

## NCEA Level 2 Spanish Revised Vocabulary List 2025 Easy-print PDF version

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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**.

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Nouns			
	Article	Spanish	English
<b>A</b>	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>B</b>	la	belleza	beauty
	el	bienestar	wellbeing
	la	boda	wedding, marriage
	la	búsqueda	search, quest
<b>C</b>	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	consumption
	la	contraseña	password
	el	cuidado	care
	la	culpa	blame, guilt, fault
	<b>D</b>	los	demás
el		derecho	right, privilege
<b>E</b>	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
<b>F</b>	la	Falta	lack

	el	folleto	brochure, pamphlet
	el	formulario	form, document
	la	fuerza	force, power, strength
	la	fuerza	force, power, strength
<b>G</b>	el	gas de efecto invernadero	greenhouse gas
	el	gobierno	government
	la	grasa	fat, grease
	el	guía	guide
<b>H</b>	el	habitante	inhabitant, resident
	el	hecho	fact
	la	herramienta	tool
	el	hielo	ice
	el	humo	smoke
<b>I</b>	el	incendio	fire
	el	indígena	indigenous, native
	el	inicio	beginning
	la	inundacion	flood
<b>J</b>	la	juventud	youth, young people
		jefe	boss
<b>L</b>	la	ley	law, rule
	la	leyenda	legend
	la	libertad	liberty, freedom
	el	lujo	luxury
<b>M</b>	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
<b>N</b>	la	naturaleza	nature
	el	negocio	business
	el	nivel	level
	la	novela	novel, fiction
<b>O</b>	la	obra	a work (art, literature, building, etc)
	el	ocio	leisure
	el	orgullo	pride
<b>P</b>	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
<b>R</b>	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
<b>S</b>	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	suelo	salary, wages
	el	suelo	floor, ground
<b>T</b>	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
<b>U</b>	la	unidad	unity, unit
<b>V</b>	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
<b>Z</b>	la	zona	zone

Verbs		
	Spanish	English
<b>A</b>	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>B</b>	bromear	to kid, to joke, to banter
<b>C</b>	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	to pollute
	convencer	to convince
	crear	to create
	crecer	to grow
	tener en cuenta	to take in to account
<b>D</b>	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	
<b>E</b>	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
<b>F</b>	festejar	to celebrate
	firmar	to sign
	fracasar	to fail
	funcionar	to function, to work
<b>G</b>	golpear	to hit
	grabar	to record
	guardar	to guard, to store
<b>H</b>	honrar	to honour
<b>I</b>	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
<b>L</b>	lastimar	to hurt, to offend
	luchar	to fight, to struggle
<b>M</b>	mantener	to maintain
	mejorar	to improve, to get better
	mezclar	to mix
	molestar	to annoy
	mostrar	to show
<b>N</b>	negar	to deny
<b>O</b>	ofrecer	to offer
	oler	to smell
	opinar	to have an opinion
<b>P</b>	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
<b>Q</b>	quejar(se) de	to complain (about), to grumble
	quemar	to burn

<b>R</b>	realizar	to carry out, to achieve
	recoger	to pick up, to gather
	resumir	to summarise
	reunir(se)	to meet
<b>S</b>	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
<b>T</b>	traducir	to translate
	tratar	to treat
	tratar de	to try to
<b>U</b>	utilizar	to use
<b>V</b>	vencer	to win, to defeat, to overcome

<b>Prepositions</b>	
<b>Spanish</b>	<b>English</b>
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

<b>Conjunctions</b>	
<b>Spanish</b>	<b>English</b>
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

<b>Adjectives and adverbs</b>	
<b>Spanish</b>	<b>English</b>
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