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Introduction

The *Oxford Primary Spanish Dictionary* is a completely new dictionary written for primary schoolchildren between the ages of 7 and 11.

This dictionary is much more than a basic resource for looking up translations: it also helps children to see patterns in the way Spanish is used and structured and identify relationships between similar-looking Spanish and English words. It provides an understanding of the basic concepts of grammar and also includes age-appropriate and interesting cultural information.

A selection of the most important Latin American words are included. There are lots of differences between European and Latin American Spanish. For example, the words **tú** and **ustedes** (the familiar word for 'you' in the singular and plural) are not usually used in Latin America – **vos** and **vosotros/vosotras** are used instead.

The layout is modern and clear with Spanish picked out in green and English picked out in blue. Child-friendly example sentences and phrases illustrate common usage and constructions, and feature panels present information in a simple graphic way.

The illustrated thematic centre section of the dictionary is a further opportunity to develop key vocabulary skills with its topic-based phrases and sentences. The central verb table section provides a simple first step into using and understanding verb tenses.

The *Oxford Primary Spanish Dictionary* makes learning another language enjoyable, fun, and easy. It is a vital and effective tool that will enable children to start using Spanish confidently.

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Get to know your dictionary

The dictionary is divided into two halves, the *Spanish-English* side and the *English-Spanish* side. These are separated by a picture section and verb tables in the middle.



- **Where do I find the English translation of a Spanish word?**
- Look in the *Spanish-English* half which comes first.



- **Where do I find the Spanish translation of an English word?**
- Look in the *English-Spanish* half towards the back of the book.

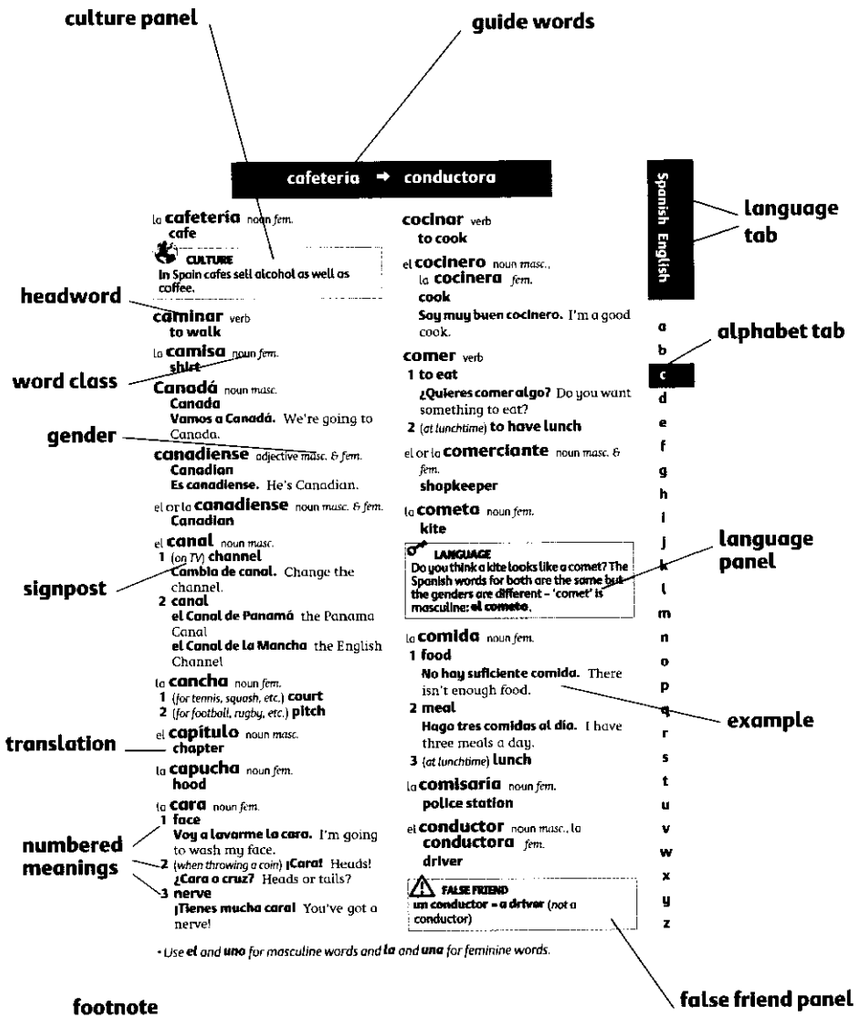


- **How do I find a word quickly?**
- Use the alphabet on the edge of each page to find the first letter of the word you need.



- Then use the guidewords highlighted on the top of the page. They are the first and last words on the page. Think of the order of letters in your word to make sure you are on the right page.

  For example, what does **casi** mean in English?
- Look in the *Spanish-English* half.
- Find where **c** is highlighted in the alphabet on the edge of the page.
- Look at the two words at the top of a page. Find the words beginning with **ca**, then **cas**, until you get to **casi**.


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la cafeteria noun fem.
cafe
CULTURE
In Spain cafes sell alcohol as well as coffee.
caminar verb
to walk
la camisa noun fem.
shirt
Canadá noun masc.
Canada
Vamos a Canadá. We're going to Canada.
canadiense adjective masc. & fem.
Canadian
Es canadiense. He's Canadian.
el or la canadiense noun masc. & fem.
Canadian
el canal noun masc.
1 (on TV) channel
Cambia de canal. Change the channel.
2 canal
el Canal de Panamá the Panama Canal
el Canal de la Mancha the English Channel
la cancha noun fem.
1 (for tennis, squash, etc.) court
2 (for football, rugby, etc.) pitch
el capítulo noun masc.
chapter
la capucha noun fem.
hood
la cara noun fem.
1 face
Voy a lavarme la cara. I'm going to wash my face.
2 (when throwing a coin) ¡Cara! Heads!
¿Cara o cruz? Heads or tails?
3 nerve
¡Tienes mucha cara! You've got a nerve!
cocinar verb
to cook
el cocinero noun masc., la cocinera fem.
cook
Soy muy buen cocinero. I'm a good cook.
comer verb
1 to eat
¿Quieres comer algo? Do you want something to eat?
2 (at lunchtime) to have lunch
el or la comerciante noun masc. & fem.
shopkeeper
la cometa noun fem.
kite
LANGUAGE
Do you think a kite looks like a comet? The Spanish words for both are the same but the genders are different – 'comet' is masculine: el cometa.
la comida noun fem.
1 food
No hay suficiente comida. There isn't enough food.
2 meal
Hago tres comidas al día. I have three meals a day.
3 (at lunchtime) lunch
la comisaría noun fem.
police station
el conductor noun masc., la conductora fem.
driver
FALSE FRIEND
un conductor = a driver (not a conductor)
a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z
• Use el and uno for masculine words and la and una for feminine words.

headwords
These are the words you look up. The Spanish headwords are in green. The English headwords are in blue.

word classes
Most headwords in the dictionary are nouns, verbs, or adjectives. Sometimes a word can be more than one word class: for example, 'phone' can be a noun (He's on the phone) or a verb (Phone me tomorrow). For nouns, the dictionary gives the Spanish word for 'the', e.g. **el autocar**, **la barca**, **los espaguetis**, **las gafas**.

gender
Spanish nouns and adjectives are either masculine (*masc.*) or feminine (*fem.*). Nouns and adjectives can be singular (just one) or plural (more than one).

translations
These are the headwords translated in English or Spanish.

examples
Examples show you how to use the headword in a typical way.

numbered meanings
If a headword has more than one translation, numbers separate each translation.

signposts
These point you to the right translation, usually when there is more than one meaning of the word you are looking up, e.g. a 'picture' can be a (*drawing*), and the Spanish is **debujo**, or a picture you see (*on TV*) and then the Spanish is **imagen**.

language panels
Vital information about how to use the headwords correctly is shown in the key language panels.

false friend panels
These are important warnings to stop you from using a Spanish word which looks like an English one but which has a completely different meaning!

culture panels
Interesting facts about Spanish culture are shown in these panels.

alphabet tab
To help you navigate your way through the dictionary, the letter you are on is highlighted on the alphabet strip on every page.

language tab
This shows which side of the dictionary you are on.

guide words
These help you to find the word you are looking for easily. They show you the first and last word on the page.

footnotes
These give you useful general language reminders.

Aa

a preposition

LANGUAGE
a + el = al

1 to
a la biblioteca to the library
a España to Spain
Voy al médico. I'm going to the doctor.
He aprendido a leer. I've learnt to read.

2 *(with words of giving, sending, etc.)* **to**
Doy un regalo a mi amigo. I am giving my friend a present.

3 at
a las siete at seven o'clock
a medianoche at midnight
Llego a casa a las cuatro. I arrive home at four.

4 on
a la derecha on the right
Voy a pie. I go on foot.
Subí al tren. I got on the train.

5 in
a lápiz in pencil
al sol in the sun
Me tiré al agua. I jumped in the water.

6 *(in the distance)* **away**
Está a cinco kilómetros de aquí. It's five kilometres away.

7 *(with dates)*
Estamos a diez de marzo. It's the tenth of March.

8 *(when saying how many times)* **a**
dos veces al día twice a day

9 *(not translated, with a person or a pet)*

LANGUAGE
A is used after verbs in front of nouns for people or pets.

¿Has visto a Rafael? Have you seen Rafael?
Conozco a tu padre. I know your dad.
Lavo a mi perro. I wash my dog.

abajo adverb
1 down
arriba y abajo up and down
No mires abajo. Don't look down.
2 downstairs
Estoy abajo en el salón. I'm downstairs in the living room.
3 de abajo below
el piso de abajo the flat below
4 *(talking about the lowest one)*
de abajo bottom
en el estante de abajo on the bottom shelf

el **abanico** noun *masc.*
fan

el **abecedario** noun *masc.*
alphabet

la **abeja** noun *fem.*
bee

abierto adjective *masc.*, **abierta** *fem.*
1 open
La puerta está abierta. The door's open.
2 on
El grifo está abierto. The tap's on.

el **abogado** noun *masc.*, la **abogada** *fem.*
lawyer
She's a lawyer. Es abogada.

el **abrazo** noun *masc.*
hug
Un abrazo, Antonio. *(in a letter)* With best wishes, Antonio.

el **abrigo** noun *masc.*
coat

• *Languages and nationalities do not take a capital letter in Spanish.*

abril noun *masc.*
April
en abril in April
Mi cumpleaños es en abril. My birthday's in April.

abrir verb
1 to open
Abre la puerta. Open the door.
¿A qué hora abre el supermercado? What time does the supermarket open?
2 to turn on
abrir el grifo to turn on the tap

abrochar verb
to do up
Abróchate la chaqueta. Do up your jacket.

el **abuelo** noun *masc.*, la **abuela** *fem.*
grandfather, grandmother
mis abuelos my grandparents

aburrido adjective *masc.*, **aburrida** *fem.*
1 boring
Es aburrido. It's boring.
2 bored
Estoy aburrido. I'm bored.

aburrirse verb
to get bored
Me aburro. I get bored.

acabar verb
1 to finish
He acabado mis deberes. I've finished my homework.
2 acabar de hacer algo to have just done something
Acabo de llegar. I've just arrived.

LANGUAGE
Use **acabar de** with the infinitive when you want to say you've done something a short time ago/just now.

acampar verb
to camp

acariciar verb
to stroke
Me gusta acariciar al gato. I like stroking the cat.

el **accidente** noun *masc.*
accident
Mi amigo tuvo un accidente de coche. My friend had a car accident.

la **acción** noun *fem.*
action
una película con mucha acción a film with lots of action

el **aceite** noun *masc.*
oil
el aceite de oliva olive oil

la **aceituna** noun *fem.*
olive

el **acento** noun *masc.*
accent
'Fútbol' lleva acento en la 'u'. 'Fútbol' has an accent on the 'u'.
María tiene acento español. Maria has a Spanish accent.

aceptar verb
to accept

la **acera** noun *fem.*
pavement

acercarse verb
to get closer
Acércate a la ventana. Get closer to the window.

acertar verb
acertar algo to get something right
¿Acertaste? Did you get it right?

acompañar verb
to go with, to come with
¿Me acompañas? Are you coming with me?

acordarse verb
to remember
No me acuerdo. I don't remember.

• *The months of the year and days of the week do not take a capital letter in Spanish.*

acordarse de algo to remember something
Me acuerdo del número. I remember the number.
¿Te acuerdas de mí? Do you remember me?

acostarse verb
to go to bed
Me acuesto a las ocho. I go to bed at eight.

el or la **acróbata** noun *masc. & fem.*
acrobat

la **actividad** noun *fem.*
activity

activo adjective *masc.*, **activa** *fem.*
active

el **actor** noun *masc.*
actor

la **actriz** noun *fem.* (plural las **actrices**)
actress

actuar verb
(*in a play, film, etc.*) **to act**

el **acuerdo** noun *masc.*
estar de acuerdo to agree
Estoy de acuerdo contigo. I agree with you.

acusar verb
to accuse

el or la **acusica** noun *masc. & fem.*
telltale

adelantar verb
1 (*in a car*) **to overtake**
2 (*in a game*) **to move forward**
Adelanta una casilla. Move to the next square.

adelante adverb
forward
más adelante further on
¡Adelante! Come in! (*entering a room*); Go on! (*telling somebody to do something*)

además adverb
as well, besides
Es inteligente y además trabajador. He's intelligent and hard-working as well.
Es caro y además es feo. It's expensive and it's ugly besides.

adentro adverb
inside
Pasa adentro. Come inside.

el **adhesivo** noun *masc.*
sticker

adiós exclamation
goodbye

adivinar verb
to guess

el **adjetivo** noun *masc.*
adjective

el or la **adolescente** noun *masc. & fem.*
teenager

adónde adverb
where
¿Adónde vas? Where are you going?

los **adornos** plural noun *masc.*
decorations
los adornos de Navidad the Christmas decorations

adrede adverb
on purpose
Lo has hecho adrede. You did it on purpose.

el **adulto** noun *masc.*, la **adulta** *fem.*
adult

el **adverbio** noun *masc.*
adverb

advertir verb
to warn
¡Te lo advierto! I'm warning you!

el **aeropuerto** noun *masc.*
airport

• *See the centre section for verb tables.*

la **afición** noun *fem.*
hobby
¿Qué aficiones tienes? What hobbies do you have?

aficionado adjective *masc.*, **aficionada** *fem.*
ser aficionado a algo to be a fan of something
Es aficionado al fútbol. He's a football fan.

África noun *fem.*
Africa

africano adjective *masc.*, **africana** *fem.*
African

el **africano** noun *masc.*, la **africana** *fem.*
African
los africanos Africans

afuera adverb
outside
Vete afuera. Go outside.

agacharse verb
to bend down, to crouch down
¡Agáchate! Bend down!, Crouch down!

agarrar verb
to get hold of
Me agarró del brazo. He got hold of my arm.

agarrarse verb
to hold on
¡Agárrate!, que te caes. Hold on or you'll fall down.

la **agencia de viajes** noun *fem.*
travel agent's

la **agenda** noun *fem.*
diary
la agenda del colegio the school diary

FALSE FRIEND
una agenda = a diary (*not* an agenda)

agosto noun *masc.*
August
el ocho de agosto the eighth of August
Me voy de vacaciones en agosto. I'm going on holiday in August.

agradable adjective *masc. & fem.*
pleasant

agradecer verb
agradecer algo a alguien to thank somebody for something
Le he agradecido el regalo. I've thanked him for the present.

el **agricultor** noun *masc.*, la **agricultora** *fem.*
farmer

agrio adjective *masc.*, **agria** *fem.*
sour
La naranja está agria. The orange is sour.

el **agua** noun *fem.*
water
¿Quieres agua? Do you want some water?
el agua mineral mineral water

LANGUAGE
Be careful: you use **el** with **agua** but it is not a masculine noun.

el or la **aguafiestas** noun *masc. & fem.* (plural los or las **aguafiestas**)
spoilsport

aguantar verb
to stand, to tolerate
No aguanto este ruido. I can't stand this noise.

el **águila** noun *fem.*
eagle

LANGUAGE
Be careful: you use **el** with **águila** but it is not a masculine noun.

la **aguja** noun *fem.*
needle

• *Use* **el** *and* **uno** *for masculine words and* **la** *and* **una** *for feminine words.*

las agujas del reloj the hands of the clock

el **agujero** noun *masc.*
hole

ahí adverb
there
¡Ahí está! There she is!
ahí abajo down there
buscar por ahí to look around there
Ve por ahí. Go that way.
¿Adónde vas? - Me voy por ahí. Where are you going? - I'm going that way.

la **ahijada** noun *fem.*
goddaughter

el **ahijado** noun *masc.*
godson

ahogarse verb
to drown
Se ahogó en el mar. He drowned in the sea.

ahora adverb
now
Ahora estoy en casa. I'm at home now.
ahora mismo right now

ahorrar verb
to save
Tienes que ahorrar dinero. You have to save money.

el **aire** noun *masc.*
air
Tiré el balón al aire. I threw the ball into the air.
el aire condicionado air conditioning

el **ajedrez** noun *masc.*
1 chess
¿Quieres jugar al ajedrez? Do you want to play chess?
2 chess set

el **ajo** noun *masc.*
garlic

ajustado adjective *masc.*, **ajustada** *fem.*
tight
unos vaqueros ajustados tight jeans

al preposition

LANGUAGE
a + el = al

to the
ir al cine to go to the cinema

LANGUAGE
For more examples of **al** look at **a**.

el **ala** noun *fem.*
wing

LANGUAGE
Be careful: you use **el** with **ala** but it is not a masculine noun.

la **alarma** noun *fem.*
alarm
una alarma contra incendios a fire alarm

el **albañil** noun *masc.*
builder

el **albergue juvenil** noun *masc.*
youth hostel

el **álbum** noun *masc.*
album
un álbum de fotos a photo album

el **alcalde** *masc.*, la **alcaldesa** noun *fem.*
mayor

alcanzar verb
1 to catch up with
Corre si quieres alcanzarlo. Run if you want to catch up with him.
2 to reach
¿Alcanzas al techo? Can you reach the ceiling?

el **alcohol** noun *masc.*
alcohol

• *Languages and nationalities do not take a capital letter in Spanish.*

alegrarse verb
to be happy
Me alegro de verte. I'm pleased to see you.

alegre adjective *masc. & fem.*
happy
Estás muy alegre hoy. You're looking very happy today.

la **alegría** noun *fem.*
joy

el **alemán** noun *masc.*
(*the language*) **German**
¿Hablas alemán? Do you speak German?

alemán adjective *masc.*, **alemana** *fem.*
German
Frank es alemán. Frank is German.

el **alemán** noun *masc.*, la **alemana** *fem.*
German
los alemanes the Germans

Alemania noun *fem.*
Germany

la **alergia** noun *fem.*
allergy
Tengo alergia a la penicilina. I'm allergic to penicillin.

alérgico adjective *masc.*, **alérgica** *fem.*
allergic

alfabético adjective *masc.*
en orden alfabético in alphabetical order

el **alfabeto** noun *masc.*
alphabet

la **alfombra** noun *fem.*
rug

algo pronoun
1 something
¿Buscas algo? Are you looking for something?
algo interesante something interesting
2 anything
¿Algo más? Anything else?

el **algodón** noun *masc.*
cotton
unos calcetines de algodón cotton socks

alguien pronoun
1 somebody
Alguien ha llamado. Somebody phoned.
2 anybody
¿Alguien ha visto mi libro? Has anybody seen my book?

alguno adjective & pronoun *masc.*, **alguna** *fem.*

LANGUAGE
The masculine singular **alguno** becomes **algún** when it is used before a noun.

1 some
Algunos niños tienen bicicletas. Some children have bicycles.
alguna vez sometimes
en alguna parte somewhere
Sólo me gustan algunos. I only like some.
2 any
¿Tocas algún instrumento? Do you play any instrument?
Tengo muchos caramelos. ¿Quieres alguno? I've got lots of sweets. Do you want any?

la **alimentación** noun *fem.*
diet
una alimentación sana a healthy diet

allá adverb
over there
La farmacia está más allá. The chemist is further away.

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