

Top Spanish vocabulary

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Source: [A Frequency Dictionary of Spanish. Core Vocabulary for Learners](#) by Mark Davies, 286 p. (2006).

Top 25 Spanish nouns

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|--|--------------------------------------|
| 1. vez time (as in number of times) | 14. caso case, occasion |
| 2. año year | 15. país country |
| 3. tiempo time, weather | 16. lugar place, position |
| 4. día day | 17. persona person |
| 5. cosa thing | 18. hora hour, time |
| 6. hombre man, mankind; husband | 19. trabajo work, job, effort |
| 7. parte part, portion | 20. punto point, dot, period |
| 8. vida life | 21. mano hand |
| 9. momento moment, time | 22. manera manner, way |
| 10. forma form, shape, way | 23. fin end |
| 11. casa house | 24. tipo type, kind |
| 12. mundo world | 25. gente people |
| 13. mujer woman, wife | |

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Top 25 Spanish verbs

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|------------------------------------|---|
| 1. ser to be | 14. pasar to pass, spend time |
| 2. haber to have | 15. deber should, ought to; to owe |
| 3. estar to be | 16. poner to put on, get (+ adj.) |
| 4. tener to have | 17. parecer to seem, look like |
| 5. hacer to do, make | 18. quedar to stay, remain |
| 6. poder to be able to, can | 19. creer to believe, think |
| 7. decir to tell, say | 20. hablar to speak, talk |

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| 8. ir to go | 21. llevar to take, carry |
| 9. ver to see | 22. dejar to let, leave |
| 10. dar to give | 23. seguir to follow |
| 11. saber to know (a fact), find out | 24. encontrar to find |
| 12. querer to want, love | 25. llamar to call, name |
| 13. llegar to arrive | |

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Top 25 Spanish adjectives

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|---|--|
| 1. su his, her, their, your (fam.) | 14. poco little, few; a little bit (adv.) |
| 2. lo the (+ neuter) | 15. tanto so much, so many |
| 3. todo all, every | 16. nuestro our |
| 4. más more | 17. cada each, every |
| 5. este, -a this | 18. menos less, fewer |
| 6. otro other, another | 19. nuevo new |
| 7. ese, -a that | 20. aquel that (over there) |
| 8. mucho much, many, a lot | 21. bueno good |
| 9. mi my | 22. tal such (a) |
| 10. alguno some, someone (pron.) | 23. mejor best, better (adv.) |
| 11. mismo same | 24. cierto certain, sure, true |
| 12. primero first | 25. mayor larger, older, main |
| 13. grande large, great, big | |

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Top 25 Spanish adverbs

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|------------------------------------|--|
| 1. no no | 14. antes before |
| 2. ya already, still | 15. cómo how? |
| 3. muy very, really | 16. aquí here |
| 4. también also | 17. luego later, afterward |
| 5. así like that | 18. casi almost, nearly |
| 6. sí yes | 19. durante during, for (time) |
| 7. bien well | 20. nunca never, ever |
| 8. entonces so, then | 21. además also, as well, besides |
| 9. tan such, as, too | 22. hoy today, nowadays |
| 10. ahora now | 23. allí there, over there |
| 11. después after | 24. dentro inside |
| 12. siempre always, forever | 25. ahí there |

13. **sólo** only, just

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Top 15 Spanish conjunctions

There are just 15 conjunctions in the top 5000 words.

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| 1. que that, which | 9. ni not even, neither, nor |
| 2. y and | 10. donde where |
| 3. como like, as | 11. pues then, well then |
| 4. pero but, yet, except | 12. sino but, except, rather |
| 5. o or | 13. aunque although, even though |
| 6. si if, whether | 14. mientras while, whereas; as long as |
| 7. porque because | 15. mas but, however |
| 8. cuando when | |

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Top 25 Spanish prepositions

There are just 19 prepositions in the top 5000 words.

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| 1. de of, from | 11. desde from, since |
| 2. a to, at | 12. hacia toward |
| 3. en in | 13. contra against, opposite |
| 4. por for, by, through | 14. bajo under, underneath |
| 5. con with | 15. ante before, in the presence of |
| 6. para for, to, in order to | 16. según according to |
| 7. sin without | 17. tras after, behind |
| 8. sobre on top of, over, about | 18. mediante by means of |
| 9. hasta until, up to, even (adv.) | 19. excepto except (for) |
| 10. entre between, among | |

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Top 25 Spanish pronouns

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| 1. se -self [reflexive marker] | 14. esto this |
| 2. le [3rd pers. indir. obj. pron.] | 15. te you (fam., obj.) |
| 3. lo [3rd pers. m. dir. obj. pron.] | 16. quien who |
| 4. la [3rd pers. f. dir. obj. pron.] | 17. cual which, who, whom |

5. **me** me
6. **él / ellos** he / them
7. **qué** what? which? how (+ adj.)!
8. **yo** I
9. **eso** that
10. **nos** us
11. **ella / ellas** she / them
12. **nada** nothing, (not) at all
13. **algo** something, somewhat
18. **éste, -a** this one
19. **nosotros** we
20. **nadie** nobody, anybody
21. **usted** you (fam., subj.)
22. **quién** who?, whom?
23. **ello** it
24. **mí** me (obj. prep.)
25. **cuál** which?