

SPANISH VOCABULARY & STRUCTURES LIST LEVEL 3

The vocabulary and structures lists are to be considered as lists of those words and grammatical structures which students are expected to recognise and be able to use at this level. The lists build on the vocabulary and structures covered at NCEA Level 1 and Level 2.

Vocabulary and structures lists will provide the basis for the setting of external assessments for the externally assessed achievement standards. Where required, the meaning of any additional words beyond this list will be provided.

Assessment for internally assessed achievement standards should also incorporate and have reference to the vocabulary and structures in these lists but may also extend beyond, depending on the topics covered in a programme of learning. i.e. internal assessment is not bounded by these lists in the way that external examiners are for setting external assessments.

NOTES TO TEACHER:

1. Where a noun, adverb or adjective can easily be constructed from the verb, only the verb has been included, e.g: *continuar* - (*continuación*).
2. Obvious cognates are not in the list unless there is a particular reason for including them such as their spelling or an unpredictable accent. For example, *la sustancia* (substance) is included, whereas *el exceso* (excess) is omitted.
3. A small number of new words have been added to the list for the purpose of up-dating and replacing other redundant or irrelevant words.

Grammar

For grammar and structures, refer to *Spanish in the New Zealand Curriculum, Ministry of Education, 1995* in the 'Suggested Structures' sections of each curriculum level, up to and including Level 8.

A

la abeja	bee
el algodón	cotton
la acera	footpath
el acero	steel
adelantar	to move forward, to advance
adelgazar	to make thin, to lose weight
adjunto	enclosed, attached
el adobe	sun dried clay brick
advertir (ie)	to advise, to warn
afuera	outside
agotar	to use up
agrícola	agricultural
agrio	bitter
el aguacate	avocado
aguantar	to bear, to endure
la aguja	needle

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el agujero	hole
ahogar(se)	to drown
ajeno	belonging to somebody else
el alambre	wire
el alcalde	mayor
la alcoba	bedroom
el alfabetismo	literacy
la alfombra	carpet
al menos	unless
la almohada	pillow
al revés	inside out
amanecer	to dawn
el amanecer	daybreak
amargo	bitter
la amistad	friendship
el amo	master
amplio	ample, full, roomy
el analfabetismo	illiteracy
el ánimo	mind, spirit, courage
anticuado	old fashioned
aparcar	to park
el aparato	appliance, device, apparatus
a pesar de	in spite of, despite
el apio	celery
apretar (ie)	to tighten, to squeeze
aprobar (ue)	to pass (examination)
el árbitro	referee
árido	dry
arrancar	to pull out; to start a car
arruinar	to ruin
asombrar(se)	to be amazed
la atmósfera	atmosphere
atraer	to attract
a través de	through
atravesar	to cross, to go through
atrever(se) a	to dare (to), risk
aumentar	to increase
el ayuntamiento	city council

B

el bailarín	dancer
el balón	ball (soccer)
el bandido	bandit
la barbaridad	outrage, nonsense
la beca	scholarship
la bendición	blessing
el bigote	moustache
la biología	biology
blando	soft, delicate
la bomba	bomb
el bote	row boat
el botón	button
la bruja	witch

burlarse de to make fun of
la burocracia bureaucracy

C

el cajón case, crate
la calefacción heating
la calificación qualification
el camarón shrimp
la caminata long walk, hike
el campeón champion
el campesino peasant
la canasta basket
el cangrejo crab
la capa de ozono ozone layer
el capital capital, money, funds
el carbón coal
castigar to punish
la ceniza ash
el cerebro brain
la cerilla (Sp) match (to light fire)
cesar to cease, to stop
la cesta basket
ciego blind
el circo circus
el cobre copper
cocer (ue) to cook, boil
el coco coconut
la cola tail, queue
el colono settler
los comestibles groceries, edibles
competir (i) to compete
el compromiso compromise
el concurso contest
el congreso congress
el conjunto total set, whole, woman's suit
el conquistador conqueror
conservador conservative
contribuir to contribute
construir to build
convertir (ie) to convert
corregir (i) to correct
criar to raise
la cualidad characteristic, quality
cualquiera any, anybody
el cubo bucket, cube
la cueva cave

D

el deber	duty, debt
debido (a)	owing to, because of
la debilidad	weakness
de pie	standing (up)
de prisa	in a hurry
desconocer	not to know (a person or place)
desde luego	naturally, of course
el desfile	parade
desnudo	naked
los desperdicios	waste (products)
destronar	to destroy
la desventaja	disadvantage
detener(se)	to detain, stop
la deuda	debt
el dictador	dictator
el dicho	saying/proverb
el diplomático	diplomat
el diputado	representative, deputy
disponible	available
distinguir	to distinguish
la diversidad	diversity
la docena	dozen
dócil	obedient, meek
dondequiera	wherever
dorado	golden

E

la ecología	ecology
eléctrico	electric(al)
elegir (i)	to choose
el embajador	embassador
la empresa	firm, enterprise
empujar	to push
encargado	(person) in charge
la encuesta	survey
enfrente (de)	opposite
en medio (de)	in the middle (of)
en realidad	in fact
enriquecer	to enrich
en seguida	immediately
enterar(se) de	to find out (about)
entregar	to hand over, to deliver
enterrar (ie)	to bury
el entierro	burial
entretener	to entertain
envenenar	to poison
la envidia	envy
envolver (ue)	to wrap
el equipaje	luggage
la escritura	writing

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la escultura	sculpture
establecer	to establish
la estampilla (LA)	postage stamp
el estante	shelf
el estrés	stress
estropear	to damage
exigir	to demand
exponer	to exhibit, display, show
el extraterrestre	extraterrestrial

F

el fantasma	ghost, phantom
fastidiar	to annoy
felicitar	to congratulate
las felicitaciones	congratulations
fiarse (de)	to trust
la ficha	file (information), token, form
fiel	faithful, loyal
la flecha	arrow
el fracaso	failure
fregar (ie)	to scrub, to wash
freír	to fry
fundar	to found

G

la gamba	prawn
el ganado	cattle
el gerente	manager
girar	to turn, revolve
el gitano	gypsy
la gota	drop
(la) Gran Bretaña	Great Britain
griego	Greek
el grifo (Sp)	tap
grueso	thick, coarse
la guardería	daycare centre

H

hábil	skilful
hacer falta	to need
el hada (f)	fairly
hay que	it is necessary to
la herida	wound, injury
herir (ie)	to injure, to hurt
la herramienta	tool
hervir (i)	to boil
el hielo	ice
el hilo	thread

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la hoguera	fire
honrado	honest, honourable
el huérfano	orphan
la huelga	strike [pol.]
el huerto	vegetable garden
huir	to flee
húmedo	humid, moist

I

ignorar	to ignore, not know (a fact)
impedir (i)	to prevent
el impermeable	raincoat
el imperio	empire
imponer	to impose
el impuesto	tax
inca	Inca
el incendio	fire
incluir	to include
influir	to influence
la inquietud	worry, anxiety
inscribir(se)	to enroll
inseguro	insecure
instalar	to install
integral	complete; wholemeal (bread)
la inundación	flood
irse de marcha	to go out on the town
invadir	to invade

J

el jarabe	cough mixture
el juez	judge
la junta	council, meeting
jurar	to swear, to promise
la juventud	youth, young people
Jesucristo	Jesus Christ

L

el ladrillo	brick
el ladrón	thief
la lágrima	tear (crying)
la lámpara	lamp
la langosta	crayfish
el langostino (LA)	shrimp
lanzar	to throw, hurl
la leña	firewood
librar	to free
el liceo (LA)	secondary school, high school

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el líder	leader
localizar	to locate
la locura	madness
el locutor	radio or TV announcer
lógico	logical

M

el macho	masculine
madriileño	of Madrid
la madrugada	early morning
la magia	magic
el mando	leadership
la manga	sleeve
la manifestación	demonstration
manso	gentle, tame
la manta	blanket
la marca	mark, brand name
el maremoto	tidal wave
la mariposa	butterfly
el martillo	hammer
la máscara	mask
la medida	measure(ment), step
las medias	stockings, pantihose
el medio ambiente	environment
el mendigo	beggar
merendar (ie)	to have a snack, afternoon tea
la meta	goal, aim
el milagro	miracle
la miseria	poverty
mojarse	to get wet
monedero	purse
la monja	nun
el montón	heap, pile
la multa	fine penalty
mundial	of the world
musulmán	Moslem

N

navegar	to sail
negar (ie)	to deny
el nido	nest
la niñez	childhood
el nivel	level
nocturno	nocturnal, of the night
nombrar	to name, to designate
el nudo	knot
nutritivo	nutritious

O

obedecer	to obey
el obispo	bishop
obligar	to force
ocultar(se)	to hide
ofensivo	offensive, rude
¡Ojalá!	If only; Let's hope
la ola	wave
oponer	to oppose
la orquesta	orchestra
el oxígeno	oxygen

P

el/la paciente	patient
la pampa	pampa, prairie
la parada	bus stop, taxi stand
el paraguas	umbrella
los parientes	relatives
el pasaje (LA)	fare, ticket
el pasajero	passenger
la pasta de dientes	toothpaste
la pata	animal leg, paw
el patrón	boss
el payaso	clown
el peatón	pedestrian
pelear	to fight
la pensión	boarding house, B&B
el periodista	journalist
el período	period
permanecer	to stay, remain
pesado	heavy; boring person
el petróleo	oil
la picadura	bug bite
picar	to bite, to nibble
pintoresco	picturesque
la pintura	painting (paint)
la pirámide	pyramid
el piropo	flattering remark
pisar	to step on
la pista	track, ski field
el pito	whistle
el planeta	planet
la plaza de toros	bullring
poblar	to settle, to colonise
la pobreza	poverty
el polideportivo	sports' centre
portugués	Portuguese
el porvenir	future
poseer	to possess, own
la prensa	press (media)
previo	previous

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el prisionero	prisoner
la propiedad	property
el pulmón	lung
el puño	fist
la pureza	purity

Q

el quehacer	chore
la quemadura	burn, sunburn
quieto	motionless, still

R

la ración	portion
el rasgo	feature
la raya	stripe
el rayo	ray, flash
realizar	to carry out, achieve
la rebaja	price reduction [sale]
rebelar	to rebel
recetar	to prescribe
rechazar	to reject
recomendar (ie)	to recommend
reducir	to reduce
el refugiado	refugee
el remedio	remedy, cure
renunciar	to resign
repartir	to distribute, divide up
resfriarse	to catch a cold
retirar	to move, put away
el retrato	portrait
revisar	to revise, to look over, to examine
la roca	rock
rodear	to surround

S

el saco	sack, jacket
el sacrificio	sacrifice
sagrado	sacred
salado	salty
salvaje	savage, wild
sano	healthy
la seda	silk
en seguida	immediately
seguido	following, continuous
semilla	seed
sensible	sensitive
la serenata	serenade
el símbolo	symbol
el sindicato	trade union
siquiera/ni siquiera	at least/not even
sobrevivir	to survive
el socio	member (organization)
sobresaliente	outstanding
el solicitante	applicant
solicitar	to apply
sordo	deaf
sospechar	to suspect
sudar	to sweat
suspender	to fail (examination)
suspirar	to sigh
la sustancia	substance

T

el tabaco	tobacco
el taco	heel of shoe; Mexican food; profanity
el taller	workshop
tapar	to cover
la taquilla	box office
el taquillero	ticket salesperson
tejer	to knit, weave
templado	temperate, mild
la tentación	temptation
el testigo	witness
tierno	tender
la tontería	foolishness
el torneo	tournament
traducir	to translate
trágico	tragic
el trapo	rag, cloth
trasladar	to move, shift, transfer
el tratado	treaty
(a) través de	across
la tribu	tribe
el trigo	wheat
la tristeza	sadness

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el tronco	trunk (tree)
el trono	throne
tropezar	to bump into
el trozo	piece
el tubo	tube, pipe
el triunfo	triumph
el tribunal	law court

U

ubicar	to place, locate (LA)
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V

vaciar	to empty
la vejez	old age
la vena	vein
vencer	to win, defeat; expire(date)
el veneno	poison
la verbena	street party, dance
la vereda	path, trail, sidewalk
verter (ie)	to pour
la vía	way, road, track
vibrante	vibrant
el vientre	abdomen; belly
la viña	vineyard
vulgar	common, ordinary
