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**NCEA Level 2 Spanish Revised Vocabulary List 2025**

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Below is the revised Level 2 Spanish Vocabulary List that should be used with students in 2025 (and thereafter).

The Vocabulary List indicates language which will guide the setting of Level 2 Spanish external assessments. Words outside of the approved Vocabulary List will be glossed if their meaning is not evident from the text.

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1. A PDF that can be printed and photocopied for students.
2. A Word document for teachers who would like to do further formatting.

This version of the vocabulary list is arranged by **grammatical category**.

The complete (and authoritative) alphabetical list can be found online (in several configurations) [here](https://ncea.education.govt.nz/learning-languages/spanish?view=teaching).

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| **Nouns** | | | |
|  | **Article** | **Spanish** | **English** |
| **A** | el | acuerdo | deal, treaty, agreement |
| el | aficionado | fan |
| el | alojamiento | lodging, accommodation |
| el | ambiente | atmosphere |
| la | amistad | friendship |
| la | ansiedad | anxiety |
| el | anuncio | advertisement (an ad) |
| la | artesanía | handicrafts, crafts |
| la | autoestima | self-esteem |
| el | autor | author |
| el | aviso | warning |
| el | ayuntamiento | city council |
| **B** | la | belleza | beauty |
| el | bienestar | wellbeing |
| la | boda | wedding, marriage |
| la | búsqueda | search, quest |
| **C** | el | calentamiento global | global warming |
| la | calidad | quality |
| la | cantidad | quantity |
| la | capa de ozono | ozone layer |
| el | cariño | affection, love |
| la | carrera | career, course of study |
| los | celos | jealousy |
| el | cerebro | brain |
| la | cita | appointment, date |
| la | clave | key, code |
| la | comida | food, lunch (Sp) |
| la | confianza | confidence, trust |
| el | conocimiento | knowledge |
| el | consumo | comsumption |
| la | contraseña | password |
| el | cuidado | care |
| la | culpa | blame, guilt, fault |
| **D** | los | demás | others, rest |
| el | derecho | right, privilege |
| **E** | el | empleo | employment |
| la | empresa | company |
| la | encuesta | survey |
| la | enseñanza | teaching, training |
| la | entrevista | interview |
| el | equilibrio | balance |
| el | escritor | writer |
| el | esfuerzo | effort, spirit, courage |
| la | esperanza | hope |
| el | espíritu | spirit |
| el | estrés | stress |
| el | éxito | success |
| **F** | la | Falta | lack |
| el | folleto | brochure, pamphlet |
| el | formulario | form, document |
| la | fuente | fountain, source |
| la | fuerza | force, power, strength |
| **G** | el | gas de efecto invernadero | greenhouse gas |
| el | gobierno | government |
| la | grasa | fat, grease |
| el | guía | guide |
| **H** | el | habitante | inhabitant, resident |
| el | hecho | fact |
| la | herramienta | tool |
| el | hielo | ice |
| el | humo | smoke |
| **I** | el | incendio | fire |
| el | indígena | indigenous, native |
| el | inicio | beginning |
| la | inundacion | flood |
| **J** | la | juventud | youth, young people |
|  | jefe | boss |
| **L** | la | ley | law, rule |
| la | leyenda | legend |
| la | libertad | liberty, freedom |
| el | lujo | luxury |
| **M** | la | manera | way |
| el | maquillaje | make-up |
| la | marca | mark, brand name |
| el | maremoto | tidal wave |
| el | matrimonio | marriage, married couple |
| la | mayoría | majority |
| la | medida | measure(ment), step |
| el | medio ambiente | environment |
| los | medios de comunicacion | media |
| la | mente | mind |
| la | meta | goal, aim |
| el | miedo | fear |
| el | montón | heap, pile |
| la | muerte | death |
| la | multa | fine, penalty |
| **N** | la | naturaleza | nature |
| el | negocio | business |
| el | nivel | level |
| la | novela | novel, fiction |
| **O** | la | obra | a work (art, literature, building, etc) |
| el | ocio | leisure |
| el | orgullo | pride |
| **P** | el | paisaje | landscape |
| la | pareja | couple, pair, partner |
| el | paro | unemployment |
| el | paso | pass, step |
| el | peaton | pedestrian |
| la | piel | skin |
| la | pobreza | poverty |
| la | poesia | power |
| la | prensa | press |
| la | prisa | hurry |
| el | protagonista | main character |
| la | publicidad | advertising, publicity |
| el | pueblo | people |
| el | puesto | position, job, market stall |
| **R** | la | raiz | root, origin, foundation |
| la | razón | reason |
| la | rebaja | price reduction (sale) |
| el | recuerdo | memory |
| el | recurso | resource |
| la | red | net, network |
| la | reina | queen |
| la | reseña | review |
| el | resultado | result |
| el | rey | king |
| el | riesgo | risk |
| el | riqueza | riches wealth |
| el | ritmo | rhythm |
| **S** | el | sabor | taste |
| la | selva | jungle |
| el | sentido | sense, meaning |
| la | sequía | drought |
| el | símbolo | symbol |
| la | sociedad | society, partnership |
| el | socio | member (of an organisation) |
| el | sueldo | salary, wages |
| el | suelo | floor, ground |
| **T** | el | techo | ceiling, roof |
| la | telenovela | soap opera |
| la | temporada | season, period of time |
| el | terremoto | earthquake |
| el | tesoro | treasure |
| el | testigo | witness |
| el | título | title, heading, university degree |
| **U** | la | unidad | unity, unit |
| **V** | el | valor | value, worth, price, courage |
| la | venta | sale |
| la | ventaja | advantage, gain, profit |
| la | vergüenza | shame, disgrace, shyness |
| el | vidrio | glass |
| la | voz | voice |
| **Z** | la | zona | zone |

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| **Verbs** | | |
|  | **Spanish** | **English** |
| **A** | aconsejar | to advise, to counsel |
| acostumbrase a | to accustom, to be used to |
| adivinar | to guess |
| aguantar | to put up with |
| ahorrar | to save (money, energy) |
| aliviar | to relieve, to alleviate, to ease |
| alquilar | to rent, hire |
| amenazar | to threaten |
| añadir | to add |
| animar | to encourage, to cheer up |
| apagar | to turn off, to put out |
| aparecer | to appear, to show off |
| apoyar | to support |
| aprobar | to pass (examination) |
| asistir a | to attend, to be present |
| aumentar | to increase |
| **B** | bromear | to kid, to joke, to banter |
| **C** | callar(se) | to keep quiet, to be quiet |
| cargar | to load |
| casarse | to get married |
| castigar | to punish |
| compartir | to share |
| comportarse | to behave |
| conducir | to drive |
| conquistar | to conquer |
| conseguir | to obtain, to achieve |
| construir | to build |
| contaminar | topollute |
| convencer | to convince |
| crear | to create |
| crecer | to grow |
| tener en cuenta | to take in to account |
| **D** | dañar | to damage, to harm |
| darse cuenta (de) | to realise |
| demostrar | to demonstrate |
| desarrollar | to develop, to unfold |
| descubrir | to discover, to uncover |
| despedir(se) | to farewell |
| destruir | to destroy |
| dirigir | to direct, to manage, to guide |
| disfrutar | to enjoy |
| dudar | to doubt, to question |
| **E** | ejecutar | to execute, to implement |
| elegir | to elect |
| enamorarse de | to fall in love (with) |
| encender | to turn on, to light |
| enterarse de | to find out (about) |
| entrenar | to train (sports) |
| entretener | to entertain |
| equivocarse | to make a mistake |
| esconder | to hide, to conceal |
| evitar | to avoid |
| experimentar | to experience, to experiment |
| **F** | festejar | to celebrate |
| firmar | to sign |
| fracasar | to fail |
| funcionar | to function, to work |
| **G** | golpear | to hit |
| grabar | to record |
| guardar | to guard, to store |
| **H** | honrar | to honour |
| **I** | ignorar | to ignore, to not know (a fact) |
| importar | to be important, to matter |
| imprimir | to print |
| incluir | to include |
| influir | to influence |
| intentar | to attempt, to try, to intend to |
| **L** | lastimar | to hurt, to offend |
| luchar | to fight, to struggle |
| **M** | mantener | to maintain |
| mejorar | to improve, to get better |
| mezclar | to mix |
| molestar | to annoy |
| mostrar | to show |
| **N** | negar | to deny |
| **O** | ofrecer | to offer |
| oler | to smell |
| opinar | to have an opinion |
| **P** | parar(se) | to stop |
| perdonar | to forgive, to pardon |
| permitir | to allow, to let, to permit |
| pertenecer a | to belong to |
| pesar | to weigh |
| prestar / pedir prestado | to lend, to loan |
| prometer | to promise |
| prometer(se) | to be engaged |
| proteger | to protect |
| publicar | to publish |
| **Q** | quejar(se) de | to complain (about), to grumble |
| quemar | to burn |
| **R** | realizar | to carry out, to achieve |
| recoger | to pick up, to gather |
| resumir | to summarise |
| reunir(se) | to meet |
| **S** | sobrevivir | to survive |
| soler | to be in the habit of, to be accustomed to |
| sonar | to sound |
| soñar con | to dream about |
| solucionar | to solve |
| soportar | to put up with |
| sorprender | to surprise |
| suceder | to happen |
| sufrir | to suffer, to endure, to sustain |
| sugerir | to suggest |
| **T** | traducir | to translate |
| tratar | to treat |
| tratar de | to try to |
| **U** | utilizar | to use |
| **V** | vencer | to win, to defeat, to overcome |

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| **Prepositions** | |
| **Spanish** | **English** |
| además de | in addition, besides |
| alrededor | around |
| a pesar de | in spite of, despite |
| a través de | through |
| debido a | owing to, because of |
| en vez de | instead of |

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| **Conjunctions** | |
| **Spanish** | **English** |
| a fin de | in order to |
| al menos | unless |
| así como | and/just as |
| aún | even, yet, still |
| aún cuando | even when |
| cada vez que | each/every time that |
| pues | since, as |
| ya que | given that |

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| **Adjectives and adverbs** | |
| **Spanish** | **English** |
| a menudo | often |
| a mediados de | in the middle of (time) |
| aislado | isolated |
| ambos | both |
| anterior | earlier, previous |
| bilingüe | bilingual |
| capaz | capable, able, competent |
| débil | weak |
| delante | before |
| por desgracia | unfortunately |
| educado | well-mannered/behaved, polite |
| egoísta | selfish |
| fiel | faithful, loyal |
| gracioso | funny, amusing |
| hábil | skilful |
| hispanohablante | Spanish-speaker |
| honrado | honest, honourable |
| humilde | humble, lowly |
| impresionante | impressive |
| jamás | never |
| justo | fair, just, correct |
| nutritivo | nutritious |
| obligatorio | compulsory, obligatory |
| pintoresco | picturesque |
| profundo | deep, profound |
| propio | own, proper |
| sabroso | tasty |
| sano | healthy |
| seguido | following, continuous |
| sensible | sensitive |
| sin embargo | nevertheless |
| suave | soft, smooth, gentle |
| tal vez | perhaps, maybe |
| por lo tanto | therefore |