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**NCEA Level 3 Spanish Revised Vocabulary List 2025**

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Below is the revised Level 3 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 3 Spanish external assessments. Words outside of the approved Vocabulary List will be glossed if their meaning is not evident from the text.

The vocabulary lists belong to the Ministry of Education. The list in this document has been **formatted by NZALT** to make it easier for teachers to print and photocopy for students. NZALT has provided two versions:

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).

Alternatively, you can navigate to the revised vocabulary lists by following this pathway:   
ncea.education.govt.nz > New Zealand Curriculum > Learning Languages: Spanish > Teaching

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| **Nouns** | | |
| **Article** | **Spanish** | **English** |
| el | agotamiento | exhaustion |
| el | aislamiento | isolation |
| el | alfabetismo | literacy |
| el | argumento | plot |
| la | beca | scholarship |
| la | bondad | goodness |
| la | cadena | chain |
| la | crítica | criticism, censure |
| los | derechos humanos | human rights |
| el | desfile | parade |
| los | desperdicios | waste (products) |
| la | deuda | debt |
| el | enlace | link |
| la | escasez | scarcity |
| el | fondo | background, bottom |
| el | gesto | facial/corporeal expression, gesture |
| la | guerra | war |
| la | huelga | strike (pol.) |
| la | huella | footprint, trace |
| el | impuesto | tax |
| los | ingresos | income |
| la | manifestación | demonstration |
| la | niñez | childhood |
| el | orden | order, succession |
| la | orden | command |
| el | pasajero | passenger |
| la | paz | peace |
| el | pensamiento | thought |
| el | personaje | character |
| la | política | politics, policy |
| el | refrán | refrain, saying |
| el | régimen | regime, rule, diet |
| el | sentimiento | feeling, grief, regret |
| la | tasa | rate |
| el | trastorno | disorder |
| el | tratado | treaty |
| la | vejez | old age |

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| **Verbs** | |
| **Spanish** | **English** |
| advertir | to advise, to warn |
| afirmar | to verify |
| afrontar | to face up to |
| agotar | to use up |
| albergar | to house |
| alcanzar | to reach, to attain |
| ampliar | to widen |
| apetecer | to take a fancy, to feel like |
| aprovechar | to profit, to take advantage |
| asombrar(se) | to be amazed |
| atravesar | to cross, to go through |
| atrever(se) a | to dare (to), to risk |
| avanzar | to advance |
| basar en | to be based on |
| bastar | to be enough, to suffice |
| burlarse de | to make fun of |
| compaginar | to combine |
| conllevar | to bring with |
| cumplir | to fullfil, to carry out |
| deceptionar | to disappoint |
| destacar | to stand out |
| empeorar | to worsen |
| empujar | to push |
| encerrar | to close |
| enriquecer | to enrich |
| envolver | to wrap |
| establecer | to establish |
| exigir | to demand |
| exponer | to exhibit |
| fabricar | to make, to manufacture |
| fiarse (de) | to trust |
| fomentar | to encourage, to promote, to foster, to develop |
| girar | to turn, to revolve |
| gozar de | to enjoy |
| hallar | to find, to discover |
| impedir | to prevent |
| imponer | to impose |
| incrementar | to increase |
| inscribir(se) | to enrol |
| jubilarse | to retire |
| jurar | to swear, to promise |
| juzgar | to judge |
| lamentar | to regret |
| lograr | to achieve, to gain, to obtain |
| malgastar | to waste |
| merecer | to deserve |
| obligar | to force |
| oponer | to oppose |
| permanecer | to stay, to remain |
| precedir | to predict |
| presenciar | to witness |
| quebrar | to break |
| rechazar | to decline, to refuse |
| reconocer | to recognise, to acknowledge |
| resultar | to result, to turn out |
| rodar | to film |
| rodear | to surround |
| señalar | to signal, to point out, to show |
| situar | to locate |
| solicitar | to apply, to request |
| subrayar | to underline, to emphasise |
| superar | to overcome |
| suponer | to suppose, to assume |
| ubicar | to place |

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| **Adjectives and adverbs** | |
| **Spanish** | **English** |
| ajeno | belonging to somebody else |
| apenas | hardly, scarcely |
| confundido | confused |
| conservador | conservative |
| conveniente | useful |
| cualquier | any |
| destacado | outstanding, prominent |
| dondequiera | wherever |
| disponible | available |
| dispuesto | disposed, ready, fit, willing |
| duradero | long lasting |
| perjudicial | harmful |
| por cierto | by the way |
| previo | previous |
| semejante | similar, like, such as |
| siquiera | at least |

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| **Pronouns** | |
| **Spanish** | **English** |
| cualquiera | any, anybody |

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| **Prepositions** | |
| **Spanish** | **English** |
| en cuanto a | as for |
| sino | but |