

Spanish Nouns

Nouns are the words we use to name people, things, places, and concepts. Spanish learners often make the mistake of memorizing extensive lists of nouns, many of which aren't commonly used by native speakers. Here's a **curated** list of 150+ practical nouns for real conversations. Each noun is color-coded for easy reference.

Legend:

- **People & Living Things**
- **Places**
- **Things/Concepts**
- **Feelings/Symptoms**
- **Body Parts**

Examples

1. **Esposa** - Wife
2. **Amigo** - Friend
3. **Fiesta** - Party
4. **Reunión** - Gathering

La **esposa** de mi **amigo** nunca viene a nuestras **fiestas** o **reuniones**.

My friend's wife never comes to our parties or gatherings.

Take Note: Spanish nouns are often **preceded** by determiners, such as possessive adjectives like 'mi' and 'nuestras'.

5. **Cosa** - Thing

6. **Lado** - Side

7. **Silla** - Chair

8. **Cuarto** - Room

Puedes dejar tus **cosas** al lado de la **silla** o en el **cuarto** de invitados.
You can leave your things next to the chair or in the guest room.

Take Note: Use the contraction 'al' before singular masculine nouns.

9. **Mañana** - Morning

10. **Trabajo** - Work

11. **Autobús** - Bus

12. **Asiento** - Seat

13. **Tarde** - Afternoon

14. **Viaje** - Ride/Trip

Asientos are the seats you find in public transportation and **silla** refers to chairs.

En la **mañana**, cuando voy al **trabajo**, el **autobús** va lleno y no hay **asientos** libres.
Pero en la **tarde**, el **viaje** es un poco más cómodo.
In the morning, when I go to work, the bus is full, and there are no free seats. But in the afternoon, the ride is a bit more comfortable.

15. **Negocio** - Business/Shop

16. **Rebanada** - Slice

17. **Efectivo** - Cash

18. **Tarjeta** - Card

En ese **negocio** venden **rebanadas** de pastel muy ricas, pero no aceptan **efectivo**, sólo **tarjetas**.
That shop sells very delicious slices of cake, but they don't accept cash, only cards.

19. **Familia** - Family

20. **Novio** - Boyfriend

21. **Hermana** - Sister

22. **Visita** - Visit

23. **Mes** - Month

La **familia** del **novio** de mi **hermana** va a venir de **visita** el próximo **mes**.

My sister's boyfriend's family is going to come for a visit next month.

Take Note: Nouns ending in 'o' are usually masculine. To make them feminine, change 'o' to 'a'.

La **familia** de la **novia** de mi **hermano** va a venir de **visita** el próximo **mes**.

My brother's girlfriend's family is going to come for a visit next month.

24. **Vecina** - Neighbor

25. **Mascota** - Pet

26. **Gato** - Cat

27. **Perro** - Dog

28. **Día** - Day

Mi **vecina** tiene muchas **mascotas**. Tiene diez **gatos** y cinco **perros**, y todos los **días** camina con ellos.

My neighbor has a lot of pets. She has ten cats and five dogs, and she walks them every day.

Take Note: Time-related nouns can be used as time markers– *el próximo mes, el próximo sábado, todos los días.*

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29. **Conocido** - Acquaintance

30. **Cita** - Appointment/Date

31. **Horario** - Time/Schedule

32. **Fecha** - Date

Tengo un **conocido** que te puede conseguir **cita**, ¿en qué **horario** y **fecha** la necesitas?

I know someone who can get you an appointment. What date and time do you need it?

Take Note: 'Uno' becomes 'un' before singular masculine nouns.

33. **Maestra** - Teacher

34. **Clase** - Class

35. **Preguntas** - Questions

36. **Vergüenza** - Embarrassment

Dar + [emotion-related noun] is used to express the emotions something or someone evokes in you. This structure follows the conjugation rules of *gustar*:

Quando estamos en **clase**, a Tim le da **vergüenza** hacerle **preguntas** a la **maestra**.

When we're in class, Tim feels embarrassed to ask the teacher questions.

37. **Gente** - People

38. **Cuadra** - Block

39. **Casa** - House

40. **Parque** - Park

Take Note: 'Gente' is a feminine invariable noun.

A una **cuadra** de mi **casa** hay un **parque** muy bonito. Me gusta mucho porque casi nunca hay **gente**.

One block from my house, there's a very nice park. I like it a lot because there are almost never any people.

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41. **Noche** - Night

42. **Dientes** - Teeth

43. **Cabello** - Hair

En la **noche**, Andrea se cepilla los **dientes** y se desenreda el **cabello** antes de irse a dormir.

At night, Andrea brushes her teeth and detangles her hair before going to bed.

44. **Joven** - Young man

45. **Baño** - Bathroom

46. **Puerta** - Door

47. **Izquierda** - Left

48. **Derecha** - Right

Joven, ¿el **baño** es la **puerta** de la **izquierda** o de la **derecha**?

Young man, is the bathroom the door on the left or the right?

Take Note: Use 'joven' to address a young man.

49. **Personas** - People

50. **Boletos** - Tickets

51. **Función** - Show

52. **Semana** - Week

53. **Ventaja** - Benefit/Advantage

54. **Problema** - Problem

55. **Tarde** - Evening/Afternoon

Compré **boletos** para la **función** de la **próxima semana**. La **ventaja** es que a esa hora no va a haber tantas **personas**. El único **problema** es que va a ser en la **tarde**.

I bought tickets for next week's show. The good thing is that there won't be as many people at that time. The only problem is that it's going to be in the afternoon.

Take Note: 'Billete' and 'ticket' are synonyms of 'boleto'.

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56. **Compañero** - Co-worker/Classmate 57. **Señora** - Lady
58. **Tienda** - Store 59. **Cambio** - Change
60. **Billete** - Bill 61. **Dinero** - Money

Le presté **dinero** a un **compañero** porque la **señora** de la **tienda** no tenía **cambio** y él traía puros **billetes**.

I lent money to a co-worker because the lady at the store didn't have change, and he only had large bills.

62. **Calor** - Heat 63. **Sueño** - Sleepiness
64. **Dolor** - Pain 65. **Cabeza** - Head
66. **Verdad** - True 67. **Frío** - Cold

No me gusta el **calor** porque me da mucho **sueño** y **dolor** de **cabeza**. La **verdad**, creo que prefiero el **frío**.

I don't like the heat because it makes me really sleepy and gives me a headache. Honestly, I think I prefer the cold.

68. **Dedos** - Toes/Fingers 69. **Pies** - Feet
70. **Zapatos** - Shoes 71. **Talla** - Size

A Gloria le duelen los **dedos** de los **pies** porque le aprietan los **zapatos**. Necesita una **talla** más grande.

Gloria's toes hurt because her shoes are too tight. She needs a bigger size.

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72. **Tamaño** - Size

73. **Manos** - Hands

74. **Señorita** - Miss

Tamaño and **talla** mean 'size', but **talla** is specifically used for shoes, clothing, and accessories. Additionally, you can use the noun **señorita** to politely address or refer to a young lady:

No me gusta el **tamaño** de mis **manos** porque la verdad no son las manos de una **señorita**.

I don't like the size of my hands because, honestly, they're not lady-like hands.

Take Note: 'De' indicates possession or describes the type or category of something.

75. **Mesero** - Waiter

76. **Cuenta** - Check/Bill

77. **Vaso** - Glass

78. **Agua** - Water

79. **Pedazo** - Piece

Si ves al **mesero**, pídele la **cuenta**, un **vaso** de **agua** y un **pedazo** de pastel para llevar.

If you see the waiter, ask for the check, a glass of water, and a piece of cake to go.

80. **Señor** - Sir/Mr.

81. **Cara** - Face

82. **Paquete** - Package

83. **Escaleras** - Stairs

Vino un **señor** y te dejó un **paquete** en las **escaleras**. No sé quién era porque no le vi la **cara**.

A man came by and left a package for you on the stairs. I don't know who he was because I didn't see his face.

84. **Comida** - Food

85. **Plato** - Plate

86. **Servilleta** - Napkin

87. **Tenedor** - Fork

88. **Mesa** - Table

89. **Cuchara** - Spoon

¡La **comida** ya está lista! Pon **platos**, **servilletas**, **cucharas** y **tenedores** en la **mesa**!

The food is ready! Set the table with plates, napkins, spoons, and forks!

90. **Hambre** - Hunger

91. **Colonia** - Neighborhood

92. **Hecho** - Fact

93. **Calle** - Street

94. **Bebida** - Beverage

95. **Lugar** - Place/Spot

¿Tienes **hambre**? En esta **colonia** hay muy buenos **lugares** para comer. De **hecho**, en la siguiente **calle** venden **bebidas** y platillos muy ricos.

Are you hungry? In this neighborhood, there are some great places to eat. In fact, on the next street, they sell delicious drinks and dishes.

96. **Extranjero** - Foreigner

97. **Centro** - Downtown

98. **Señal** - Signal

99. **Teléfono** - Phone

100. **Dirección** - Address/Direction

Carla ayudó a un **extranjero** que estaba perdido en el **centro**. Como su **teléfono** no tenía **señal**, no podía encontrar la **dirección** de su hotel.

Carla helped a foreigner who was lost downtown. Since his phone didn't have a signal, he couldn't find his hotel's address.

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101. **Ayuda** - Help

102. **Duda** - Question/Doubt

103. **Tarea** - Homework/Task

104. **Mensaje** - Text/Message

Si tienes **dudas** o necesitas **ayuda** con la **tarea**, mándame un **mensaje**.
If you have any questions, or need help with the homework, send me a message.

105. **Sonrisa** - Smile

106. **Ojos** - Eyes

107. **Humor** - Temper/Humor

La hermana de Irma tiene una **sonrisa** y unos **ojos** muy bonitos, pero también tiene muy mal **humor**.

Irma's sister has a beautiful smile and eyes, but she also has a bad temper.

108. **Ve**z - Time

109. **Tiempo** - Time

110. **Prisa** - Hurry

Cada **vez** que la veo, Sonia nunca tiene **tiempo** de nada. Ella dice que es porque tiene **prisa**.

Every time I see her, Sonia never has time for anything. She says it's because she's in a hurry.



111. **Razón** - Reason

112. **Año** - Year

113. **Mueble** - Furniture

114. **Consejo** - Advice

115. **Situación** - Situation

No sé la **razón**, pero creo que está enojada porque el **año** pasado ensució sus **muebles**. ¿Tienes algún **consejo** para esta **situación**?

I don't know the reason, but I think she's mad because I stained her furniture last year. Do you have any advice for this situation?

Take Note: Words ending in '-ción' are **feminine**.

Por ahora, no puedo arreglar **esta situación**.

For now, I cannot fix this situation.

116. **Turno** - Turn

117. **Cena** - Dinner

118. **Receta** - Recipe/Prescription

119. **Resultado** - Result

120. **Miedo** - Fear

Use **tener + noun** to express feelings and emotions, like tener miedo (to be afraid).

Note that the translations of these expressions can vary in English:

Hoy es mi **turno** de preparar la **cena**. Aunque estoy usando una **receta**, **tengo miedo** del **resultado**.

Today it's my turn to make dinner. Even though I'm following a recipe, I'm worried about how it will turn out.

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121. **Fiebre** - Fever

122. **Garganta** - Throat

123. **Cuerpo** - Body

124. **Clima** - Weather

125. **Tos** - Cough

126. **Lluvia** - Rain

Diana tiene **tos**, **fiebre** y le duele el **cuerpo** y la **garganta**. Con este **clima**, seguro se mojó en la **lluvia**.

Diana has a cough, a fever, and her body and throat hurt. With this weather, she probably got wet in the rain.

127. **Palabra** - Word

128. **Juego** - Game

129. **Momento** - Moment/Time

130. **Número** - Number

131. **Oficina** - Office

132. **Error** - Mistake

A mí me gustan los **juegos** de **palabras**, pero en este **momento** no estoy jugando ninguno.

I like word games, but I'm not playing any at the moment.

¿Sabes cuál es el **número** de la **oficina** de Luis? Me lo dio, pero lo perdí por **error**.

Do you know Luis's office number? He gave it to me, but I lost it by mistake.

133. **Tema** - Topic/Subject

134. **Cartera** - Wallet

135. **Llaves** - Keys

136. **Parada** - Stop

Cambiando de **tema**, no encuentro mis **llaves** ni mi **cartera**. Tal vez las tiré en la **parada** del camión.

Changing the subject, I can't find my keys or my wallet. Maybe I dropped them at the bus stop.



137. **Materia** - Subject

138. **Llave** - Tap

Mis **materias** favoritas eran historia y español.
My favorite subjects were History and Spanish.

No tomes agua de la **llave**.
Don't drink water from the tap.

139. **Luz** - Light

140. **Cuello** - Neck

141. **Brazo** - Arm

142. **Espalda** - Back

Por no prender la **luz**, María se cayó y se lastimó la **espalda**, el **cuello** y un **brazo**.
Because she didn't turn on the light, María fell and hurt her back, neck, and one arm.

143. **Niño** - Kid/Boy

144. **Mitad** - Half

145. **Ropa** - Clothes/Clothing

146. **Fila** - Line

147. **Precio** - Price

148. **Entrada** - Entrance

La **ropa** para **niños** está a **mitad** de **precio**. Con razón, la **fila** llega está a la **entrada**.
Kids' clothes are half price. No wonder the line reaches the entrance.

Take Note: Most nouns that refer to people mark gender.

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149. **Mujer** - Woman

150. **Hombre** - Man

151. **Oficina** - Office

152. **Rato** - While

153. **Taza** - Cup/Mug

154. **Café** - Coffee

Todas las **mujeres** en la **oficina** platicamos un **rato** cuando vamos por nuestra **taza** de **café**. Pero los **hombres** casi no hablan.

All the women in the office chat for a bit when we go for our cup of coffee. But the men hardly talk.

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