100

Spanish flashcards you can print and cut

The 100 most common Spanish words in frequency order. Spanish on the front, meaning and a real example sentence on the back.



100
cards, words #1–100

10
A4 sheets, 10 cards each

≈50%
of everyday Spanish covered

How to print, cut and use them

Print

1. **Double-sided, flip on long edge.** The backs are mirrored so each meaning lands behind its word.
2. **Actual size / 100%.** On US Letter paper choose **Fit to page**; both sides shrink equally, so they still line up.
3. **Test one sheet first.** Print pages 3 and 4, hold the sheet up to a window and check the cut lines meet.
4. **Use card stock if you can.** 160–200 g/m² (60–110 lb) stops you reading the answer through the card.
5. **No duplex printer?** Print the odd pages, turn the stack over, put it back in the tray and print the even pages. Try it with pages 3 and 4 first, because printers feed paper differently.

Cut

Each sheet holds 10 cards of 90 × 54 mm, the size of a business card. The short marks in the margin show where to cut.

1. Make the 3 long cuts first, from the top marks to the bottom marks.
2. Then cut each strip into 5 cards at the side marks.
3. A paper trimmer or a craft knife and ruler is faster and straighter than scissors.

Study with three boxes, ten minutes a day

Box 1

`Every day`

New cards and any card you missed. Look at the Spanish, say the meaning out loud, flip.

Box 2

`Every 3 days`

Cards you got right once. Right again: move to box 3. Wrong: back to box 1.

Box 3

`Every week`

Cards you know. Wrong at any point: back to box 1, no exceptions.

Go in rank order. The number in the corner is the word's frequency rank. Lower numbers come up more often, so learn them first.

Add 10 new cards a day. More than that and box 1 grows faster than you can clear it.

Read the sentence, not just the word. The example shows how the word is really used. Say it aloud.

Nouns carry their article. Learn **la casa**, not **casa**. The gender is part of the word.

What next

These 100 words cover about half of everyday spoken Spanish. The next 1,400 take you to about 80%. Keep going with the free online flashcards at **mostcommonspanish.com/study**, or get all 1,500 words with exercises in the **Top 1,500 workbook** at mostcommonspanish.com/workbook.

#1 verb

ser

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#2 verb

estar

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#3 verb

ir

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#4 verb

tener

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#5 verb

haber

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#6 pronoun

qué

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#7 verb

hacer

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#8 verb

poder

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#9 pronoun

te

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#10 preposition

con

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#2 estar

to be (temporary); to be located

La sopa está fría.
The soup is cold.

#1 ser

to be (permanent); being

Mi hermano es médico.
My brother is a doctor.

#4 tener

to have; to hold

¿Tienes tiempo para hablar?
Do you have time to talk?

#3 ir

to go; to match

Mañana vamos al cine.
Tomorrow we are going to the movies.

#6 qué

what; how

¿**Qué** quieres?
What do you want?

#5 haber

to have; to be (there is/are)

He terminado el proyecto a tiempo.
I have finished the project on time.

#8 poder

to be able to; power

No puedo abrir la puerta.
I can't open the door.

#7 hacer

to do; to make

¡Hazlo! No tengas miedo.
Do it! Don't be afraid.

#10 con

with

Voy al cine **con** mis amigos.
I'm going to the movies with my friends.

#9 te

you; yourself

Te vi ayer en el mercado.
I saw you yesterday at the market.

#11 verb

decir

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#12 verb

querer

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#13 verb

saber

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#14 conjunction

si

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#15 verb

ver

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#16 adverb

bien

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#17 pronoun

eso

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#18 conjunction

pero

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#19 determiner

tu

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#20 pronoun

yo

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#12 querer

to want; to love

Quiero un café, por favor.
I want a coffee, please.

#11 decir

to say; to tell

Ella dice que vendrá mañana.
She says she will come tomorrow.

#14 si

if; whether

Si llueve, nos quedamos en casa.
If it rains, we stay home.

#13 saber

to know; knowledge

No sé la respuesta.
I don't know the answer.

#16 bien

well; okay

Ella canta **bien**.
She sings well.

#15 ver

to see; to watch

Sin mis gafas no puedo **ver** los letreros.
Without my glasses I can't see the signs.

#18 pero

but; objection

Quería ir, **pero** no pude.
I wanted to go, but I couldn't.

#17 eso

that

Eso no me gusta.
I don't like that.

#20 yo

I

Yo no lo hice.
I didn't do it.

#19 tu

your

¿Dónde está **tu** libro?
Where is your book?

#21 adverb

aquí

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#22 determiner

este

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#23 determiner

ese

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#24 pronoun

esto

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#25 verb

creer

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#26 determiner

esta

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#27 adverb

ya

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#28 preposition

como

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#29 adjective

bueno

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#30 pronoun

le

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#22 este

this; this one

Este celular es mío.
This phone is mine.

#21 aquí

here

Puedes dejar las llaves **aquí** sobre la mesa.
You can leave the keys here on the table.

#24 esto

this

¿Qué es **esto**?
What is this?

#23 ese

that; that one

Me gusta **ese** libro.
I like that book.

#26 esta

this; this one

Esta casa es muy antigua.
This house is very old.

#25 creer

to believe; to think

No te creo.
I don't believe you.

#28 como

like; as

Corre **como** un loco.
He runs like a madman.

#27 ya

already; yet

Ya terminé el informe.
I already finished the report.

#30 le

him; her

Le di el libro a él.
I gave him the book.

#29 bueno

good; OK

Es una buena idea.
It's a good idea.

#31 determiner

todo

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#32 pronoun

lo

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#33 adverb

más

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#34 verb

deber

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#35 verb

dar

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#36 adverb

muy

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#37 adverb

ahora

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#38 pronoun

algo

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#39 verb

pasar

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#40 pronoun

nos

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#32 lo

it; him

El cerebro es increíble; aún no **lo** entendemos por completo.
The brain is incredible; we still don't fully understand it.

#31 todo

all; everything

Todos los estudiantes entregaron el trabajo.
All the students turned in the assignment.

#34 deber

to have to; to owe

Mañana debo levantarme temprano.
Tomorrow I have to get up early.

#33 más

more; most

Quiero **más** café.
I want more coffee.

#36 muy

very

Es **muy** interesante.
It is very interesting.

#35 dar

to give; to hit

Me dio un regalo.
He gave me a gift.

#38 algo

something; anything

Quiero **algo** dulce.
I want something sweet.

#37 ahora

now; currently

Ahora no puedo hablar; te llamo luego.
I can't talk now; I'll call you later.

#40 nos

us; ourselves

¿**Nos** puedes ayudar?
Can you help us?

#39 pasar

to pass; to spend (time)

El tren pasa por aquí a las ocho.
The train passes by here at eight.

#41 pronoun

tú

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#42 adverb

así

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#43 verb

dejar

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#44 verb

hablar

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#45 pronoun

nada

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#46 conjunction

cuando

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#47 adjective

otro

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#48 adverb

cómo

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#49 verb

venir

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#50 determiner

mucho

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#42 así

like this; like that

Hazlo **así**, por favor.
Do it like this, please.

#41 tú

you

¿**Tú** vienes mañana?
Are you coming tomorrow?

#44 hablar

to speak; to talk

Ella habla español con fluidez.
She speaks Spanish fluently.

#43 dejar

to leave; to let

Dejé las llaves en la mesa.
I left the keys on the table.

#46 cuando

when

Te llamaré **cuando** llegue a casa.
I'll call you when I get home.

#45 nada

nothing; at all

Nada es permanente.
Nothing is permanent.

#48 cómo

how

¿**Cómo** lo hiciste?
How did you do it?

#47 otro

other; another

Los otros estudiantes ya llegaron.
The other students have already arrived.

#50 mucho

a lot of; a lot

Desde la playa se ven muchas estrellas por la noche.
A lot of stars are visible from the beach at night.

#49 venir

to come

¿A qué hora vienes a casa?
What time are you coming home?

#51 adverb

sólo

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#52 determiner

tanto

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#53 conjunction

o

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#54 pronoun

él

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#55 verb

esperar

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#56 noun · masc.

el hombre

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#57 verb

pensar

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#58 pronoun

usted

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#59 verb

necesitar

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#60 noun · masc.

el día

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#52 tanto

so much; so many

Gastó **tanto** dinero en el viaje.
He spent so much money on the trip.

#51 sólo

only; just

Sólo tengo diez euros.
I only have ten euros.

#54 él

he; him

Él compró flores para su mamá.
He bought flowers for his mom.

#53 o

or

¿Quieres té **o** café?
Do you want tea or coffee?

#56 hombre

man; humankind

Ese **hombre** vive en mi edificio.
That man lives in my building.

#55 esperar

to wait; to hope

Estoy esperando el autobús.
I am waiting for the bus.

#58 usted

you (formal)

¿Desea **usted** algo más?
Do you want anything else?

#57 pensar

to think; to intend

Pienso que tienes razón.
I think you are right.

#60 día

day; daytime

El paquete llegará en tres días.
The package will arrive in three days.

#59 necesitar

to need; to require

Necesito un vaso de agua.
I need a glass of water.

#61 noun · fem.

la cosa

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#62 pronoun

ella

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#63 verb

mirar

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#64 determiner

nuestro

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#65 noun · masc.

el dios

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#66 pronoun

quién

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#67 verb

llamar

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#68 conjunction

porque

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#69 noun · masc.

el señor

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#70 noun · masc.

el tiempo

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#62 ella

she; her

Ella vive en Buenos Aires.
She lives in Buenos Aires.

#61 cosa

thing; matter

Esa **cosa** no funciona.
That thing doesn't work.

#64 nuestro

our; ours

Nuestro carro está en el taller.
Our car is in the repair shop.

#63 mirar

to look at; to watch

No mires directamente al sol.
Don't look directly at the sun.

#66 quién

who

¿**Quién** llamó anoche?
Who called last night?

#65 dios

god; deity

Los antiguos griegos creían en muchos dioses.
The ancient Greeks believed in many gods.

#68 porque

because; since

No fui a la fiesta **porque** estaba cansado.
I didn't go to the party because I was tired.

#67 llamar

to call; to name

Te llamo mañana para contarte todo.
I'll call you tomorrow to tell you everything.

#70 tiempo

time; weather

Tenemos **tiempo** para caminar por el parque.
We have time to walk through the park.

#69 señor

sir; Mr.

Disculpe, **señor**, ¿puede ayudarme?
Excuse me, sir, can you help me?

#71 adjective

mejor

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#72 adverb

nunca

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#73 adverb

dónde

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#74 noun · masc.

el año

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#75 number

dos

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#76 adverb

solo

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#77 noun · fem.

la verdad

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#78 noun · fem.

la casa

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#79 verb

sentir

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#80 verb

volver

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#72 nunca

never

Nunca llego tarde al trabajo.
I never arrive late to work.

#71 mejor

better; best

Este método es **mejor** que el anterior.
This method is better than the previous one.

#74 año

year

El próximo **año** viajaré a Japón.
Next year I will travel to Japan.

#73 dónde

where

¿**Dónde** vives?
Where do you live?

#76 solo

only; alone

Solo quedan dos entradas.
Only two tickets are left.

#75 dos

two

Las **dos** tortugas avanzaron lentamente por la arena.
The two turtles slowly crawled across the sand.

#78 casa

house; home

La **casa** tiene un jardín grande.
The house has a big garden.

#77 verdad

truth; right?

La **verdad** siempre sale a la luz.
The truth always comes to light.

#80 volver

to return

Mañana volvemos a casa después del viaje.
Tomorrow we return home after the trip.

#79 sentir

to feel; to be sorry

Siento frío en las manos.
I feel cold in my hands.

#81 noun · fem.

la vez

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#82 adverb

ahí

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#83 verb

salir

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#84 verb

parecer

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#85 adverb

entonces

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#86 verb

matar

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#87 verb

tomar

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#88 verb

gustar

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#89 verb

quedar

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#90 verb

llevar

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#82 ahí

there; that's when

Pon el libro **ahí**, por favor.
Put the book there, please.

#81 vez

time (occurrence)

La próxima **vez** llegaré temprano.
Next time I'll arrive early.

#84 parecer

to seem; to look

Parece difícil, pero podemos hacerlo.
It seems difficult, but we can do it.

#83 salir

to go out; to leave

Esta noche salimos a cenar.
Tonight we are going out to dinner.

#86 matar

to kill; to slaughter

Un tiburón puede **matar** a su presa con un solo mordisco.
A shark can kill its prey with a single bite.

#85 entonces

then; so

¿No hay clases hoy? **Entonces** me quedo en casa.
There's no class today? Then I'll stay home.

#88 gustar

to like; to be pleasing to

A María le gustan los gatos.
María likes cats.

#87 tomar

to take; to drink

Voy a **tomar** el autobús a las ocho.
I am going to take the bus at eight.

#90 llevar

to carry; to take

El camarero lleva tres platos en una mano.
The waiter is carrying three plates in one hand.

#89 quedar

to be left; to fit

Quedan dos entradas para el concierto.
There are two tickets left for the concert.

#91 noun · fem.

la noche

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#92 verb

encontrar

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#93 verb

oír

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#94 pronoun

ti

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#95 verb

llegar

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#96 noun · masc.

el amigo

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#97 pronoun

alguien

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#98 preposition

hasta

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#99 adjective

grande

Top 100 ≈50% of everyday Spanish

#100 preposition

sin

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#92 encontrar

to find; to meet

No encuentro las llaves por ninguna parte.
I can't find the keys anywhere.

#91 noche

night

La **noche** estaba muy oscura.
The night was very dark.

#94 ti

you

Esto es para **ti**.
This is for you.

#93 oír

to hear

No te oigo bien.
I can't hear you well.

#96 amigo

friend (masculine)

Mi **amigo** me ayudó con la mudanza.
My friend helped me with the move.

#95 llegar

to arrive; to reach

El tren llega a las ocho.
The train arrives at eight.

#98 hasta

until; up to

Esperaré **hasta** las cinco.
I will wait until five.

#97 alguien

someone; anyone

Alguien llamó a la puerta.
Someone knocked at the door.

#100 sin

without

No puedo vivir **sin** ti.
I can't live without you.

#99 grande

big; great

Vivo en una casa **grande**.
I live in a big house.