for plural, add **-s** or **-es** *bonus words = further illustrate or fill in structural and word categories

a, an un/a a little poco/a a lot mucho/a able, to be poder *abolish, to abolir *abolition, an/the una/la abolición absolute absoluto/a abundant abundante abusive abusivo/a *accelerate, to acelerar *acceleration, an/the una/la aceleración accept, to aceptar acceptable aceptable accuse, to acusar acquainted with, to be conocer a across from delante de; enfrente de action, an/the una/la acción actually realmente; en realidad address, an/the una/la dirección administer, to administrar administration, an/the una/la administración admiration, the la admiración admire, to admirar admissible admisible admit, to admitir *adopt, to adoptar *adoption, an/the una/la adopción adorable adorable adoration, the la adoración adore, to adorar

advantage of, to take aprovecharse de adventure, an/the una/la aventura afraid, to be tener miedo afternoon, an/the una/la tarde afternoon, this esta tarde afternoon, tomorrow mañana por la afternoon, yesterday ayer por la tarde afterwards, then después age, an/the una/la edad ago, a long time hace (mucho) tiempo agree with, to estar de acuerdo con; concordar con agriculture, the la agricultura alarm, to alarmar alarming alarmante all todo/a almost casi also también although aunque altitude, an/the una/la altitud always siempre American americano/a and vanother otro/a answer, an/the una/la respuesta answer, to contestar; responder anything algo apartment, an/the un/el apartamento apparently por lo visto

appear, to aparecer; parecerse

*April abril aptitude, an/the una/la aptitud arbitrary arbitrario/a arrive, to *llegar* article, an/the un/el artículo artist, an/the un/el artista artistic artístico/a as (like) como as much as tanto como ask, to (question) preguntar ask for, to (request) pedir aspirin, an/the una/la aspirina association, an/the una/la asociación astronomy, the *la astronomía* astute astuto/a as well también at a at last por fin at least por lo menos; al menos at times a veces attack, to atacar attacked atacado/a attend, to asistir (a) attention, the la atención attention to, to pay prestar atención a attitude, an/the una/la actitud attraction, an/the una/la atracción attribute, an/the un/el atributo *August agosto aunt, an/the una/la tía automatic automático/a automatically *automáticamente* autumn, the el otoño avoid, to evitar avoidable evitable awaited esperado/a

bad *malo/a* basic *básico/a* be, to (changeable conditions) estar be, to (permanent characteristics) ser beach, a/the una/la playa bear, to soportar because *porque* because of this/that por esto/eso become, to hacerse beer, a/the una/la cerveza before antes (de) behind detrás (de) believable creíble believe, to *creer (en)* beside al lado de best el/la mejor; los/las mejores better mejor between *entre* big *grande* bill, a/the una/la cuenta bit, a un poco bitter amargo/a *black negro/a blame, the *la culpa* *blue azul book, a/the un/el libro bother, to *molestar* boy, a/the un/el muchacho; un/el chico boyfriend, a/the un/el novio boys and girls, the los muchachos; los chicos brave *valiente* break, to *romper* breakable *rompible* brother, a/the un/el hermano *brother-in-law, a/the un/el cuñado

back, to be estar de vuelta

brothers and sisters los hermanos
*brown marrón
build, to construir
building, a/the un/el edificio
but pero
but rather sino
buy, to comprar
by (a certain time) antes de
by no means de ningún modo; de
ninguna manera
by the way a propósito

call, to (telephone) *llamar* cancel, to cancelar; (anular) cancellation, a/the una/la cancelación capable capaz capital, a/the un/el capital capitalism, the *el capitalismo* car, a/the (Spain) un/el coche car, a/the (Latin America) un/el carro; un/el auto(móvil) *care for, to *cuidar (de)* care of, to take *cuidar* (de) care of oneself, to take cuidarse careful (very) cuidado; (con mucho cuidado) careful!. Be iCuidado! careful, to be tener cuidado case of, in en caso de *celebrate, to celebrar celebration, a/the una/la celebración central *central* *century, a/the un/el siglo chair, a/the una/la silla change, to cambiar; mudar changeable *mudable* changes, the los cambios

cheap barato/a child, a/the un/el niño/chico; una/la niña/chica children, the los niños/chicos; las niñas/chicas chilly, it's hace fresco church, a/the una/la iglesia city, a/the una/la ciudad clarity, the la claridad classification, a/the *una/la clasificación* classify, to *clasificar* dean limpio/a clean, to limpiar clear claro/a clever listo/a climate, a/the un/el clima dimb, to (a mountain) subir (a) climb up or onto, to subirse (a) close, to cerrar closed cerrado/a closet, a/the un/el armario clothing, the la ropa *coincide with, to *coincidir (con)* coincidence, a/the una/ la coincidencia cold frío/a cold. it's hace frío cold, to be tener frío *collect, to *coleccionar* *collection, a/the una/la colección colour, a/the un/el color come. to venir comfortable cómodo/a community, a/the una/la comunidad compatible compatible competent *competente* complain, to quejarse de

complete, to completar, terminar, acabar (de) *complicate, to complicar *complication, a/the una/la complicación compose, to componer comprehend, to *comprender* comprehensible comprensible *comprehension, the *la comprensión* computer, a/the (Spain) un/el ordenador computer, a/the (Latin America) una/la computadora; un/el computador *conclude, to concluir conclusion, a/the una/la conclusión *condemn. to condenar *condemnable condenable *condemnation, a/the una/la condenación condition, a/the una/la condición *confirm, to confirmar confirmation, a/the una/la confirmación confusion, a/the una/la confusión consider, to considerar consideration, a/the una/la consideración consolation, a/the una/la consolación console, to consolar construct, to construir construction, a/the una/la construcción constructive constructivo/a consult, to consultar *continuation, a/the una/la continuación *continue, to continuar contrary, on the *al contrario* contribute, to contribuir contribution, a/the una/la contribución convention, a/the una/la convención *conversation, a/the una/la conversación

*converse, to conversar

conviction, a/the una/la convicción cook, to cocinar cool fresco/a correct, to be tener razón cost, to costar cottage, a/the una/la casita cough, to toser count, to contar count on, to contar con country, a/the un/el país course!, Of iClaro!; iClaro que sí!; iPor supuesto! cousin, a/the un/el primo; una/la prima cover. to cubrir credible creible credit, a/the un/el crédito culture, a/the una/la cultura cupboard, a/the un/el armario

daily, a/the un/el diario damage, the el daño dance, to bailar dangerous peligroso/a dark oscuro/a date, to (go out with) salir con daughter, a/the una/la hija *daughter-in-law, a/the una/la nuera *dawn, a/the una/la madrugada day, a/the un/el día *day after tomorrow pasado mañana *day before yesterday *anteayer* *decade. a/the una/la década December diciembre decide, to decidir decision, a/the una/la decisión decision, to make a tomar una decisión *declaration, a/the una/la declaración

*declare, to declarar defend, to defender defend oneself, to defenderse defensive defensivo definable *definible* define, to definir *delegate, to delegar *delegation, a/the una/la delegación deniable *negable* dentist, a/the un/el dentista deny, to *negar* depression, a/the una/la depresión describe, to describir desire, to desear desire to, to have a *tener ganas de* destroy, to destruir *determination, a/the una/la determinación *determine, to determinar *devaluation, a/the una/la devaluación *devalue. to devaluar dictionary, a/the un/el diccionario difference, a/the una/la diferencia different diferente difficult dificil dine. to cenar dinner, a/the una/la cena direction, a/the una/la dirección dirty sucio/a disaster, a/the un/el desastre discipline, a/the una/la disciplina discover, to descubrir dish, a/the un/el plato distance, a/the una/la distancia do, to hacer doctor, a/the un/el médico dog, a/the un/el perro; una/la perra

dollar, a/the un/el dólar door, a/the una/la puerta *dot, on the en punto doubt, to dudar doubtful dudable dramatic dramático/a dream, a/the un/el sueño dress, to vestir dressed, to get *vestirse* drink, to beber: tomar drinkable bebible drive, to (Spain) conducir drive, to (Latin America) manejar during (a period of time) mientras; durante dust, the *el polvo* *duty, a/the un/el deber

each one cada uno/a early temprano/a earn, to *ganar* easy *fácil* eat, to comer economic *económico/a* economy, an/the una/la economía *eight ocho *eighteen dieciocho *eighty ochenta either ... or *o* ... *o* elegance, the la elegancia elegant *elegante* *eleven once e-mail, an/the un/el correo electrónico emergency, an/the una/la emergencia engineer, an/the un/el ingeniero; una/la ingeniera English (language) (el) inglés

enough basta, bastante faithful fiel enter, to entrar fall, to caer entrance, an/the una/la entrada fall asleep, to dormirse equivalent, an/the un/el equivalente fall down, to caerse escape, to escapar fall, the (season) el otoño especially *especialmente* famous famoso/a Euro, a/the un/el euro fantastic fantástico/a evening, an/the una/la noche far *lejos* evening, this esta noche evening, tomorrow mañana por la noche evening, yesterday ayer por la noche every todos los/todas las fast rápido/a every day todos los días *fat gordo/a every month todos los meses fatal *fatal* every year todos los años *everyone todo el mundo; todos *everything *todo* evident evidente exactly exactamente example, an/the un/el ejemplo example, for *por ejemplo* fear, to temer excellent excelente *February febrero exclusive exclusivo/a executive, an/the un/el ejecutivo; una/la few pocos/as eiecutiva few, a unos/as exit, an/the una/la salida expansion, an/the una/la expansión fifteen *quince* expected esperado/a *fifty cincuenta expensive caro/a explanation, an/the una/la explicación; una/la aclaración express, to expresar finally *finalmente* express oneself, to expresarse find, to localizar expression, an/the una/la expresión fine (well) bien extension, an/the una/la extensión

fair *justo/a*

far away from lejos de *fascinate, to fascinar fascinating fascinante fatalist, a/the un/el fatalista fatality, a/the una/la fatalidad father, a/the un/el padre *father-in-law, a/the un/el suegro fault, to be at tener la culpa fear, a/the un/el miedo feudalism, the el feudalismo fiancé, a/the un/el novio; una/la novia *fight, a/the una/la lucha fight, to combatir; luchar film, a/the una/la película finish, to acabar (de); terminar first *primero/a*

fission, the *la fisión*

fit. to caber fit in, to caberse (en) (dentro) five cinco flee, to huir flexible *flexible* fly, a/the una/la mosca food, a/the una/la comida for (on behalf of, in exchange for, per, through) por for; for me, for you, for you (friend), for us para; para mí, para usted(es), para ti, para nosotros forget, to olvidar forget about, to *olvidarse* (de) forgettable *olvidable* form, to *formar* formation, a/the una/la formación forty cuarenta *four *cuatro* *fourteen catorce Fridav *el viernes* friend, the el/la amigo/a from *de* front of, in delante (de); enfrente de function, a/the una/la función function, to funcionar future, a/the un/el futuro

gasoline, the *la gasolina*general *general**generate, to *generar**generation, a/the *una/la generación**generous *generoso/a*geography, the *la geografía*get in, to *meterse* (*dentro de*)
get up, to *levantarse*gift, a/the *un/el regalo*

girl, a/the (Spain) una/la chica girl, a/the (Latin America) una/la muchacha girlfriend, a/the una/la novia give, to dar glad, to be alegrarse (de) go, to ir (a); andar (a) go away, to irse go out, to salir go out with someone, to salir con go up, to subir going?, How's it ¿Qué tal? good bueno/a *good afternoon buenas tardes *good evening buenas noches good luck *buena suerte* *good morning buenos días *good night buenas noches goodbye hasta luego goodness!, My iDios mío! grandfather, a/the un/el abuelo grandmother, a/the una/la abuela *grandson, a/the un/el nieto gratitude, the la gratitud green *verde* *grey *gris* grow, to crecer guilt, the la culpa guilty, to be tener la culpa

half medio/a
half, the el medio
half past (hour) y media
hand, a/the una/la mano
hand, to lend a dar una mano
handsome guapo/a
happen, to pasar

happy alegre, feliz happy about, to be alegrarse (de) harm, the el daño harm, to hacer daño a haste, the la prisa have, to tener have a solution, to tener remedio have to, to tener que he él heat, a/the un/el calor heaven's sake!, For iPor Dios! heavy *pesado/a* *hello *hola* help, a/the una/la ayuda help, to *ayudar* Help me! *iAyuda!; iAyúdame!* *her (as in 'her sister') su *her (as in 'to see her') la; ella here *aquí* hereditary hereditario/a heroism, the *el heroísmo* hide, to esconder hide oneself, to esconderse *him lo; él *his su history, a/the una/la historia honest *honesto/a* hope, a/the una/la esperanza hope for, to esperar hope so!, I *iEspero que sí!* hopefully; one hopes ojalá horoscope, a/the un/el horóscopo horrible horrible hour, per por hora hour, a/the una/la hora hot, it's hace calor house, a/the una/la casa

How? ¿Cómo? How are you? ¿Cómo está (usted)?; ¿Cómo estás?; ¿Cómo están (ustedes)? How do you say? ¿Cómo se dice? How many? ¿Cuántos?; ¿Cuántas? How much? ¿Cuánto? How old is ...? ¿Cuántos años tiene(n) ...? however sin embargo How's it going? ¿Qué tal? humanity, the la humanidad hundred *ciento/a* (*cien* before *mil* or *millón* or when number is exactly 100) hunger, a/the un/el hambre hungry, to be tener hambre hurry, a/the una/la prisa hurry, to be in a tener prisa

I yo ice cream, an/the un/el helado idea, an/the una/la idea if si If only (that were so)! iOjalá! ill enfermo/a; malo/a *illustrate, to ilustrar *illustration, an/the una/la ilustración imagination, an/the una/la imaginación imagine, to imaginar imaginative imaginativo/a imperative imperativo/a importance, the la importancia

husband, a/the un/el marido

*impress, to impresionar impression, an/the una/la impresión

important importante

impossible imposible

improbable improbable in *en; dentro de* in case of en caso de in front of delante (de); enfrente de in order to *para* (+ 'to' form of the verb) in the meantime por lo tanto incapable incapaz include, to incluir incompatible incompatible incompetent incompetente incredible increíble indubitable indudable inevitable inevitable infection, an/the una/la infección infinity, a/the una/la infinidad inflexible inflexible influence, an/the una/la influencia *inform, to informar *information, the la información ingredient, an/the un/el ingrediente in-laws, the *los suegros* inside; within dentro (de) insignificant insignificante insist, to insistir insist on, to *insistir en* *insistent insistente inspiration, an/the una/la inspiración inspire, to *inspirar* install, to instalar installation, an/the una/la instalación instead of en vez de institute, an/the un/el instituto intelligent inteligente intention, an/the una/la intención interesting *interesante* interpretation, an/the una/la interpretación

intolerant intolerante intolerable intolerable *intuit, to intuir *intuition, an/the una/la intuición invade, to invadir invasion, an/the una/la invasión invent, to inventar invention, an/the una/la invención invite, to invitar invitation, an/the una/la invitación ironic *irónico/a* irony, the *la ironía* it *el/la; lo/la* it is es it is cold hace frío *its 511

January enero
July julio
June junio
just justo/a
just, to have acabar de
justification, a/the una/la justificación
justify, to justificar

key, a/the una/la llave kidding!, No iNo me digas! kilometre, a/the un/el kilómetro kiss, to besar kissable besable know, to (be acquainted with) conocer know, to (facts) saber

language, a/the un/el idioma; una/la lengua large grande last último/a

last time, the la última vez

late *tarde* later *luego*

later, see you hasta luego

laugh, to reír

laugh at, to reirse (de) learn, to aprender leave, to irse

leave, to (depart) salir de leave for good, to dejar

leave off, to (doing something) dejar (de)

lend, to *prestar*

lend a hand, to echar una mano

least, the el/la menos

less menos

less than *menos que* lesson, a/the *una/la lección*

letter, a/the (correspondence) una/la carta

*liberate, to liberar

*liberation, a/the una/la liberación

liberty, the *la libertad* lie, to *mentir* lie down, to *acostarse*

light (weight) *ligero/a* light (colour) *claro/a*

like, I'd *quisiera; me gustaría*

like this así

lift, to levantar

literature, a/the una/la literatura

little pequeño/a

little by little poco a poco

live, to *vivir* locate, to *localizar* long *largo/a*

long time ago, a hace (mucho) tiempo

look at, to mirar

look for, to buscar lose, to perder love, to amar lucid lúcido/a luck, the la suerte luck!, What iQué suerte! lucky, to be tener suerte lunch, a/the un/el almuerzo

magic *mágico/a* make, to *hacer*

make a decision, to tomar una decisión

make sense, to *tener lógica* man, a/the *un/el hombre* many?, How ¿Cuántos?; ¿Cuántas?

map, a/the *un/el mapa* *March *marzo* marketable *vendible* married, to get *casarse*

marry, to *casar* mature, ripe *maduro/a*

*May *mayo* me *mí; me*

Me neither! iYo tampoco!; i (Ni) yo tampoco!

*Me too! *iYo también!* meal, a/the *una/la comida* mean, to *querer decir*

means, by no de ningún modo; de

ninguna manera

meantime, in the *mientras tanto*

meanwhile *mientras*

medicine, a/the una/la medicina *meet, to reunir(se); encontrarse meeting, a/the una/la reunión *mention, a/the una/la mención

mention, to mencionar

*midnight, the la medianoche *migrate, to *migrar* *migration, a/the una/la migración mile, a/the una/la milla *military militario/a *military, the *el sistema militar* million, a/the un/el millón mine el mío/los míos, la mía/las mías minute, a/the un/el minuto miserable *miserable* Miss Señorita *mission, a/the una/la misión missionary, a/the un/el misionario; una/la misionaria moment, a/the un/el momento money, the el dinero moon, a/the una/la luna *Monday el lunes month, a/the un/el mes Moors (from North Africa), the los moros moral *moral* more *más* more or less *más o menos* more than *más aue* morning, a/the una/la mañana morning, this esta mañana morning, tomorrow mañana por la mañana morning, yesterday ayer por la mañana mosquito, a/the un/el mosquito

most ..., the *el/la más* ...

mother, a/the una/la madre

move, to *mudar; moverse*

*movable *mudable*

*mother-in-law, a/the una/la suegra

mountain, a/the una/la montaña

Mrs Señora much, very much mucho/a much?, How ¿Cuánto? mud, the (Spain) el barro mud, the (Latin America) el lodo multitude, a/the una/la multitud museum, a/the un/el museo music, the la música my *mi/mis* name, a/the un/el nombre nation, a/the una/la nación; un/el país naturally *naturalmente* navigable navegable navigate, to navegar near *cerca* necessary necesario need, to necesitar negate, to negar negative negativo/a negotiate, to negociar negotiation, a/the una/la negociación neither tampoco neither, me yo tampoco; (ni) yo tampoco neither ... nor ni ... ni *nephew, a/the un/el sobrino never nunca; jamás nevertheless sin embargo new *nuevo/a* newspaper, a/the un/el diario; un/el periódico next *próximo/a* next time, the la próxima vez next week la próxima semana; la semana

que viene

movie, a/the una/la película

Mr Señor

*niece, a/the una/la sobrina night, a/the una/la noche *night, last anoche *nine *nueve* *nineteen diecinueve *ninety noventa no *no* No kidding! iNo me digas! No way! *iPara nada!; iDe ninguna* manera!; iDe ningún modo!; iQué va! no one *nadie* nobody *nadie* none *ningún, ninguno(s)/a(s)* noon, the el mediodía not at all *de nada* notable *notable* nothing *nada* nothing more *nada más* *notification, a/the una/la notificación *notify. to notificar *November *noviembre* now ahora now, for por ahora nowadays actualmente nuclear *nuclear* number, a/the un/el número *objective objetivo/a

*objective objetivo/a
*objective, an/the un/el objetivo
obligation, an/the una/la obligación
*observation, an/the una/la observación
*observe, to observar
obsession, an/the una/la obsesión
occasion, an/the una/la ocasión
*occupation, an/the una/la ocupación
*occupy, to ocupar

occur, to ocurrir o'clock es/son la(s) ... *October octubre of de Of course! iClaro!; iClaro que sí!; iPor supuesto! offer, to ofrecer offer a hand, to dar la mano office, an/the una/la oficina OK bien; de acuerdo old viejo/a old is ...?, How ¿Cuántos años $tiene(n) \dots$? old, to be ... years *tener* ... *años* older (e.g. brother, etc.) mayor *omission, an/the una/la omisión omit, to omitir on *en* on the contrary *al contrario* on time *a tiempo* *on the dot *en punto* on top of *encima* (de) *once in a while de vez en cuando one un/uno/una one, this esto/esta only *solamente* open abierto/a open, to *abrir* opinion, an/the una/la opinión opportunity, an/the una/la oportunidad opposite enfrente (de), delante (de) optimism, the *el optimismo* optimist, an/the un/una/el/la optimista option, an/the una/la opción or o

*orange (colour) naranjo; naranjado/a

orange, an/the una/la naranja

order to, in *para* (+ 'to' form of the verb) ordinary *ordinario/a* organism, an/the *un/el organismo* *organize, to *organizar* *organization, an/the *una/la organización* other, another *otro/a* ought to do something, to *deber* our, ours *nuestro/a* outside *fuera* (*de*) owe, to *deber*

package el paquete pain, a/the un/el dolor parents, the los padres park, a/the un/el parque participant, a/the un/una/el/la participante *participate, to participar *participation, a/the una/la participación party, a/the una/la fiesta pass, to pasar passable *pasable* patience, the la paciencia patient, to be tener paciencia patriotic patriótico pay, to pagar pay attention to, to prestar atención a peace, a/the una/la paz prefer, to *preferir* penetrate, to penetrar penetrating *penetrante* per *por* per hour *por hora* perhaps *tal vez* period of time, a/the un/el periodo de tiempo; una/la época permanent *permanente* permissible *permisible*

permit, to *permitir*; admitir person, a/the una/la persona personal *personal* personally *personalmente* pessimist, a/the un/una/el/la pesimista philosophy, a/the una/la filosofía phobia, a/the una/la fobia phonetic fonético/a *pink rosa pizza, a/the una/la pizza place, a/the un/el lugar place, to poner place, to take tener lugar plate, a/the un/el plato play, to (sport) jugar (a) play, to (music) tocar please (making request) por favor *Pleased to meet you. Mucho gusto. pleasing, to be *qustar* poet, a/the un/una/el/la poeta political político/a poor *pobre* popular popular positive *positivo* possible posible possibility, a/the una/la posibilidad practical práctico/a practice, a/the una/la práctica practise, to practicar precision, the *la precisión* preference, a/the una/la preferencia *prefer, to preferir *preparation, a/the una/la preparación *prepare, to *preparar* prepared preparado/a present (adjective) presente

present (gift), a/the un/el regalo

present, at actualmente present, to presentar president, a/the un/el presidente pretty bonito/a price, a/the un/el precio primary *primario/a* prince, a/the un/el principe prize, a/the un/el premio probable *probable* probably *probablemente* problem, a/the un/el problema process, a/the un/el proceso *produce, to producir *production, a/the una/la producción professor, a/the un/el profesor, una/la profesora progress, the *el progreso* prohibit, to *prohibir* promise, to prometer pronounce, to *pronunciar* pronunciation, a/the una/la pronunciación proof, a/the una/la prueba propose, to proponer protect, to proteger protect oneself, to *protegerse* (de) public, the *el público* publication, a/the una/la publicación *purple *morado/a* put, to poner put in, to *meter* put up with, to soportar

quarter, a/the *un/el cuarto* quarter past (hour) *y cuarto* quarter to (hour) (Spain) *menos cuarto* quarter to (hour) (Latin America) *cuarto para la/las (hora)* question, a/the una/la pregunta; una/la cuestión

rain. to *llover* raise, to *levantar* rapid *rápido/a* rapidly rápidamente *rare raro/a rarely *pocas veces* rather (degree) bastante rather than en vez de read. to leer ready *listo/a* realize, to darse cuenta de Really? ¿De veras?; ¿Verdad? reason, a/the una/la razón receive, to recibir reception, a/the una/la recepción recognize, to reconocer recommend, to *recomendar* recommendation, a/the una/la recomendación *red rojo/a; colorado/a refuse, to *negar* relatives, the *los parientes* rely on, to *contar con* remain, to *quedarse* *remedy, a/the un/el remedio remember, to recordar, acordarse (de) *renovate, to renovar *renovation, a/the una/la renovación repeat, to repetir reservation, a/the una/la reservación reserve, to reservar resist, to resistir respond, to responder restaurant, a/the un/el restaurante

result, a/the un/el resultado retired jubilado/a return, to volver (a); regresar (a) return, to (be returned) estar de vuelta return ticket, a/the un/el billete de ida y vuelta return to doing, to volver a rich *rico/a* ridiculous *ridiculo/a* Right? *¿Verdad?* right, to be tener razón right here aquí mismo right now ahora mismo rise (get up), to levantarse rite, a/the un/el rito river, a/the un/el río run, to correr

sad triste safe seguro/a satisfaction, a/the una/la satisfacción Saturday *el sábado* say, to decir say, You don't! iNo me digas! school, a/the una/la escuela *season, a/the una/la estación second segundo/a second, a/the (time) un/el segundo secret, a/the un/el secreto segment, a/the un/el segmento see., Let's Vamos a ver.; A ver. see, to ver *See you later. *Hasta luego.* *See you soon. Hasta pronto. *See you tomorrow. Hasta mañana. seem, to parecerse (a) sell, to vender

sellable *vendible* send, to mandar; enviar sense, to make tener lógica *separate, to separar *separation, a/the una/la separación *September *septiembre* serious *serio/a* Seriously? ¿En serio? serve, to servir session, a/the una/la sesión *seven *siete* *seventeen diecisiete severity, the la severidad *seventy setenta shame!, It's a iEs una lástima! shame!, What a iQué lástima! she *ella* short (length) corto/a short (stature) bajo/a short time ago, a hace poco tiempo shortly (time) dentro de poco should (ought to) deber (+ 'to' form of verb) shout, to gritar show, to *mostrar* siblings, the *los hermanos* sick enfermo/a; malo/a significant significante since desde; desde hace sing, to cantar sister, a/the una/la hermana *sister-in-law, a/the una/la cuñada sit (seat), to sentar sit down, to sentarse situation, a/the una/la situación six *seis*

*sixteen dieciséis

*sixty sesenta sleep, to dormir sleepy, to be *tener sueño* slow lento/a small *pequeño/a* so (e.g. 'so small') tan solid *sólido/a* solution, a/the una/la solución some unos/as; algún/alguno(s)/a(s) somebody *alguien* something algo sometimes a veces soon pronto son, a/the un/el hijo *son-in-law, a/the un/el yerno soon!, See you iHasta pronto! sorry!, I'm iLo siento! Spain España Spanish (language) (el) español speak, to hablar special especial spend, to (money) gastar spring, the la primavera still *todavía* stop doing, to dejar de (+ 'to' form of the verb)

storm, a/the una/la tormenta story, a/the un/el cuento student, a/the un/una/el/la estudiante study, to estudiar stupid estúpido/a substitute, a/the un/el substituto suffer, to sufrir summer, the el verano sun, a/the un/el sol Sunday el domingo

sunny, it's hace sol

support, to soportar
*supportable soportable
sure seguro/a
sure, to be estar seguro/a
sweet dulce
system, a/the un/el sistema

take, to tomar take advantage of, to aprovecharse de take care of, to *cuidar (de)* take care of oneself, to *cuidarse* take place, to tener lugar talent, a/the un/el talento tall *alto/a* teach, to enseñar teacher, a/the un/el maestro, una/la maestra; un/el profesor, una/la profesora (secondary or university level) telegram, a/the un/el telegrama telephone, to *telefonear; llamar* television, a/the una/la televisión tell, to decir tell a story, to contar tell the truth, to decir la verdad temperature, a/the una/la temperatura tempt, to tentar temptation, a/the una/la tentación ten *diez* tennis, the el tenis *terminate, to terminar *termination, a/the una/la terminación terrible terrible thank you *gracias* thanks to gracias a that (as in 'I know that ...') que

that (one) eso/a

that one (more removed) aquel/aquella that way así

the *el/la, los/las*

theatre, a/the un/el teatro

*their *su* there *alli*

there is, there are *hay* there was, there were *había*

therefore *por lo tanto*

these *estos/as* they *ellos/ellas*

them *ellos/ellas; los/las* *thin *delgado/a; fino/a* thing, a/the *una/la cosa* think, to *pensar*

think, to (opinion) *creer* thirsty, to be *tener sed* *thirteen *trece*

*thirty *treinta* thirst, a/the *una/la sed* thirsty, to be *tener sed*

this este/a

this afternoon esta tarde this evening esta noche

this morning esta mañana

this morning esta manar this one esto/esta

this way *así* those *esos/esas*

those (more removed) aquellos/

aquellas

thousand, a/the un/el mil

three tres

Thursday *el jueves* ticket, a/the *un/el billete*

ticket, return un/el billete de ida y vuelta

time, a/the *un/el tiempo*

time, a/the (occasion) una/la vez

time, a/the period of *un/el período de tiempo; una/la época*

time ago, a short hace poco tiempo *time, at the same al mismo tiempo time is it?, What ¿Qué hora es?; ¿Qué

horas son?

time, it's been a long hace mucho tiempo time, it's been a short hace poco tiempo time, next a/the una/la próxima vez

time, on *a tiempo*

times, the (epoch) una/la época

times, at a veces timid timido/a tire, to cansar tired, to get cansarse to (towards) a, para today hoy today's de hoy

today's *de hoy* tolerable *tolerable* tolerant *tolerante* tolerate, to *tolerar* tomorrow *mañana*

tomorrow afternoon mañana por la tarde

tomorrow evening mañana por

la noche

tomorrow morning mañana por la

mañana

tomorrow!, See you iHasta mañana!

too también too!, Me iYo también! too much demasiado top, on encima (de) totally totalmente touch, to tocar

tourist, a/the un/una/el/la turista

towards *para, a* traffic, the *el tráfico*

train, a/the un/el tren *train, to formar, capacitar transform, to transformar transformation, a/the una/la transformación translate, to traducir translation, a/the una/la traducción travel, to viajar trip, a/the un/el viaje trouble, a/the una/la pena; una/la molestia; un/el problema truth, a/the una/la verdad truth, to tell the decir la verdad *Tuesday el martes turn oneself around, to *volverse* *twelve doce twenty veinte two dos

ugly feo/a unacceptable inaceptable unavoidable *inevitable* uncle, a/the un/el tío uncomfortable incómodo/a under, underneath debajo de understand, to *comprender*, *entender* unexpected inesperado/a unfaithful infiel unforgettable inolvidable unhappy infeliz universe, a/the un/el universo unjust injusto/a unnecessary innecesario/a until hasta urgent *urgente* us nosotros/as use, to usar

use, a/the un/el uso useful *útil* utility, a/the una/la utilidad valid *válido/a* valient valiente value, a/the un/el valor verb, a/the un/el verbo very *muy* very well *muy bien* *Very well, thank you. Muy bien, gracias. violence, a/the una/la violencia violet, a/the una/la violeta virtue, a/the una/la virtud visibility, the *la visibilidad* visible *visible* vision, a/the una/la visión visit, to visitar vitamin, a/the una/la vitamina vocabulary, a/the un/el vocabulario voice, a/the una/la voz voluntary *voluntario/a*

wait for, to esperar
wake, to despertar
wake up, to despertarse
walk, to andar (a pie); caminar (a pie)
want, to querer, desear
want to do something, to tener ganas de
wash, to lavar
wash oneself, to lavarse
Watch out! iOjo!; iCuidado!
water, the el agua
way, by the a propósito
way, No! iPara nada!; iDe ninguna
manera!; iDe ningún modo!
way, that así

vote, to votar

way, this así Without a doubt! iSin duda! woman, a/the una/la mujer *we nosotros/as weather, the el tiempo word, a/the una/la palabra *Wednesday el miércoles work, a/the un/el trabajo work, to trabajar week, a/the una/la semana week, last la semana pasada world, a/the un/el mundo week, next la semana próxima worse *peor* week, this esta semana worst, the el/la peor, los/las peores *well bien worth, to be valer *well, to be (healthy) estar bien worth it, it's vale la pena worthwhile, to be valer la pena what? ¿qué? when cuando write, to escribir when? ¿cuándo? writer, a/the un/el escritor, una/la escritora where donde wrong, to be *no tener razón* where? ¿dónde? Where are you from? ¿De dónde year, a/the un/el año viene/vienen/vienes?; ¿De dónde yell, to *gritar* es/son/eres? *yellow amarillo/a which que yes sí which one? ¿cuál(es)? yesterday *ayer* while *mientras* (que) yesterday afternoon ayer por la tarde while, in a little dentro de poco yesterday evening ayer por la noche *while, once in a de vez en cuando yesterday morning ayer por la mañana *white blanco/a you (formal) usted/ustedes why? ¿por qué? you (informal) tú; ti wife, a/the una/la esposa; una/la mujer younger (e.g. sister) menor wind, the/a un/el viento your (informal) tu window, a/the una/la ventana your (formal) su win, to ganar yours (formal) el suyo, la suya, los suyos, windy, it's hace viento las suyas yours (informal) el tuyo, la tuya, los tuyos, wine, a/the un/el vino winter, the el invierno las tuvas with con youth, a/the un/el joven; un/el with me conmigo muchacho/a with you (informal) contigo within (a timeframe) dentro de; antes de zero cero without sin

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