

**AQA GCSE  
Spanish  
General  
Vocabulary**

## General vocabulary

Students will be expected to use and understand the general vocabulary listed below. This vocabulary is not restricted to specific settings and can occur in any of the themes listed in the specification.

### Comparisons

bastante	sufficient, enough, quite
comparar	to compare
demasiado	too, too much
igual que	same as
más (que)	more (than)
mayor	main, major, larger, bigger, greater
mayoría, la	most, majority
mejor	better, best
menor	smaller, less, least
menos (que)	less (than)
mismo	same
muy	very
parecido a	Like
peor	worse, worst
poco (eg poco ruidoso)	not very
tan ... como	as ... as
tanto ... como	as much ... as

Students will also be expected to know comparatives and superlatives of the above adjectives and adverbs.

### Conjunctions and connectives

además	moreover, besides
aparte de	apart from
a pesar de	in spite of, despite
así que	so, therefore
aun (si)	even (if)
aunque	although, (even) though
claro que	of course
como	as, since
cuando	when
dado que	given that
es decir	in other words, that is to say
incluso	even
mientras (que)	while, meanwhile
o/u	or
pero	but

por eso	for that reason, therefore
por lo tanto	therefore
por un lado/por otro lado	on the one hand/on the other hand
por una parte/por otra parte	on the one hand/on the other hand
porque	because
pues	then, since
si	if
sin duda	obviously, certainly
sin embargo	however
tal vez	maybe, perhaps
también	also
ya (que)	as, since

### Prepositions

a	to, at
de	from, of
en	in
hacia	towards
hasta	until
para	for
por	through, by, in, for, per
según	according to
sin	without

### Negatives

jamás	never
ni...ni	neither ... nor
nada	nothing
nadie	nobody
ninguno	none, no-one
nunca	never
sino	but, except
tampoco	neither/not ... either ...
ya no	not any more

**Alphabet** Students should be familiar with the Spanish alphabet & should be able to spell words/names.

**Numbers** All cardinal numbers 0–1,000 and the word for 1,000,000 (un millón) Ordinal numbers first-tenth (primero-décimo)

### Other number expressions

docena, una	dozen
número, el	number
par, un	pair, couple
unos (diez)	about (10)

## Important verbs

acabar de + infinitive	to have just (done something)
comenzar	to begin
continuar	to continue
dar	to give
darse cuenta (de)	to realise
deber	must, have to
decidir	to decide
dejar de	to stop (doing something)
echar	to throw
empezar	to begin
estar	to be
hace(n) falta	to need, to be necessary
hacer	to do, to make
hacerse	to become
hay	there is, there are
hay que	one must, one has to
ir	to go
ir a + infinitive	(to be) going to (do something)
irse	to go away, to leave
necesitar	to need
ocurrir	to happen
pasar	to happen, to go through, to spend (time)
poder	to be able, can
poner	to put
ponerse a	to start doing something
querer	to want; to love
quisiera	I'd like
saber	to know (a fact, how to do something)
seguir	to continue, to follow
ser	to be
soler	to regularly do something
tener	to have, to own
tener lugar	to take place
tener que	to have to do something
volver a	to do (something) again
volverse	to become

## Greetings and exclamations

¡Basta ya!	That's enough!
¡Bienvenido!	Welcome!
¡Buen viaje!	Have a good trip!
¡Buena suerte!	Good luck!
¡Claro!	Of course!
¡Cuidado!	Careful! Watch out!
¡Enhorabuena!	Congratulations!
¡Felices vacaciones!	Have a good holiday!
¡Felicidades!	Best wishes! Congratulations!
¡Felicitaciones!	Congratulations!
¡Ojo!	Watch out! Careful!
¡Qué (+ adjective)!	How ...!
¡Qué (+ noun)!	What a ...!
¡Que lo pase(s) bien!	Have a good time!
¡Qué va!	Come on! Rubbish! Nonsense!
¡Socorro!	Help!
¿Cómo está(s)?	How are you?
¿De veras?	Really?
¿Qué hay?	What's happening? What's the matter?
¿Qué pasa?	What's happening? What's the matter?
¿Qué tal?	How are you? How's ...?
con permiso	excuse me
de nada	you're welcome/don't mention it
encantado	pleased to meet you
hasta el (lunes)	till/see you (Monday)
hasta luego	see you later
hasta mañana	see you tomorrow
hasta pronto	see you soon
lo siento	I'm sorry
mucho gusto	pleased to meet you
perdón	sorry
perdone	sorry
por favor	please
saludar	to greet, to say hello
saludos	regards, greetings
vale	ok

## Opinions

aburrido	boring, bored
afortunado	lucky
agradable	pleasant
antiguo	old
apropiado	correct, appropriate
barato	cheap
bonito	pretty
bueno	good
calidad, la	quality
caro	expensive
decepcionado	disappointed
decepcionante	disappointing
desagradable	unpleasant
desventaja, la	disadvantage
distinto	different
divertido	amusing, entertaining
duro	hard
emocionante	exciting, thrilling, moving
encantador	charming
entretenido	entertaining, amusing
espléndido	fantastic, great, terrific
estupendo	fantastic, marvellous
fácil	easy
fatal	awful, fatal
fenomenal	great, fantastic
feo	ugly
genial	brilliant, great
guay	cool
hermoso	beautiful
horroroso	horrible
impresionante	impressive, striking
increíble	incredible
inseguro	unsafe, uncertain
inútil	useless
malo	bad
maravilloso	marvellous
nuevo	new
precioso	precious, beautiful
profundo	deep, profound
raro	strange, rare
razón, una	reason

seguro	safe, certain
sencillo	simple, plain, straightforward
sorprendido	surprised
tonto	silly
tranquilo	peaceful, quiet
único	unique, only, single
útil	useful
ventaja, la	advantage
viejo	old

### Opinions (verbs)

aburrirse	to get bored
adorar	to adore, to love
alegrar	to cheer up
alegrarse (de)	to be happy about
apreciar	to appreciate
aprovechar	to make the most
aprovecharse (de)	to take advantage (of)
creer	to believe
dar igual	to be all the same, to make no difference
decepcionar	to disappoint
decir	to say
desear	to wish
disfrutar	to enjoy
divertirse	to have a good time
dudar	to doubt
encantar	to delight
esperar	to hope
estar a favor	to be in favour of
estar de acuerdo	to agree
estar en contra	to be against
estar harto de	to be fed up of
fastidiar	to annoy, to bother
interesar(se)	to interest, to be interested in
odiar	to hate
opinar	to think, to give an opinion
parecer	to seem
pasarlo bien/mal	to have a good/bad time
pensar	to think
ponerse de acuerdo	to agree
preferir	to prefer

quedar en	to agree
querer decir	to mean
reconocer	to recognise
sentir(se)	to feel
tener razón	to be right
valer la pena	to be worth the trouble

## Expressions of time

### Seasons

estación, la	season
invierno, el	winter
otoño, el	autumn
primavera, la	spring
verano, el	summer

### Time expressions

a diario	daily, everyday
a eso de ...	at about ...
a fines de ...	at/to the end of ...
a mediados de ...	around the middle of ...
a menudo	often
a partir de	from
a veces	sometimes
ahora	now, nowadays
al mismo tiempo	at the same time
algunas veces	sometimes
anoche	last night
año, el	year
antes (de)	before
ayer	yesterday
breve	brief, short
cada (...) días/horas	every (...) days/hours
casi	nearly
de momento	at the moment, right now
de nuevo	again
de repente	suddenly
de vez en cuando	now and then, from time to time
dentro de (..) días/horas	within (..) days/hours
desde	since
desde hace	since
despacio	slowly



después (de)	after, afterwards
día, el	day
durante	during
durar	to last
en seguida/enseguida	straightaway
entonces	then
esta noche	tonight
fecha, la	date
fin de semana, el	weekend
hace (+ time)	it's been ...
hoy	today
lento	slow
los lunes etc	Mondays etc
luego	then, afterwards
mañana	tomorrow
mañana, la	morning
mes, el	month
mientras tanto	meanwhile
mucho tiempo	a long time
noche, la	night
otra vez	again
pasado, el	past
pasado (adj)	past
pasado mañana	day after tomorrow
pocas veces	seldom, a few times
por año etc	per year etc
por fin	at last
por lo general	generally
porvenir, el	future
principio, al	beginning (at the)
pronto	soon
próximo	next
que viene (el mes etc)	next (month etc)
quince días	fortnight
rato, el	while, short time
semana, la	week
siempre	always
siglo, el	century
siguiente	next, following
sobre	on, around
solo (sólo)	only

tardar	to take time
tarde	late
tarde, la	afternoon, evening
temporada, la	period, spell, season
temprano	early
tener prisa	to be in a hurry
tiempo, el	time
todas (las semanas)	every (week)
todavía	still, yet
todos (los días/meses)	every (day/month)
último	last
vez, una	once
veces, dos/tres etc	twice, three times

### Location and distance

a un paso (de)	a few steps away
abajo (de)	under, below
afuera (de)	outside
ahí	there
aislado	isolated
al final (de)	at the end of
allá	over there
allí	over there
alrededor (de)	around
aquí	here
arriba (de)	above, on top (of)
atrás	behind
cerca (de)	near
cercano	nearby
contra	against
debajo (de)	under
delante (de)	in front of
dentro (de)	inside
derecha, a la _	on the right, to the right
derecho, (todo _)	straight ahead
detrás (de)	behind
en/por todas partes	everywhere
en las afueras	in the outskirts
encima (de)	above, on top, overhead
enfrente (de)	opposite
entre	between
este, el	east

fondo, en el/al	at the back, at the bottom
fuera (de)	outside
izquierda, a la _	on the left, to the left
lado, al _ (de)	next to
lejano	far away, distant, remote
lejos (de)	far (from)
lugar, el	place
medio (de), en (el) _	in the middle of
norte, el	north
oeste, el	west
sitio, el	place
sur, el	south
todo recto	straight ahead
estar situado	to be situated
encontrarse	to be situated

## Colours

claro	light
color, el	colour
morado	purple, violet
oscuro	dark
pálido	pale
rosa/rosado	pink
vivo	vivid, bright

## Weights & measures

alcanzar	to reach
alto	tall, high
altura, la	height
ancho	wide
ancho, el	width
bajo	low, short
bolsa, la	bag
bote, el	jar
caja, la	box
cantidad, la	quantity
cartón, el	carton
cuarto, un	quarter
delgado	slim, thin
estrecho	narrow

gordo	fat
grueso	thick
lata, la	tin
lleno	full
mediano	medium
medida, la	measure
medio	half
mitad, la	half
pedazo, el	piece
peso, el	weight
poco, un	little
ración, la	portion
talla, la	size (clothes)
tamaño, el	size
trozo, el	piece
vacío	empty
bastar	to be enough
medir	to measure
pesar	to weigh

## Shape

cuadrado	square
forma, la	shape
redondo	round

## Weather

buen/mal tiempo	good/bad weather
caliente	hot
caluroso	hot, warm
chubasco, el	shower
cielo, el	sky
clima, el	climate
despejado	clear (skies)
estable	stable, steady, unchanged
fresco	fresh
grado, el	degree
hielo, el	ice
húmedo	humid
lluvia, la	rain
niebla, la	fog

nieve, la	snow
nube, la	cloud
nublado/nuboso	cloudy
pronóstico, el	forecast
relámpago, el	lightning
seco	dry
sombra, la	shade, shadow
templado	mild, temperate
tiempo, el	weather
tormenta, la	storm
tormentoso	stormy
trueno, el	thunder
viento, el	wind
hacer (frío, calor etc)	to be (cold, hot etc)
helar	to freeze
llover	to rain
mojar(se)	to get wet
nevar	to snow
tener (calor, frío)	to feel (hot, cold..)

## Access

abierto	open
abrir	to open
cerrado	closed
cerrar	to close
Gratis / gratuito	free (of charge)
libre	free; unoccupied
ocupado	engaged; occupied
permitir	to allow
prohibido	forbidden
prohibir	to forbid, to ban

## Correctness

cierto	certain, sure, true
equivocado	wrong
falta, la	error
mal	badly
mentira, la	lie, untruth
mentiroso	liar
razón, la	reason

verdad, la	truth
verdadero	true
corregir	to correct
estar equivocado	to make a mistake, to be wrong
mentir	to tell a lie
tener razón	to be right

## Materials

algodón, el	cotton
cerámica, la	pottery
cristal, el	glass, crystal
cuero, el	leather
lana, la	wool
madera, la	wood
oro, el	gold
papel, el	paper
piel, la	leather, skin
plata, la	silver
seda, la	silk
tela, la	fabric, material
vidrio, el	glass

## Common abbreviations

Sr (señor)	Mr
Sra (señora)	Mrs
Srta (señorita)	Miss
Sta (santa)	St
c/ (calle)	street
1°/primero (2°, 3° etc)	1st (2nd, 3rd etc)
1ª/primera (2ª, 3ª etc)	1st (2nd, 3rd etc)
Dr (doctor)	Dr
Dra (doctora)	Dr
AVE, el	high-speed train
Renfe/RENFE	Spanish railways
IVA	VAT
Ada (avenida)	avenue
EEUU (Estados Unidos)	USA