

PALABRAS IMPORTANTES

(Important Words)

CRUCIAL FUNCTION WORDS & TOP CLASSROOM VOCABULARY

WHAT ARE FUNCTION WORDS?

• **Function words are the small words that carry the grammar of a sentence.** Function words are a different type of word than content words. Content words are words like *silla* (nouns), *corre* (verbs), and *triste* (adjectives). Many content words are relatively easy to learn because they are more concrete—you can often imagine a picture of what a content word describes. But function words are abstract. They are the articles, pronouns, prepositions, conjunctions, and other short grammatical words. Function words are important to know, but they can be harder to imagine, memorize and define. The function words are mainly acquired by context—exposure and comparison in many different situations over time.

INTERESTING NEWS

• **The mind deals with function words and content words differently.** According to Steven Pinker, a leading cognitive scientist and linguist, in his book on how the mind deals with language, *Words and Rules*, our brains learn most of the function words early in life and then use them to communicate clearly. Function words are a relatively closed set of vocabulary. We learn new content words all the time, but function words, once learned, do not need many additions. Function words become embedded in the mind and provide a kind of scaffolding to help facilitate clear communication. They carry the look and feel of the language. Once you know these words and know how they work, you are on your way to knowing the language.

THE BAD NEWS

• **Function words are rarely cognates.** Not only are function words abstract and harder to memorize than content words, they usually cannot be piggy-backed on to English words that you already know like many other vocabulary words. Most of them are unique to Spanish and must be learned individually.

THE GOOD NEWS

• **You have already acquired many function words.** Many of the most high frequency words are short function words. You have probably already picked up many of the most common function words like *en*, *de*, *a*, *le*, *mi*, *con*, and *y*. Be on the lookout for these and other function words as you read and listen. When you know these words, you are on your way to knowing the language.

MORE GOOD NEWS

• **You are probably ready to pick up more function words.** Function words are extremely common, but beginning language learners tend to skip over them because they are concentrating on the content words so much. That strategy can make sense as a novice language learner, but after a core of content words have been acquired, new learners find themselves hearing the function words and wanting to learn more of them. You may want to look over this list to put your mind at ease and to prepare yourself to recognize them as you listen and read.

ARE THESE ALL OF THE FUNCTION WORDS?

• **Not every high frequency function word is included on this list**—just those that are the most useful in an acquisition-rich classroom. Some words that newbies tend to pick up due to exposure in extensive reading and listening to natural conversations, like articles and some pronouns, are not included for brevity's sake. Other types of words that have been omitted are those that would be seen as redundant to beginners. These include words such as *cuando* (used as a conjunction, #40, or a preposition, #1803), when they already know *¿cuándo?* (the question word/adverb, #1199), and *donde* (the preposition and conjunction, #84) when they know *¿dónde?* (the question word/adverb, #421), from repeatedly hearing them in class conversations and stories.

PALABRAS IMPORTANTES INSTRUCTOR HANDOUT

With Word Frequency Numbers from A Frequency Dictionary of Spanish, by Mark Davies
INSTRUCTORS & AUTHORS: FOCUS ON USING THESE WORDS TO BE SURE YOUR STUDENTS ARE ACQUIRING THE HIGH FREQUENCY VOCABULARY THEY NEED—THE SKELETON OF THE LANGUAGE.

Highlighting = Words NOT in the top 800 most frequent Spanish words (but are still useful)

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CONJUNCTIONS (mostly)

1. **que** (#3) that
2. **y** (#4) and
3. **como** (#16) like, as
4. **pero** (#23) but
5. **o** (#26) or
6. **si** (#34) if
7. **porque** (#38) because
8. **ni... ni** (#64) neither... nor
9. **pues** (#105) then, well
10. **sino** (#109) except, rather
11. **aunque** (#117) although
12. **mientras** (#154) while

TRANSITIONS

(ADVERBIAL PHRASES)

13. **así que** (#59) so
14. **por eso** (#63) so, for this reason
15. **luego** (#132) then, later
16. **entonces** (#76) then, so
17. **más tarde** (#1046) later
18. **después** (#87) afterwards, then

HELP TELLING A STORY

(ABVERBS)

19. **ya** (#36) already, now
20. **ya no** (#36) not anymore, no longer
21. **ahora** (#85) now
22. **sin embargo** (#180) nevertheless
23. **además** (#159) besides, as well
24. **de repente** (#2183) all of a sudden
25. **todavía** (#211) still, yet
26. **por fin** (#156) finally, at last

(More) ADVERBS

27. **así** (#59) like that
28. **bien** (#73) well, fine
29. **tan** (#83) so
30. **también** (#53) also
31. **tampoco** (#279) neither
32. **antes de** (#236) before
33. **después de** (#87) after
34. **siempre** (#90) always
35. **nunca** (#151) never
36. **aquí** (#129) here
37. **allí** (#169) there

38. **allá** (#324) over there
39. **solo** (#102; 160) only, just; alone
40. **casi** (#146) almost
41. **hoy** (#164) today
42. **aún** (#282) still, yet
43. **incluso** (#294) including
44. **quizás** (#297) maybe
45. **solamente** (#336) only
46. **pronto** (#396) soon
47. **igualmente** (#1431) equally
48. **apenas** (#587) barely, hardly

EXPRESSIONS WITH "VEZ" (#44)

49. **una vez** one time, once
50. **muchas veces** many times, often
51. **a veces** at times, sometimes
52. **otra vez** another time, again
53. **en vez de** instead of
54. **tal vez** perhaps

PREPOSITIONS

55. **de** (#2) of, from
56. **a** (#5) to, at
57. **en** (#6) in, on
58. **por** (#12) for, through, by
59. **para** (#15) for, in order to
60. **con** (#13) with
61. **sin** (#43) without
62. **hasta** (#54) until
63. **desde** (#61) since, from
64. **durante** (#148) during
65. **contra** (#172) against
66. **según** (#257) according to
67. **acerca de** (#1288) about
68. **a pesar de** (#366) in spite of
69. **a causa de** (#546) because of

PREPOSITIONS OF PLACE

70. **entre** (#58) between
71. **hacia** (#125) towards
72. **alrededor de** (#556) around
73. **junto a** (#729) beside
74. **al lado de** (#165) next to

75. **cerca de** (#391) close to
76. **lejos de** (#469) far from
77. **sobre** (#48) on, above
78. **encima de** (#436) over, on top of
79. **debajo de** (#820) below, beneath
80. **delante de** (#885) in front of, ahead
81. **detrás de** (#701) behind
82. **dentro de** (#174) inside
83. **fuera de** (#451) outside (of)
84. **a través de** (#347) through, across

QUANTIFIERS / AMOUNTS

85. **más** (#24) more
86. **muy** (#42) very
87. **mucho** (#45) a lot
88. **un poco** (#74) a little
89. **bastante** (#270) enough, quite
90. **demasiado** (#335) too much
91. **tanto** (#79) so much
92. **todo** (#22) everything, all
93. **todos** (#22) everybody
94. **todos los días** (#22) every day
95. **por todas partes** (#86) everywhere
96. **nada** (#95) nothing
97. **algo** (#101) something
98. **un montón de** (#1946) a whole lot of

PRONOUNS

99. **yo** (#52) I
100. **tú** (#554) you (familiar)
101. **él** (#41) he
102. **ella** (#69) she
103. **usted (Ud.)** (#269) you (formal)
104. **nosotros** (#191) we
105. **ellos** (#144) they (m)
106. **ellas** (#144) they (f)
107. **ustedes (Uds.)** (#269) you (all)
108. **alguien** (#480) somebody
109. **nadie** (#283) nobody
110. **conmigo** (#1845) with me
111. **contigo** (#3017) with you

QUESTION WORDS

112. ¿Qué? (#47) What?
 113. ¿Quién? (#292) Who?
 114. ¿Por qué? (#12, 47) Why?
 115. ¿Dónde? (#421) Where?
 116. ¿Cómo? (#126) How?
 117. ¿Cuál? (#395) Which?
 118. ¿Cuándo? (#1199) When?
 119. ¿Cuántos? (#723) How many?

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• They are on this list because they are interesting and/or useful in language class.

• Many of these words are included in standard curricula.

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MISCELLANEOUS NOUNS

120. un rato (#1478) a little while

 121. cosa (#78) thing
 122. palabra (#176) word
 123. un cuento (#1357) a story

 124. desayuno (#3157) breakfast
 125. almuerzo (#3104) lunch
 126. cena (#2971) dinner, supper

 127. la bicicleta (#3955) bicycle
 128. un carro (#1871) a car
 129. el dinero (#291) money

 130. la mañana (#401) the morning
 131. mañana (#1235) tomorrow
 132. la tarde (#242) the afternoon
 133. la noche (#196) evening, night
 134. esta noche (#196) tonight

 135. un gato (#1412) a cat
 136. un perro (#939) a dog
 137. un caballo (#780) a horse

PEOPLE

138. un chico (#1079) a boy
 139. una chica (#1907) a girl
 140. un hombre (#80) a man
 141. una mujer (#127) a woman
 142. la familia (#201) the family

143. un hermano (#539) a brother
 144. madre (#278) mother
 145. padre (#182) father
 146. un amigo (#262) a friend
 147. un niño (#178) a little boy/kid
 148. un policía (#506) police officer

PLACES

149. la casa (#116) house
 150. la sala (#811) living/big room
 151. el dormitorio (#3382) bedroom
 152. la cocina (#1673) kitchen
 153. la cama (#1185) bed
 154. la calle (#248) street

 155. la escuela (#532) school
 156. el campo (#295) countryside
 157. el país (#133) country
 158. la montaña (#1212) mountain
 159. el lago (#2680) lake
 160. el mar (#645) sea
 161. la playa (#1713) beach

 162. el parque (#1760) park
 163. la ciudad (#197) city
 164. el pueblo (#241) town

ADJECTIVES

165. bueno (#115) good
 166. malo (#275) bad

 167. mejor (#121) better, best
 168. mejor que (#121) better than

 169. joven (#442) young
 170. viejo (#281) old
 171. nuevo (#99) new

 172. ese/esa (#32) that
 173. este/esta (#29) this

 174. guapo (#4140) good-looking
 175. bonito (#1707) pretty
 176. hermoso (#1224) beautiful
 177. chulo (***) cute
 178. feo (#2381) ugly

 179. cada (#96) each, every
 180. igual (#239) equal, the same
 181. maravilloso (#1743) marvelous

182. triste (#1314) sad
 183. feliz (#956) happy
 184. contento (#1647) content

 185. grande (#62) big
 186. mediano (#3103) medium
 187. pequeño (#184) small

 188. delgado (#3039) skinny
 189. gordo (#2217) fat

 190. chistoso (***) funny
 191. cómico (#3485) funny
 192. simpático (#2590) nice
 193. antipático (***) mean

 194. rico (#627) rich
 195. pobre (#373) poor

 196. tonto (#2191) dumb, stupid
 197. loco (#1377) crazy
 198. inteligente (#1447) smart

 199. enojado (***) angry
 200. cansado (#2147) tired

 201. sucio (#1994) dirty
 202. limpio (#1397) clean

 203. aburrido (#2813) boring
 204. interesante (#762) interesting
 205. exigente (#3530) demanding

 206. suave (#84) soft, smooth
 207. fuerte (#1010) strong, hard, loud
 208. débil (#1284) weak

 209. caro (#1876) expensive
 210. gratis (***) free
 211. barato (#1470) inexpensive

 212. lleno (#508) full
 213. vacío (#1532) empty

 214. mismo (#51) same

 215. menor (#334) younger
 216. mayor (#138) older

 217. fácil (#514) easy
 218. difícil (#314) difficult, hard

PALABRAS IMPORTANTES INSTRUCTOR HANDOUT

IN ORDER OF WORD FREQUENCY

The lower the frequency number, the more often a word is used. This is a different order than on the other **Palabras Importantes** handouts. Also, note that this list does not contain all high frequency words, just those on the previous lists. Verbs, for example, are on a different list. For a complete list of high frequency words see [A Frequency Dictionary of Spanish](#), by Mark Davies.

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FUNCTION WORDS = SHORT ABSTRACT GRAMMATICAL WORDS

(Similar to "sight words" in elementary school; high frequency vocabulary that everyone needs to know.)

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| <p>#1-50 by Frequency</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. de (#2) of, from 2. que (#3) that 3. y (#4) and 4. a (#5) to, at 5. en (#6) in, on 6. por (#12) for, through 7. con (#13) with 8. para (#15) for, in order to 9. como (#16) like, as 10. todo (#22) everything, all 11. todos (#22) everybody 12. todos los días (#22) every day 13. pero (#23) but 14. más (#24) more 15. o (#26) or 16. si (#34) if 17. ya (#36) already, now 18. ya no (#36) not anymore, no longer 19. porque (#38) because 20. él (#41) he 21. muy (#42) very 22. sin (#43) without 23. una vez (#44) one time, once 24. muchas veces many times, often 25. a veces at times, sometimes 26. otra vez another time, again 27. en vez de instead of 28. tal vez perhaps 29. mucho (#45) a lot, much 30. sobre (#48) on, above <p>-----</p> <p>#50-100 by Frequency</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 31. yo (#52) I 32. también (#53) also 33. hasta (#54) until 34. así (#59) like that 35. entre (#58) between 36. así que (#59) so 37. desde (#61) since, from 38. por eso (#63) so, for this reason 39. ni... ni (#64) neither... nor | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 40. ella (#69) she 41. bien (#73) well, fine 42. un poco (#74) a little 43. entonces (#76) then, so 44. tanto (#79) so much 45. tan (#83) so 46. ahora (#85) now 47. por todas partes (#86) everywhere 48. después de (#87) after 49. después (#87) afterwards, then 50. siempre (#90) always 51. nada (#95) nothing <p>-----</p> <p>#100-200 by Frequency</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 52. algo (#101) something 53. solo (#102; #160) only, just; lonely 54. pues (#105) then, well 55. sino (#109) except, rather 56. aunque (#117) although 57. hacia (#125) towards 58. aquí (#129) here 59. luego (#132) then, later 60. ellos (#144) they (m) 61. ellas (#144) they (f) 62. casí (#146) almost 63. durante (#148) during 64. nunca (#151) never 65. mientras (#154) while 66. por fin (#156) finally, at last 67. además (#159) besides, as well 68. hoy (#164) today 69. al lado de (#165) next to 70. allí (#169) there 71. contra (#172) against 72. dentro de (#174) inside 73. sin embargo (#180) nevertheless 74. nosotros (#191) we <p>-----</p> <p>#200-300 by Frequency</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 75. todavía (#211) still, yet 76. según (#257) according to 77. antes de (#236) before | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 78. usted (Ud.) (#269) you (formal) 79. ustedes (Uds.) (#269) you (all) 80. bastante (#270) enough, quite 81. tampoco (#279) neither 82. aún (#282) still, yet 83. nadie (#283) nobody 84. incluso (#294) including 85. quizás (#297) maybe <p>-----</p> <p>#300-400 by Frequency</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 86. allá (#324) over there 87. demasiado (#335) too much 88. solamente (#336) only 89. a través de (#347) through, across 90. a pesar de (#366) in spite of 91. cerca de (#391) close to 92. pronto (#396) soon <p>-----</p> <p>#400 + by Frequency</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 93. encima de (#436) over, on top of 94. fuera de (#451) outside (of) 95. lejos de (#469) far from 96. alguien (#480) somebody 97. a causa de (#546) because of 98. tú (#554) you (familiar) 99. alrededor de (#556) around 100. apenas (#587) barely, hardly 101. detrás de (#701) behind 102. junto a (#729) beside <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 103. debajo de (#820) below, beneath 104. delante de (#885) in front of, ahead 105. más tarde (#1046) later 106. acerca de (#1288) about 107. igualmente (#1431) equally 108. conmigo (#1845) with me 109. un montón de (#1946) a whole lot of 110. de repente (#2183) all of a sudden 111. contigo (#3017) with you |
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Nombre _____

Fecha _____

Clase _____

PALABRAS IMPORTANTES — STUDENT HANDOUT

These **Palabras Importantes** are some of the most important Spanish words for beginners. They are: **1) High Frequency Spanish Words**, or **2) Common Vocabulary** in language classes. These words form the skeleton of communication in Spanish. **#1 - #112** are **Function Words**—these are short, common, grammatical words. Function words are good to know because they are some of the most frequently used words in the language (60% of speech is composed of the 50 most common function words). **#112 - #219** are **Content Words**. Content words are more concrete and may be easier to pick up. Content words include question words, nouns and adjectives. You will acquire the much of the vocabulary on these lists just by listening and reading, but it can be helpful to focus on lists like these from time to time to see how much you are acquiring. We may also have a series of quizzes to check on your general progress.

Check to see how many of these you recognize right now. We will review this list periodically to see how many more you are picking up as the course progresses.

SPANISH to ENGLISH

CONJUNCTIONS (mostly)

1. **que** _____
2. **y** _____
3. **como** _____
4. **pero** _____
5. **o** _____
6. **si** _____
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102. **ella** _____
103. **usted (Ud.)** _____
104. **nosotros** _____
105. **ellos** _____
106. **ellas** _____
107. **ustedes (Uds.)** _____
108. **alguien** _____
109. **nadie** _____
110. **conmigo** _____
111. **contigo** _____

QUESTION WORDS

- 112. ¿Qué? _____
- 113. ¿Quién? _____
- 114. ¿Por qué? _____
- 115. ¿Dónde? _____
- 116. ¿Cómo? _____
- 117. ¿Cuál? _____
- 118. ¿Cuándo? _____
- 119. ¿Cuántos? _____

MISCELLANEOUS NOUNS

- 120. un rato _____

- 121. cosa _____
- 122. palabra _____
- 123. un cuento _____

- 124. desayuno _____
- 125. almuerzo _____
- 126. cena _____

- 127. la bicicleta _____
- 128. el carro _____
- 129. el dinero _____

- 130. la mañana _____
- 131. mañana _____
- 132. la tarde _____
- 133. la noche _____
- 134. esta noche _____

- 135. un gato _____
- 136. un perro _____
- 137. un caballo _____

PEOPLE

- 138. un chico _____
- 139. unachica _____
- 140. un hombre _____
- 141. una mujer _____

- 142. la familia _____
- 143. un hermano _____
- 144. madre _____
- 145. padre _____
- 146. un amigo _____
- 147. un niño _____
- 148. un policía _____

PLACES

- 149. la casa _____
- 150. la sala _____
- 151. el dormitorio _____
- 152. la cocina _____
- 153. la cama _____
- 154. la calle _____

- 155. la escuela _____
- 156. el campo _____
- 157. el país _____
- 158. la montaña _____
- 159. el lago _____
- 160. el mar _____
- 161. la playa _____
- 162. el parque _____
- 163. la ciudad _____
- 164. el pueblo _____

ADJECTIVES

- 165. bueno _____
- 166. malo _____

- 167. mejor _____
- 168. mejor que _____

- 169. joven _____
- 170. viejo _____
- 171. nuevo _____

- 172. ese/esa _____
- 173. este/esta _____

- 174. guapo _____
- 175. bonito _____
- 176. hermoso _____
- 177. chulo _____
- 178. feo _____

- 179. cada _____
- 180. igual _____
- 181. maravilloso _____
- 182. triste _____
- 183. feliz _____
- 184. contento _____

- 185. grande _____
- 186. mediano _____
- 187. pequeño _____

- 188. delgado _____
- 189. gordo _____

- 190. chistoso _____
- 191. cómico _____
- 192. simpático _____
- 193. antipático _____

- 194. rico _____
- 195. pobre _____

- 196. tonto _____
- 197. loco _____
- 198. inteligente _____

- 199. enojado _____
- 200. cansado _____

- 201. sucio _____
- 202. limpio _____

- 203. aburrido _____
- 204. interesante _____
- 205. exigente _____

- 206. suave _____
- 207. fuerte _____
- 208. débil _____

- 209. caro _____
- 210. gratis _____
- 211. barato _____

- 212. lleno _____
- 213. vacío _____

- 214. mismo _____

- 215. menor _____
- 216. mayor _____

- 217. fácil _____
- 218. difícil _____

Nombre _____

Fecha _____

Clase _____

PALABRAS IMPORTANTES — STUDENT HANDOUT

ENGLISH TO SPANISH

CONJUNCTIONS (Mostly)

1. *that, than* _____
2. *and* _____
3. *like, as* _____
4. *but* _____
5. *or* _____
6. *if* _____
7. *because* _____
8. *neither... nor* _____
9. *then, well then* _____
10. *except, rather* _____
11. *although* _____
12. *while* _____

TRANSITIONS

13. *so* _____
14. *so, for this reason* _____
15. *then, later* _____
16. *then, so* _____
17. *later* _____
18. *afterwards, then* _____

HELP TELLING A STORY (ADVERBS)

19. *already, now* _____
20. *not anymore, no longer* _____
21. *now* _____
22. *nevertheless* _____
23. *besides, as well* _____
24. *all of a sudden* _____
25. *still, yet* _____
26. *finally, at last* _____

(MORE) ADVERBS

27. *like that* _____
28. *well, fine* _____
29. *so, so much* _____

30. *also, too* _____
31. *neither* _____

32. *before* _____
33. *after* _____

34. *always* _____
35. *never* _____

36. *here* _____

37. *there* _____
38. *over there* _____

39. *alone* _____
40. *almost* _____
41. *today* _____
42. *even, still, yet* _____
43. *including* _____
44. *maybe* _____
45. *only* _____
46. *soon* _____
47. *equally* _____
48. *barely, hardly* _____

EXPRESSIONS WITH "VEZ"

49. *one time, once* _____
50. *many times, often* _____
51. *at times, sometimes* _____
52. *another time, again* _____
53. *instead of* _____
54. *perhaps* _____

PREPOSITIONS

55. *of, from* _____
56. *to, at* _____
57. *in, on* _____
58. *for, through* _____
59. *for, in order to* _____
60. *with* _____
61. *without* _____

62. *until* _____
63. *during* _____
64. *since, from* _____
65. *against* _____
66. *according to* _____
67. *about, concerning* _____
68. *despite* _____
69. *because of* _____

PREPOSITIONS OF PLACE

70. *between* _____
71. *towards* _____
72. *around* _____
73. *beside* _____
74. *next to* _____
75. *close to* _____

76. *far from* _____

77. *on, above* _____
78. *over, on top of* _____
79. *below, beneath* _____

80. *in front of, ahead* _____
81. *behind* _____

82. *inside* _____
83. *outside (of)* _____
84. *through, across* _____

QUANTIFIERS/AMOUNTS

85. *more* _____
86. *very* _____
87. *a lot* _____

88. *a little* _____
89. *enough, quite* _____
90. *too much* _____
91. *so much* _____

92. *everything, all* _____
93. *everybody* _____
94. *every day* _____
95. *everywhere* _____
96. *nothing* _____
97. *something* _____
98. *a whole lot of* _____

PRONOUNS

99. *I* _____
100. *you (familiar)* _____
101. *he* _____
102. *she* _____
103. *you (formal)* _____
104. *we* _____
105. *they (masculine)* _____
106. *they (feminine)* _____
107. *you (all)* _____

108. *somebody* _____
109. *nobody* _____
110. *with me* _____
111. *with you* _____

QUESTION WORDS

- 112. *What?* _____
- 113. *Who?* _____
- 114. *Why?* _____
- 115. *Where?* _____
- 116. *How?* _____
- 117. *Which?* _____
- 118. *When?* _____
- 119. *How many?* _____

MISCELLANEOUS NOUNS

- 120. *a little while* _____
- 121. *thing* _____
- 122. *Word* _____
- 123. *a story* _____
- 124. *breakfast* _____
- 125. *lunch* _____
- 126. *dinner, supper* _____
- 127. *bicycle* _____
- 128. *a car* _____
- 129. *money* _____
- 130. *the morning* _____
- 131. *tomorrow* _____
- 132. *the afternoon* _____
- 133. *the evening, night* _____
- 134. *tonight* _____
- 135. *a cat* _____
- 136. *a dog* _____
- 137. *a horse* _____

PEOPLE

- 138. *a boy* _____
- 139. *a girl* _____
- 140. *a man* _____
- 141. *a woman* _____
- 142. *the family* _____
- 143. *a brother* _____
- 144. *mother* _____
- 145. *father* _____
- 146. *a friend* _____
- 147. *a little boy* _____
- 148. *a police officer* _____

PLACES

- 149. *house* _____
- 150. *living room, big room* _____
- 151. *bedroom* _____
- 152. *kitchen* _____
- 153. *bed* _____
- 154. *street* _____
- 155. *school* _____
- 156. *countryside* _____
- 157. *country* _____
- 158. *mountain* _____
- 159. *lake* _____
- 160. *sea* _____
- 161. *beach* _____
- 162. *park* _____
- 163. *city* _____
- 164. *town* _____

ADJECTIVES

- 165. *good* _____
- 166. *bad* _____
- 167. *better, best* _____
- 168. *better than* _____
- 169. *young* _____
- 170. *old* _____
- 171. *new* _____
- 172. *that* _____
- 173. *this* _____
- 174. *handsome, good-looking* _____
- 175. *pretty* _____
- 176. *beautiful* _____
- 177. *cute* _____
- 178. *ugly* _____
- 179. *each, every* _____
- 180. *equal, the same* _____
- 181. *marvelous* _____
- 182. *sad* _____
- 183. *happy* _____
- 184. *content, happy* _____
- 185. *big* _____

- 186. *medium* _____
- 187. *small* _____
- 188. *skinny* _____
- 189. *fat* _____
- 190. *funny* _____
- 191. *funny* _____
- 192. *nice* _____
- 193. *mean* _____
- 194. *rich* _____
- 195. *poor* _____
- 196. *dumb, stupid* _____
- 197. *crazy* _____
- 198. *smart* _____
- 199. *angry* _____
- 200. *tired* _____
- 201. *dirty* _____
- 202. *clean* _____
- 203. *boring* _____
- 204. *interesting* _____
- 205. *demanding* _____
- 206. *soft, smooth* _____
- 207. *strong, hard, loud* _____
- 208. *weak* _____
- 209. *expensive* _____
- 210. *free* _____
- 211. *inexpensive* _____
- 212. *full* _____
- 213. *empty* _____
- 214. *same* _____
- 215. *younger* _____
- 216. *older* _____
- 217. *easy* _____
- 218. *difficult, hard* _____

PALABRAS IMPORTANTES — STUDENT HANDOUT

CLAVE / KEY / NOTES

CONJUNCTIONS (Mostly)

1. **que** *that, than*
2. **y** *and*
3. **como** *like, as*
4. **pero** *but*
5. **o** *or*
6. **si** *if*
7. **porque** *because*
8. **ni... ni** *neither... nor*
9. **pues** *then, well then*
10. **sino** *except, rather*
11. **aunque** *although*
12. **mientras** *while*

TRANSITIONS

13. **así que** *so*
14. **por eso** *so, for this reason*
15. **luego** *then, later*
16. **entonces** *then, so*
17. **más tarde** *later*
18. **después** *afterwards, then*

HELP TELLING A STORY (ADVERBS)

19. **ya** *already, now*
20. **ya no** *not anymore, no longer*
21. **ahora** *now*
22. **sin embargo** *nevertheless*
23. **además** *besides, as well*
24. **de repente** *all of a sudden*
25. **todavía** *still, yet*
26. **por fin** *finally, at last*

(MORE) ADVERBS

27. **así** *like that*
28. **bien** *well, fine*
29. **tan** *so*
30. **también** *also, too*
31. **tampoco** *neither*
32. **antes de** *before*
33. **después de** *after*
34. **siempre** *always*
35. **nunca** *never*
36. **aquí** *here*
37. **allí** *there*
38. **allá** *over there*

39. **solo** *only; alone*
40. **casi** *almost*
41. **hoy** *today*
42. **aún** *even, still, yet*
43. **incluso** *including*
44. **quizás** *maybe*
45. **solamente** *only*
46. **pronto** *soon*
47. **igualmente** *equally*
48. **apenas** *barely, hardly*

EXPRESSIONS WITH "VEZ"

49. **una vez** *one time, once*
50. **muchas veces** *many times, often*
51. **a veces** *at times, sometimes*
52. **otra vez** *another time, again*
53. **en vez de** *instead of*
54. **tal vez** *perhaps*

PREPOSITIONS

55. **de** *of, from*
56. **a** *to, at*
57. **en** *in, on*
58. **por** *for, through*
59. **para** *for, in order to*
60. **con** *with*
61. **sin** *without*
62. **hasta** *until*
63. **durante** *during*
64. **desde** *since, from*
65. **contra** *against*
66. **según** *according to*
67. **acerca de** *about, concerning*
68. **a pesar de** *despite*
69. **a causa de** *because of*

PREPOSITIONS OF PLACE

70. **entre** *between*
71. **hacia** *towards*
72. **alrededor de** *around*
73. **junto a** *beside*
74. **al lado de** *next to*
75. **cerca de** *close to*
76. **lejos de** *far from*

77. **sobre** *on, above*
78. **encima de** *over, on top of*
79. **debajo de** *below, beneath*
80. **delante de** *in front of, ahead*
81. **detrás de** *behind*
82. **dentro de** *inside*
83. **fuera de** *outside (of)*
84. **a través de** *through, across*

QUANTIFIERS/AMOUNTS

85. **más** *more*
86. **muy** *very*
87. **mucho** *a lot*
88. **un poco** *a little*
89. **bastante** *enough, quite*
90. **demasiado** *too much*
91. **tanto** *so much*
92. **todo** *everything, all*
93. **todos** *everybody*
94. **todos los días** *every day*
95. **por todas partes** *everywhere*
96. **nada** *nothing*
97. **algo** *something*
98. **un montón de** *a whole lot of*

PRONOUNS

99. **yo** *I*
100. **tú** *you (familiar)*
101. **él** *he*
102. **ella** *she*
103. **usted (Ud.)** *you (formal)*
104. **nosotros** *we*
105. **ellos** *they (masculine)*
106. **ellas** *they (feminine)*
107. **ustedes (Uds.)** *you (all)*
108. **alguien** *somebody*
109. **nadie** *nobody*
110. **conmigo** *with me*
111. **contigo** *with you*

QUESTION WORDS

- 112. **¿Qué?** *What?*
- 113. **¿Quién?** *Who?*
- 114. **¿Por qué?** *Why?*
- 115. **¿Dónde?** *Where?*
- 116. **¿Cómo?** *How?*
- 117. **¿Cuál?** *Which?*
- 118. **¿Cuándo?** *When?*
- 119. **¿Cuántos?** *How many?*

MISCELLANEOUS NOUNS

- 120. **un rato** *a little while*

- 121. **cosa** *thing*
- 122. **palabra** *word*
- 123. **un cuento** *a story*

- 124. **desayuno** *breakfast*
- 125. **almuerzo** *lunch*
- 126. **cena** *dinner, supper*

- 127. **la bicicleta** *bicycle*
- 128. **un carro** *a car*
- 129. **el dinero** *money*

- 130. **la mañana** *the morning*
- 131. **mañana** *tomorrow*
- 132. **la tarde** *the afternoon*
- 133. **la noche** *the evening, night*
- 134. **esta noche** *tonight*

- 135. **un gato** *a cat*
- 136. **un perro** *a dog*
- 137. **un caballo** *a horse*

PEOPLE

- 138. **un chico** *a boy*
- 139. **una chica** *a girl*
- 140. **un hombre** *a man*
- 141. **una mujer** *a woman*
- 142. **la familia** *the family*
- 143. **un hermano** *a brother*
- 144. **madre** *mother*
- 145. **padre** *father*
- 146. **un amigo** *a friend*
- 147. **un niño** *a little boy*
- 148. **un policía** *a police officer*

PLACES

- 149. **la casa** *house*
- 150. **la sala** *living room, big room*
- 151. **el dormitorio** *bedroom*
- 152. **la cocina** *kitchen*
- 153. **la cama** *bed*
- 154. **la calle** *street*

- 155. **la escuela** *school*

- 156. **el campo** *countryside*
- 157. **el país** *country*
- 158. **la montaña** *mountain*
- 159. **el lago** *lake*
- 160. **el mar** *sea*
- 161. **la playa** *beach*

- 162. **el parque** *park*
- 163. **la ciudad** *city*
- 164. **el pueblo** *town*

ADJECTIVES

- 165. **bueno** *good*
- 166. **malo** *bad*

- 167. **mejor** *better, best*
- 168. **mejor que** *better than*

- 169. **joven** *young*
- 170. **viejo** *old*
- 171. **nuevo** *new*

- 172. **ese/esa** *that*
- 173. **este/esta** *this*

- 174. **guapo** *handsome, good-looking*
- 175. **bonito** *pretty*
- 176. **hermoso** *beautiful*
- 177. **chulo** *cute*
- 178. **feo** *ugly*

- 179. **cada** *each, every*
- 180. **igual** *equal, the same*
- 181. **maravilloso** *marvelous*

- 182. **triste** *sad*
- 183. **feliz** *happy*
- 184. **contento** *content, happy*

- 185. **grande** *big*
- 186. **mediano** *medium*
- 187. **pequeño** *small*

- 188. **delgado** *skinny*
- 189. **gordo** *fat*

- 190. **chistoso** *funny*
- 191. **cómico** *funny*
- 192. **simpático** *nice*
- 193. **antipático** *mean*

- 194. **rico** *rich*
- 195. **pobre** *poor*

- 196. **tonto** *dumb, stupid*
- 197. **loco** *crazy*
- 198. **inteligente** *smart*

- 199. **enojado** *angry*
- 200. **cansado** *tired*

- 201. **sucio** *dirty*
- 202. **limpio** *clean*

- 203. **aburrido** *boring*
- 204. **interesante** *interesting*
- 205. **exigente** *demanding*

- 206. **suave** *soft, smooth*
- 207. **fuerte** *strong, hard, loud*
- 208. **débil** *weak*

- 209. **caro** *expensive*
- 210. **gratis** *free*
- 211. **barato** *inexpensive*

- 212. **lleno** *full*
- 213. **vacío** *empty*

- 214. **mismo** *same*

- 215. **menor** *younger*
- 216. **mayor** *older*

- 217. **fácil** *easy*
- 218. **difícil** *difficult, hard*

Nombre _____
 Fecha _____
 Clase _____

PALABRAS IMPORTANTES — STUDENT HANDOUT

IN ORDER OF WORD FREQUENCY English to Spanish

This list is in a different order than the other Palabras Importantes handouts. This one is in the order of word frequency. The lower the frequency number, the more often a word is used. As with the other lists, it does not contain all of the high frequency words in Spanish. The first list is the most useful function words and second list is the nouns and adjectives that are commonly used in Spanish classes. The high frequency verbs are on a different list. The numbering is from A Frequency Dictionary of Spanish, by Mark Davies.

FUNCTION WORDS = SHORT, ABSTRACT, GRAMMATICAL WORDS—THE SKELETON OF THE LANGUAGE

Similar to “sight words” in elementary school: High frequency vocabulary that everyone needs to know instantly

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| <p>#1-50 by Frequency</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. de (#2) _____ 2. que (#3) _____ 3. y (#4) _____ 4. a (#5) _____ 5. en (#6) _____ 6. por (#12) _____ 7. con (#13) _____ 8. para (#15) _____ 9. como (#16) _____ 10. todo (#22) _____ 11. todos (#22) _____ 12. todos los días (#22) _____ 13. pero (#23) _____ 14. más (#24) _____ 15. o (#26) _____ 16. si (#34) _____ 17. ya (#36) _____ 18. ya no (#36) _____ 19. porque (#38) _____ 20. él (#41) _____ 21. muy (#42) _____ 22. sin (#43) _____ 23. una vez (#44) _____ 24. muchas veces _____ 25. a veces _____ 26. otra vez _____ 27. en vez de _____ 28. tal vez _____ 29. mucho (#45) _____ 30. sobre (#48) _____ <p>-----</p> <p>#50-100 by Frequency</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 31. yo (#52) _____ 32. también (#53) _____ 33. hasta (#54) _____ 34. así (#59) _____ | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 35. entre (#58) _____ 36. así que (#59) _____ 37. desde (#61) _____ 38. por eso (#63) _____ 39. ni... ni (#64) _____ 40. ella (#69) _____ 41. bien (#73) _____ 42. un poco (#74) _____ 43. entonces (#76) _____ 44. tanto (#79) _____ 45. tan (#83) _____ 46. ahora (#85) _____ 47. por todas partes (#86) _____ 48. después de (#87) _____ 49. después (#87) _____ 50. siempre (#90) _____ 51. nada (#95) _____ <p>-----</p> <p>#100-200 by Frequency</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 52. algo (#101) _____ 53. solamente (#102) _____ 54. pues (#105) _____ 55. sino (#109) _____ 56. aunque (#117) _____ 57. hacia (#125) _____ 58. aquí (#129) _____ 59. luego (#132) _____ 60. ellos (#144) _____ 61. ellas (#144) _____ 62. casi (#146) _____ 63. durante (#148) _____ 64. nunca (#151) _____ 65. mientras (#154) _____ 66. por fin (#156) _____ 67. además (#159) _____ 68. solo (#160) _____ 69. hoy (#164) _____ 70. al lado de (#165) _____ | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 71. allí (#169) _____ 72. contra (#172) _____ 73. dentro de (#174) _____ 74. sin embargo (#180) _____ 75. nosotros (#191) _____ <p>-----</p> <p>#200-300 by Frequency</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 76. todavía (#211) _____ 77. según (#257) _____ 78. antes de (#236) _____ 79. usted (Ud.) (#269) _____ 80. ustedes (Uds.) (#269) _____ 81. bastante (#270) _____ 82. tampoco (#279) _____ 83. aún (#282) _____ 84. nadie (#283) _____ 85. incluso (#294) _____ 86. quizás (#297) _____ <p>-----</p> <p>#300-400 by Frequency</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 87. allá (#324) _____ 88. demasiado (#335) _____ 89. a través de (#347) _____ 90. a pesar de (#366) _____ 91. cerca de (#391) _____ 92. pronto (#396) _____ <p>-----</p> <p>#400 + by Frequency</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 93. encima de (#436) _____ 94. fuera de (#451) _____ 95. lejos de (#469) _____ 96. alguien (#480) _____ 97. a causa de (#546) _____ 98. tú (#554) _____ 99. alrededor de (#556) _____ 100. apenas (#587) _____ 101. detrás de (#701) _____ 102. junto a (#729) _____ |
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| 103. debajo de (#820) _____ | 134. la calle (#248) _____ | 176. pequeño (#184) _____ |
| 104. delante de (#885) _____ | 135. un amigo (#262) _____ | 177. igual (#239) _____ |
| 105. más tarde (#1046) _____ | 136. madre (#278) _____ | 178. malo (#275) _____ |
| 106. acerca de (#1288) _____ | 137. el dinero (#291) _____ | 179. viejo (#281) _____ |
| 107. igualmente (#1431) _____ | 138. el campo (#295) _____ | 180. difícil (#314) _____ |
| 108. conmigo (#1845) _____ | 139. la mañana (#401) _____ | 181. menor (#334) _____ |
| 109. un montón de (#1946) _____ | 140. un policía (#506) _____ | 182. pobre (#373) _____ |
| 110. de repente (#2183) _____ | 141. la escuela (#532) _____ | 183. joven (#442) _____ |
| 111. contigo (#3017) _____ | 142. un hermano (#539) _____ | 184. lleno (#508) _____ |
| | 143. el mar (#645) _____ | 185. fácil (#514) _____ |
| | 144. un caballo (#780) _____ | 186. rico (#627) _____ |
| | | 187. interesante (#762) _____ |

QUESTION WORDS

(In order of frequency)

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|---------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| 112. ¿Qué? (#47) _____ | 145. la sala (#811) _____ | 188. feliz (#956) _____ |
| 113. ¿Por qué? (#12, 47) _____ | 146. un perro (#939) _____ | 189. fuerte (#1010) _____ |
| 114. ¿Cómo? (#126) _____ | 147. un chico (#1079) _____ | 190. hermoso (#1224) _____ |
| 115. ¿Quién? (#292) _____ | 148. la cama (#1185) _____ | 191. débil (#1284) _____ |
| 116. ¿Cuál? (#395) _____ | 149. la montaña (#1212) _____ | 192. triste (#1314) _____ |
| 117. ¿Dónde? (#421) _____ | 150. mañana (#1235) _____ | 193. loco (#1377) _____ |
| 118. ¿Cuántos? (#723) _____ | 151. un cuento (#1357) _____ | 194. limpio (#1397) _____ |
| 119. ¿Cuándo? (#1199) _____ | 152. un gato (#1412) _____ | 195. inteligente (#1447) _____ |
| | 153. un rato (#1478) _____ | 196. barato (#1470) _____ |
| | 154. la cocina (#1673) _____ | 197. vacío (#1532) _____ |
| | 155. la playa (#1713) _____ | 198. contento (#1647) _____ |
| | 156. el parque (#1760) _____ | 199. bonito (#1707) _____ |
| | 157. un carro (#1871) _____ | 200. maravilloso (#1743) _____ |
| | 158. una chica (#1907) _____ | 201. caro (#1876) _____ |
| | 159. el lago (#2680) _____ | 202. sucio (#1994) _____ |
| | 160. cena (#2971) _____ | 203. cansado (#2147) _____ |
| | 161. almuerzo (#3104) _____ | 204. tonto (#2191) _____ |
| | 162. desayuno (#3157) _____ | 205. gordo (#2217) _____ |
| | 163. el dormitorio (#3382) _____ | 206. feo (#2381) _____ |
| | 164. la bicicleta (#3955) _____ | 207. simpático (#2590) _____ |
| | | 208. aburrido (#2813) _____ |
| | | 209. delgado (#3039) _____ |
| | | 210. mediano (#3103) _____ |
| | | 211. cómico (#3485) _____ |
| | | 212. exigente (#3530) _____ |
| | | 213. guapo (#4140) _____ |

- Many of the nouns and adjectives below are NOT high frequency words.
- They are on this list because they are interesting and/or useful in language class.
- Many of these words are included in standard curricula.

[] = Words not in the top 800 most frequent Spanish words
 (***) = Words not in top 5,000

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NOUNS

(in order of frequency)

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| 120. cosa (#78) _____ |
| 121. un hombre (#80) _____ |
| 122. la casa (#116) _____ |
| 123. una mujer (#127) _____ |
| 124. el país (#133) _____ |
| 125. un niño (#178) _____ |
| 126. palabra (#176) _____ |
| 127. padre (#182) _____ |
| 128. la noche (#196) _____ |
| 129. la ciudad (#197) _____ |
| 130. esta noche (#196) _____ |
| 131. familia (#201) _____ |
| 132. pueblo (#241) _____ |
| 133. la tarde (#242) _____ |

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ADJECTIVES

(in order of frequency)

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| 165. este/esta (#29) _____ |
| 166. ese/esa (#32) _____ |
| 167. mismo (#51) _____ |
| 168. grande (#62) _____ |
| 169. suave (#84) _____ |
| 170. cada (#96) _____ |
| 171. nuevo (#99) _____ |
| 172. bueno (#115) _____ |
| 173. mejor (#121) _____ |
| 174. mejor que (#121) _____ |
| 175. mayor (#138) _____ |

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| 214. chulo (***) _____ |
| 215. chistoso (***) _____ |
| 216. antipático (***) _____ |
| 217. enojado (***) _____ |
| 218. gratis (***) _____ |

