



## High-frequency vocabulary project

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### Guidelines for the project:

- This booklet contains **125 words** that are among the most commonly used words or phrases in Spanish.
- The 125 words have been broken down into **five sets of 25 words**.
- Some of the words are taken from the topic you will cover in class; others are more general but equally important words.
- Your main **Spanish Home-Based Learning** is to learn and master these words.
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**Vocabulary for block 1**

	Spanish	English
1	el/la/los/las	the
2	un/una	a
3	unos/unas	some
4	mi/mis	my
5	tu/tus	your
6	y	and
7	con	with
8	de	from / of
9	pero	but
10	en	in
11	es	it is
12	hay	there is
13	tengo	I have
14	soy	I am
15	me llamo	I am called
16	vivo	I live
17	no tengo	I don't have
18	¿Qué?	What?
19	me gusta/me gustan	I like
20	no me gusta/no me gustan	I don't like
21	hablo	I speak
22	tienes	you have
23	eres	you are
24	no	no / not
25	son	they are

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**Vocabulary for block 2**

	Spanish	English
1	se llama	he / she / it is called
2	se llaman	they are called
3	su/sus	his / her
4	tiene	he / she / it has
5	en la foto	in the photo
6	¿Cuánto?	How much?
7	aburrido/a	boring
8	simpatico/a	nice / kind
9	divertido/a	fun / funny
10	¿Dónde?	Where?
11	vives	you live
12	vive	he / she / it lives
13	vivimos	we live
14	vivir	to live
15	sin	without
16	año	year
17	grande	big
18	pequeño/a	small
19	te gusta/n	you like
20	le gusta/n	he / she / it likes
21	¿Cómo?	How?
22	como	like / as
23	todo	all / every
24	o	or
25	también	also

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**Vocabulary for block 3**

	Spanish	English
1	si	if
2	cuando	when
3	hace	he / she / it does
4	tiempo	weather / time
5	hace buen tiempo	it's nice weather
6	hace sol	it's sunny
7	juego	I play
8	hago	I do
9	hacer	to do
10	voy	I go
11	a	to / at
12	al / a la / a los / a las	to the / at the
13	por la mañana	in the morning
14	por la tarde	in the afternoon / evening
15	por la noche	at night
16	todos los días	every day
17	a veces	sometimes
18	normalmente	normally
19	nunca	never
20	de vez en cuando	from time to time
21	sin embargo	however
22	además	furthermore
23	por eso	because of this
24	ir	to go
25	voy a	I'm going to

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**Vocabulary for block 4**

	Spanish	English
1	muy	very
2	mucho	a lot
3	bonito/a	pretty
4	feo/a	ugly
5	¿Quién?	Who?
6	estoy	I am (state / located)
7	está	it is (state / located)
8	más	more
9	menos	less
10	que	than / which
11	estás	you are (state / located)
12	quiero	I want
13	quieres	you want
14	bueno/a	good
15	malo/a	bad
16	bien	well
17	mal	badly
18	para	for / to / in order to
19	por	by / through / for
20	poco	not very
21	un poco	a little bit
22	siempre	always
23	nada	nothing
24	nuevo/a	new
25	bastante	quite

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**Vocabulary for block 5**

	Spanish	English
1	como	I eat
2	bebo	I drink
3	desayuno	I have (for) breakfast
4	ceno	I have (for) dinner
5	meriendo	I have (for) a snack
6	comer	to eat/I have (for) lunch
7	beber	to drink
8	desayunar	to have (for) breakfast
9	cenar	to have (for) dinner
10	merendar	to have (for) a snack
11	fui	I went
12	comí	I ate
13	bebí	I drank
14	cené	I had (for) dinner
15	fue	it was
16	me gustó	I liked (it)
17	quisiera	I would like
18	desayunas	You (sing) have (for) breakfast
19	comes	You (sing) eat/ have (for) lunch
20	meriendas	You (sing) have (for) a snack
21	cenar	You (sing) have (for) dinner
22	ayer	yesterday
23	comiste	You (sing) ate/had (for) lunch
24	bebiste	You (sing) drank
25	mañana	tomorrow

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