



High Interest Easy Readers in Spanish

Creating a Bridge to Authentic Reading & Fluency with Language Learner Literature

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Characteristics of these materials (Many have all 6 of these):

- **Limited Vocabulary** *Comprehensible*
- **Engaging Story** *Interesting*
- **Life Lessons** *Relevant*
- **Quality Graphics** *Visual Support*
- **Target Language Setting/References** *Cultural*
- **Glossary** *Aids Comprehensibility*

Books are listed from easier to more difficult reading levels based on:

1) Unique word count, 2) Main verb tenses in the text, 3) Ideas in the text, 4) Total word count, & 5) General level of comprehensibility as reported by students—This can vary greatly by themes and student familiarity with the material. Publishers may categorize some of these books differently. These ratings are based on the reactions of my students.

Interest beats almost everything else. Students can read books above their presumed reading level due to interest.

- Information in parentheses indicates: **UNIQUE WORD COUNT: Blue Print**
MAIN VERB TENSES: Plain Print
TOTAL WORD COUNT IN THE TEXT: *Italic Print*

- **Books are listed by independent student reading level in a TPRS class that focuses on high frequency verbs.**
Books will be more comprehensible when guided by a teacher and read together with a class.
How many words will each of your students read in Spanish? 20,000? 50,000? 100,000? 1 million?
The more words they read the more fluent readers they will become.

Titles highlighted in gray = Available on brycehedstrom.com

	UNIQUE WORD COUNT	MAIN VERB TENSES	TOTAL WORD COUNT
<u>BEGINNER READERS / EARLY LEVEL 1</u>			
• El capibara con botas , Mira Canion	55	present tense	2,100
• La Leyenda de La Llorona , Bryce Hedstrom	80	present tense	1,700
• Brandon Brown dice la verdad , Carol Gaab	75	present tense	3,800
• Pobrecita Ana va uno por uno , Blaine Ray	100	present tense	3,800
• Brandon Brown quiere un perro , Carol Gaab	100	present tense	4,600
• Berto y sus buenos amigos , Chris Stolz	110	present/past tense	3,800
• Berto y sus buenas ideas , Magaly Rodríguez	200	present tense	2,500
• Las aventuras de Isabela , Karen Rowan	200	present tense	2,200
• Los niños detectives , Patricia Verano	100	present tense	3,000
• Daniel el detective , Landor & Tottingham	150	present tense	4,700
<u>MID LEVEL 1 / ADVANCED STUDENTS IN EARLY LEVEL 1</u>			
• Agentes secretos , Mira Canion	100	present tense	4,700
• La clase de confesiones 1 , Alicia Quintero	130	present tense	3,000
• La clase de confesiones 2: La bella mentira , Alicia Quintero	150	present tense	4,800
• Brandon Brown versus Yucatán , Carol Gaab	140	present/past tense	5,000 each side
• Fiesta fatal , Mira Canion	140	past tense	4,800
• El escape cubano , Mira Canion	140	present tense	3,000
• Isabela captura un congo , Karen Rowan	250	present tense	3,500
• Carl no quiere ir a México , Karen Rowan	250	present tense	5,000
• Ataques de hambre , Eric Herman	200	present tense	9,900
• La chica nueva , Jennifer Degenhardt	250	present tense	4,800
• Don Quijote, el último caballero , Karen Rowan	200	present/past	1,400 each part
• El nuevo Houdini , Carol Gaab	200	present/past tense	5,600 each side
• Tumba , Mira Canion	170	present tense	3,500

• Pobre Ana moderna , Blaine Ray	300	present tense	6,000
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LATE LEVEL 1 / ADVANCED STUDENTS IN EARLY-MID LEVEL 1

• Piratas del Caribe y el mapa secreto , Canion & Gaab	200	present tense	6,800
• El Ekeko , Katie Baker	200	present tense	5,800
• Noches misteriosas en Granada , Kristy Placido	300	present/past tense	8,200
• Patricia va a California , Blaine Ray	400	present tense	6,400
• Casi se muere , Blaine Ray	400	present tense	5,800
• La vampirata , Mira Canion	240	past tense	5,600
• Piratas y el Triángulo... , Carol Gaab	280	past tense	9,900
• Superburguesas , Mike Peto	250	present tense, yo form	4,200

EARLY LEVEL 2 / ADVANCED STUDENTS IN LEVEL 1

• Robo en la noche , Kristy Placido	380	present/past tense	8,400 each side
• Bianca Nieves y los 7 toritos , Carrie Toth	150	past tense	6,400
• Pobre Ana bailó tango , Blaine Ray	300	past tense	9,100
• Los Baker van a Perú , Nathaniel Kirby	375	past/present tense	7,300
• Noche de oro , Kristy Placido	290	past tense	9,000
• Las Lágrimas de Xóchitl , Virginia Hildebrandt	300	present tense	7,000
• El viaje de su vida , Blaine Ray	400	present tense	6,400

LEVEL 2 / ADVANCED STUDENTS IN LEVEL 1

• Conexiones , Bryce Hedstrom (Cultural non-fiction) <i>Part 1: 5,000 words Part 2: 9,300 words Cultural Dictionary: 8,000 words</i>	300	present/past tense	22,300 words total
• El silbón de Venezuela , Craig Klein Dexemple	#?	present tense	(# not provided by publisher)
• Felipe Alou , Carol Gaab	150	past tense	6,000
• Rival , Mira Canion	270	past tense	5,400
• Mi propio auto , Blaine Ray	250	present tense	8,500
• Las Sueños de Xóchitl , Virginia Hildebrandt	300	present tense	6,900
• Rebeldes de Tejas , Mira Canion	400	past tense	10,700
• Pío Pista , Michael Miller	400	present tense	9,900
• ¿Dónde está Eduardo? , Blaine Ray	350	past tense	8,600
• El viaje perdido , Blaine Ray	350	past tense	8,900
• ¡Viva el toro! , Blaine Ray	350	past tense	8,000
• Esperanza , Carol Gaab	200	present tense, yo form	6,500
• Frida Kahlo , Kristy Placido	150	past tense	7,200

LEVEL 3 / ADVANCED STUDENTS IN LEVEL 2

• Soy Lorenzo , Virginia Hildebrandt	400	past tense	7,600
• La Llorona de Mazatlán , Katie Baker	300	past tense	10,000
• Frida Kahlo , Kristy Placido	150	past tense	7,200
• Problemas en paraíso , Carol Gaab	250	past tense	9,000
• Rival , Mira Canion	270	past tense	4,000
• La maldición de la cabeza reducida , Nathaniel Kirby	400	past tense	7,200
• Los ojos de Carmen , Verónica Moscoso	450	past tense	7,500
• Todo lo que brilla , Chris Mercer	#?	past tense	(# not provided by publisher)
• Vida o muerte en Cusco , Lisa Ray Turner	500	past tense/subjunctive	10,000
• Casa dividida , Chris Mercer	#?	past tense	(# not provided by publisher)

LEVEL 4

• Vector , Carrie Toth	400	past tense	7,100
• Vida y muerte en la Mara Salvatruchas , Autor Anónimo	400	past tense	7,600
• La calaca alegre , Carrie Toth	425	past tense/subjunctive	9,900
• La hija del sastre , Carrie Toth	500	past tense/subjunctive	12,400
• La corza blanca , Gustavo Bécquer, Santillana Press	500	mostly past tense	3,400
• La cruz del diablo , Gustavo Bécquer, Santillana Press	700	past tense/subj	3,600
• La guerra sucia , Nathaniel Kirby	600	past tense/subjunctive	12,400
• En busca del monstruo , Pablo Ortega López	600	past tense/subjunctive	10,000

