

NCEA Level 3 Spanish Revised Vocabulary List 2025 Easy-print PDF version

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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.

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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](#).

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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

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 fulfil, 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
predecir	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

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

Pronouns	
Spanish	English
cualquiera	any, anybody

Prepositions	
Spanish	English
en cuanto a	as for
sino	but