ser

copular verb

- 1. (general)
- a. to be

Sus ojos son azules. Her eyes are blue.

Mi abuelo es profesor. *My grandpa is a teacher*.

intransitive verb

- 2. (to indicate origin)
- a. to be

Soy de Nueva York. I'm from New York.

- 3. (to serve)
- a. to be

El lápiz es para escribir, no para lanzar. The pencil is for writing, not for throwing.

- 4. (to talk about prices)
- a. to be

¿Cuánto quiere para este cuadro? - Son diez dólares. How much do you want for this picture? - It's ten dollars.

- 5. (to be composed of)
- a. to be made of

El casillero antiguo de mi abuela es de roble. My grandma's antique dresser is oak.

- 6. (used to indicate possession)
- a. to be

Este reloj es de mi madre. This is my mother's watch.

- 7. (to take place)
- a. to be

La fiesta será en mi casa. The party will be at my place.

- 8. (to be associated with; used with "de")
- a. to root for

Yo soy del mejor equipo del mundo: FC Barcelona. *I root for the best team in the world: FC Barcelona*.

impersonal verb

9. (used to express time)

a. to be

Son las siete de la mañana. It is seven in the morning.

Era de noche cuando llegaron. It was night when they arrived.

auxiliary verb

10. (with the passive voice)

a. to be

El edificio fue diseñado por un equipo de arquitectos. *The building was built by a team of architects*.

masculine noun

- 11. (entity)
- a. being

Hay un ser vivo en el lago, pero no sé que es. *There's a living being in the lake, but I don't know what it is.*

- 12. (human)
- a. person

Su papá es un ser muy agradable. Her dad is a very nice person.

estar

copular verb

- 1. (to express quality or state)
- a. to be

Este pastel de chocolate está delicioso. *This chocolate cake is delicious*.

Este hotel está muy lujoso. This hotel is very luxurious.

2. (to express an attitude)

a. to be

Estoy enojada porque me acaban de dar una multa de estacionamiento. *I am angry because I just got a parking ticket*.

intransitive verb

3. (to be located)

a. to be

La casa está delante de la iglesia. The house is in front of the church.

4. (in a place)

a. to be

No está en casa. He's not home.

5. (in a state)

a. to be

Estoy tan cansada, necesito irme de vacaciones. I am so tired, I need to go on vacation.

6. (in a state; used with "de")

a. <u>to be on</u> (vacation, trip, call)

Estaremos de vacaciones en Europa el verano entero. We're going to be on vacation in Europe all summer long.

b. to be in (luck)

¡Estás de suerte! Me queda un par en ese color. You're in luck! I have one pair left in that color.

c. to be working as

Está de recepcionista en lo que consigue un mejor trabajo. *He's working as a receptionist until he finds something better.*

7. (to feel)

a. to be

Él está triste ahora que no tiene novia. *He is sad now that he doesn't have a girlfriend*.

8. (to appear)

a. to look

¡Estás genial con las gafas nuevas! You look great with your new glasses!

9. (to visit)

a. to stay

Gabriel está con su padre esta noche. *Gabriel is staying with his father tonight*.

10. (to be done)

a. to be ready

La comida ya está, ¡comamos! *The food is ready, let's eat!*

11. (to exist)

a. to be

Luego está el trabajo que queda por hacer. Then there is the work that still needs to be done.

12. (to feel like; used with "para")

a. to be in the mood for

No estoy para tus estupideces a estas horas. *I am not in the mood for your nonsense at this time of night.*

13. (to come down with; used with "con")

a. to have

Está con gripe desde el lunes. He's had the flu since Monday.

14. (to fit)

a. to be

¿Esta falda queda bien o está muy apretado? Does this skirt look good or is it too tight?

15. (to be understood)

a. no direct translation

No quiero que camines sola por la noche, ¿está?*I don't want you walking alone at night, understood?*

Nos encontraremos a las siete para ir al cine, ¿estamos? We'll meet at seven to go to the movie, all right?

16. (to support; used with "por")

a. to be in favor of

Los estudiantes están por un aumento en ayuda financiera de parte de la universidad. *The students are in favor of the university providing more financial aid.*

17. (to be in agreement; used with "con")

a. to agree with

Estoy con Ana Sofía; no quiero escuchar más peleas entre ustedes. *I agree with Ana Sofía. I don't want to hear anymore fighting between the two of you.*

18. (to indicate temperature; used with "a")

a. to be

¡El termómetro dice que está a 25 grados Fahrenheit pero que se siente como 6!*The thermometer says it's 25 degrees Fahrenheit out but that it feels like 6!*

19. (to indicate dates; used with "a")

a. to be

Estamos a martes, 5 de enero. It is Tuesday, January 5th.

20. (to indicate season; used with "en")

a. to be

Mientras el hemisferio norte está en invierno, el hemisferio sur está en verano. It is winter in the Northern Hemisphere when it's summer in the Southern Hemisphere.

21. (to indicate distance; used with "a")

a. to be

El banco está a tres cuadras de la plaza central. *The bank is three blocks from the central square*.

22. (to express that something is yet to be known; used with "por" and infinitive)

a. to remain to be

Está por verse si lloverá en la tarde. It remains to be seen whether it will rain this afternoon.

23. (to indicate imminence; used with "por" and infinitive)

a. to be going to

Las nubes en la distancia indican que estará por llover esta noche. *The clouds in the distance indicate that it is going to rain tonight.*

24. (to negate; used with "sin" and infinitive)

a. no direct translation

Estoy sin comer desde temprano en la mañana. *I haven't eaten anything since early this morning*. Tengo tres libros que están sin terminar. *There are three books that I have yet to finish reading*. auxiliary verb

25. (with a gerund)

a. to be

Está limpiando la casa. He's cleaning the house.

26. (with a participle)

a. to be

El cuarto está organizado, ¡así que no hagas desorden! *The room is organized. Don't make a mess!* estarse

reflexive verb

27. (to remain)

a. to stay

Estate quieto y no digas ni una palabra. Stay still and don't say a word.

b. to keep

Es importante estarse tranquilo ante un desastre. It's important to keep calm in the face of disaster.

c. to remain

Los estudiantes se estuvieron callados mientras trabajaban en la biblioteca. *The students remained quiet as they worked in the library.*

haber

auxiliary verb

1. (used in compound tenses)

a. to have

Nunca habían ido a Costa Rica antes del verano pasado. *They had never been to Costa Rica before last summer.*

2. (to be obligated to; used with "de")

a. to have to

He de ir al trabajo el sábado. *I have to go into work on Saturday*.

b. must

Has de hacer tu tarea esta noche. You must do your homework tonight.

impersonal verb

3. (to exist)

a. to be

No hay azúcar. There is no sugar.

No hubo tiempo para saludar a todos en la fiesta. *There wasn't enough time to say hi to everyone at the party.*

4. (to be obligated to; used with "que")

a. must

Hay que lavar todos los platos después de cenar. We must wash all the dishes after dinner.

b. should

Hay que hacer reservaciones para el hotel. *We should make reservations for the hotel*.

5. (used to express time)

a. no direct translation

No sé si habrá tiempo para comer algo. I don't know if there will be enough time to eat something. Tiempo ha del terremoto. The earthquake occurred a long time ago.

transitive verb

6. (to have)

a. to bear

Los hijos habidos de la aventura no fueron reconocidos por su padre. *The children born of the affair were not recognized by their father.*

7. (to happen)

a. no direct translation

El espectáculo habido esta semana está completamente vendido. *This week's performance is totally sold out*

El accidente habido ayer resultó en dos fatalidades. Yesterday's accident resulted in two fatalities.

masculine noun

8. (properties)

a. asset

Su haber consistía en la empresa familiar y dos mansiones. *Her assets consist of the family business and two mansions*.

9. (accounting)

a. credit side

El total del deber y del haber tienen que ser iguales. *The debit and credit side totals must be equal.*

10. (achievement)

a. credit

Tiene tres artículos publicados a su haber. *She has three published articles to her credit.*

haberes

plural noun

11. (payment)

a. earnings

Todavía no me han pagado los haberes del mes pasado. I still haven't been paid last month's earnings.

haberse

pronominal verb

12. (to confront)

a. to have it out with somebody

Se las va a haber con su hermano si no paran de discutir. He's going to have it out with his brother if they don't stop arguing.

tener

transitive verb

1. (to possess)

a. to have

Tengo tres coches. *I have three cars*.

b. to have got

Mary tiene una casa en el campo. Mary's got a house in the country.

2. (to be carrying)

a. to have

¿Tienes efectivo?Do you have cash?

b. to have got

¿Tiene sus pasaportes? Have you got your passports?

3. (to refer to characteristics)

a. to have

Tiene los ojos verdes. She has green eyes.

b. to have got

Susana tiene el cabello oscuro. Susana's got dark hair.

4. (to wear)

a. to have

La chica que busco tiene lentes de sol y una bufanda. *The girl I'm looking for has sunglasses and a scarf.*

b. to have on

¿Por qué tiene zapatos tu perro? Why does your dog have shoes on?

5. (to indicate age)

a. to be

Mi hermana tiene 33 años. *My sister is 33 years old.*

6. (to have planned)

a. to have

El lunes tengo una cita con el dentista. I have a dentist appointment on Monday.

b. to have got

Mañana tenemos junta en la tarde. We've got a meeting tomorrow afternoon.

7. (to feel)

a. to be

Si tienes frío, ponte un abrigo. If you are cold, put on a coat.

8. (to be ill with)

a. to have

Mi hijo tiene sarampión. My child has measles.

9. (to grasp or carry)

a. to hold

Ten la bandeja. Hold the plate.

b. to take

Ten esta caja, por favor. *Take this box*, *please*.

c. no direct translation

Tengan sus boletos. *Here are your tickets*.

Ten tu bolsa. *Here is your bag*.

10. (to measure)

a. to be

Esta maleta tiene 20 centímetros de ancho. This suitcase is 20 centimeters wide.

11. (to give birth)

a. to have

Mi perra tuvo seis cachorros. *My dog had six puppies*.

12. (to receive)

a. to have

Todavía no he tenido el correo electrónico de confirmación de la empresa. I haven't had a confirmation email from the company yet.

13. (describing a state; used before participle)

a. to have

Tenía la casa recogida cuando llegué. He had the house cleaned up by the time I arrived.

14. (describing a possibility)

a. to have

Realmente no tiene solución este problema. *This problem really has no solution*.

15. (to think of)

a. to consider

Siempre he tenido a Rodolfo por honesto. *I've always considered Rodolfo to be honest*.

16. (in time expressions) (Latin America)

a. no direct translation

Tengo dos años sin verlo. I haven't seen him for two years.

Mis abuelos tienen 40 años de casados. My grandparents have been married for 40 years.

auxiliary verb

17. (expressing obligation; used with "que")

a. to have to

Tengo que terminar mis deberes antes de salir a la fiesta. *I have to finish my homework before going to the party.*

b. must

Tienes que comer todo en tu plato si quieres postre. *You must eat everything on your plate if you want dessert.*

18. (expressing supposition; used with "que")

a. must

¡Tienes que tener calor con tanta ropa puesta! You must be hot with so many clothes on!

19. (expressing a reproach; used with "que")

a. should

Tienes que haberme marcado antes de salir. You should have called me before leaving.

20. (before past participle)

a. no direct translation

Tengo pensado ir al mercado mañana. I think I'll go to the market tomorrow.

Tenemos entendido que piensas dejar la escuela. *We understand that you're thinking of leaving school.*

21. (before adjective)

a. to make

La noticia sobre el huracán me tiene muy nervioso. *The news about the hurricane is making me nervous*.

tenerse

reflexive verb

- 22. (to remain standing)
- a. to stand up

Estaba tan mareado que no me tenía de pie. *I was so dizzy that I couldn't stand up*.

- 23. (to consider oneself)
- a. to think

Este muchacho se tiene por muy guapo. That kid thinks he's really cute.

tomar

transitive verb

- 1. (to grab)
- a. to take

Tomó el dinero y se lo metió en el bolsillo. He took the money and put it into his pocket.

- 2. (to consume)
- a. to take (medication)

Él tiene que tomar sus medicamentos dos veces al día. He has to take his medication twice a day.

b. to have

Tomé atún para el almuerzo. I had tuna fish for lunch.

- 3. (to ride)
- a. to take

Tuve que tomar el tren para ir a trabajar. *I had to take the train to go to work.*

- 4. (to seize)
- a. to take

El enemigo tomó la ciudad en un día. The enemy took the city in a day.

- 5. (to absorb)
- a. to get

Sal y toma un poco de aire fresco. Go out and get some fresh air.

Deja de jugar tantos videojuegos y sal a tomar el sol. *Stop playing so many video games and go out and get some sun*.

- 6. (to have as a drink)
- a. to drink

Tienes que tomar mucha agua en estos días tan calurosos. *You have to drink a lot of water on such hot days*.

<u>intransitive verb</u>

- 7. (to have as a drink)
- a. to drink

¿Ustedes desean algo para tomar? Would you like anything to drink?

tomarse

reflexive verb

- 8. (to experience)
- a. to take

No te lo tomes a pecho, pero no me gusta tu corte de pelo.*Don't take it to heart, but I don't like your haircut.*

pronominal verb

- 9. (to spend time)
- a. to take

Necesito tomarme un respiro del trabajo. *I need to take a break from work*.

- 10. (to consume)
- a. to have

Me voy a tomar un mojito. *I'm going to have a mojito*.

ir

intransitive verb

- 1. (to indicate movement)
- a. to go

Ayer Ana y yo fuimos al cine. Yesterday Ana and I went to the movies.

- 2. (to indicate a result)
- a. to go

Me fueron bien los exámenes este semestre. My exams went well this semester.

- 3. (to indicate origin)
- a. to go

Los platos van en el armario. Dishes go in the cupboard.

- 4. (to indicate a range of time)
- a. to go

El festival va del primero de abril hasta el primero de mayo. *The festival goes from April first to May first*.

- 5. (to have on)
- a. to wear

Iba con botas amarillas. She wore yellow boots.

b. to be dressed in (color)

Iba de verde por el día de San Patricio. She was dressed in green for St. Patrick's Day.

- 6. (to function)
- a. to work

El portátil va bien. The laptop works well.

b. to run

Mi carro ha ido sin problema durante años. *My car has run without an issue for years*.

- 7. (to discuss a process; used with "por")
- a. to be on

Voy por la página 50 de "San Manuel Bueno, mártir". *I'm on page 50 of "San Manuel Bueno, Martvr."*

- 8. (to be on the path to becoming; used with "para") (Spain)
- a. to study to be

Mi primo va para cocinero. *My cousin is studying to be a cook.*

- 9. (to attend)
- a. to go

Mi hermana va a la primaria al lado de la estación de bomberos. *My sister goes to the elementary school next to the firestation*.

10. (to appear)

a. to look

¡Vas muy guapa! Me encanta tu vestido. You look gorgeous! I love your dress.

- 11. (to match)
- a. to go with

Ese camisa roja no le va a ese pantalón amarillo. *That red shirt doesn't go with those yellow pants*. auxiliary verb

12. (to indicate a future action)

a to go

¡Papá va a cocinar una cena espectacular! *Dad is going to cook a wonderful dinner!*

- 13. (in progressive constructions)
- a. to be

Voy planificando la fiesta. *I am planning the party*.

<u>impersonal verb</u>

- 14. (to talk about directions)
- a. to go

Por aquí no se va a casa. *This is not the way to go home*.

15. (to indicate a result)

a. to go

¿Cómo te va, amigo? How's it going, friend?

irse

pronominal verb

16. (to exit a place)

a. to leave

El alumno se fue de la biblioteca muy tarde. *The student left the library very late*.

b. to go

¡Vámonos! El camión está por irse.Let's go! The bus is about to leave.

17. (to escape)

a. no direct translation

A la piscina se le fue todo el agua. *All the water leaked from the pool*.

A la llanta se le fue el aire. The tire went flat.

18. (to pass away)

a. to die

Se nos fue muy joven. He died too young.

19. (to take away)

a. to go away

Con esta pastilla se te irá el dolor. *This pill will make the pain go away*.

20. (to not remember)

a. to forget

¿Cómo se llama ese hombre? Lo sabía, pero se me fue. What's that man's name? I knew it, but I forgot.

dar

transitive verb

1. (to hand over)

a. to give

Dame las llaves. *Give me the keys*.

b. to have

¿Me das una libra de pan y dos libras de jamón? Can I have one pound of bread and two pounds of ham?

2. (to generate)

a. to give

Necesito que me des una idea para el tema de la fiesta. I need you to give me a good idea for the party's theme.

b. to yield

Este tratamiento da buenos resultados. *This treatment yields good results*.

c. to produce

Este manzano da más manzanas de las que podríamos comer. *This apple tree produces more apples than we can possibly eat.*

d. to bear (fruit)

Los perales dan peras. *Pear trees bear pears*.

3. (to celebrate)

a. to hold

Esta es la lista de los eventos que se dieron este mes. *This is the list of events held this month.*

b. to have

Mi compañía da una fiesta de Navidad todos los años. *My company has a Christmas party every year*.

c. to throw

Le dieron una fiesta sorpresa para celebrar su graduación. They threw him a surprise party to celebrate his graduation.

4. (to educate)

a. to teach

No dan mi asignatura favorita en la escuela. *My favorite subject is not taught in school.*

5. (to apply)

a. no direct translation

Le voy a dar otra capa de barniz a esta mesa. *I'm going to give this table another coat of varnish*.

Esta pared necesita que le des otra pasada de pintura. This wall needs another coat of paint.

6. (to grant)

a. to award

Me dieron una beca para ir a la universidad. *I was awarded a scholarship to go to university.*

7. (to lend)

a. to give (a pleasant taste)

La hoja de laurel le da un sabor único a la sopa. The bay leaf gives a unique taste to the soup.

8. (to express)

a. to say (thanks or greetings)

Sra. García, le quiero dar las gracias por una cena magnífica. *Mrs. García, I just want to say thank you for a wonderful dinner.*

b. to give

El Día de Acción de Gracias es un día para dar las gracias por todo lo que tenemos. *Thanksgiving Day is a day to give thanks for all that we have.*

9. (to perform an action)

a. to take

¿Quieres dar un paseo por el río? Would you like to take a walk by the river?

10. (to pass out cards)

a. to deal

¿Quién va a dar esta ronda? Who's going to deal this round?

11. (film, theater, television)

a. to show

El cine independiente está dando un maratón de películas clásicas. *The independent movie theater is showing a classic film marathon*.

12. (to sound)

a. to strike (clock)

El reloj dio las doce de la noche y Cenicienta huyó del palacio. *The clock struck midnight and Cinderella fled the palace*.

13. (to make feel)

a. no direct translation

No puedo tomar café caliente en este clima, me da demasiado calor. *I can't drink hot coffee in this weather*; *it makes me too hot.*

Me da miedo quedarme sola en la casa. *I get scared staying at home alone*.

14. (to regard; used with "por")

a. to consider

Necesito que termines el proyecto. - Dalo por hecho. *I need you to finish the project. - Consider it done.*

b. to give

La dieron por muerta cuando el bote se hundió. *They gave her up for dead when the boat sank.*

15. (colloquial) (to spoil) (Spain)

a. to ruin

Me dio la película al decirme el final. *He ruined the movie for me when he spoiled the ending.* intransitive verb

16. (to happen suddenly)

a. to feel

Me dieron ganas de vomitar cuando vi el insecto en mi comida. I felt like throwing up when I saw the bug in my food.

b. to have

Al papá de Gabriela le dio un derrame cerebral. *Gabriela's father had a stroke*.

17. (to matter)

a. no direct translation

¿Quieres ir a la playa o a la piscina? - Me da lo mismo.Do you want to go to the beach or to the pool? - It's all the same to me.

Me da igual si comemos pasta o pescado esta noche. It doesn't matter to me whether we have pasta or fish tonight.

18. (to be oriented towards)

a. to overlook

El balcón del hotel da hacia el mar. The hotel balcony overlooks the ocean.

b. to face

Mi apartamento da hacia el sur. My apartment faces south.

c. to look onto

El restaurante da al parque. The restaurant looks onto the park.

19. (to activate)

a. to press

Da al botón para prender la computadora. Press the button to turn on the computer.

20. (to strike)

a. to hit

El boxeador le dio en la cara a su oponente y ganó la pelea. The boxer hit his opponent in the face and won the fight.

b. to kick (a ball)

Trató de darle a la bola pero falló. She tried to kick the ball but missed.

21. (to discover)

a. to find

Después de años de investigación, por fin dio con la solución. *After years of research*, she finally found the solution.

b. to hit upon

Hasta el día de hoy, nadie ha dado con la respuesta al acertijo. *So far, no one has hit upon the answer to the riddle.*

c. to come up with

El equipo aún no ha dado con una solución al problema. The team still hasn't come up with a solution to the problem.

22. (to be inclined)

a. no direct translation

Desde que supo que consiguió el trabajo, le ha dado con ir de compras todo el tiempo. *Ever since he found out that he got the job, he's taken to nonstop shopping.*

Me ha dado con tomarme una copa de vino con la cena. I've started having a glass of wine with my dinner.

23. (to be sufficient; used with "para")

a. to be enough

No sé si esta pizza dé para todos. I'm not sure if this pizza will be enough for everyone.

24. (to motivate)

a. to give

Los sucesos de hoy me han dado de qué pensar. *Today's events have given me something to think about.*

25. (to shine)

a. to hit

De este ángulo el sol me da en los ojos y no puedo ver. From this angle, the sun hits my eyes and I can't see.

26. (to pass out cards)

a. to deal

Ya el repartidor dio, así que te toca jugar. *The dealer already dealt so it's your turn to play.* darse

pronominal verb

27. (to thrive)

a. to grow

Esta variedad de lechuga se da en cualquier sitio. *This lettuce variety can grow anywhere*.

28. (to bash; used with "con")

a. to hit

Me di en el codo con la mesa y ahora está dormido. I hit my elbow on the table and now it's numb.

b. to crash

Por estar texteando mientras conducía, se dio contra la pared del túnel. *He crashed into the tunnel wall because he was texting while driving.*

c. to bump

Prende la luz, que no me quiero dar con la esquina de la cama. *Turn on the light; I don't want to bump into the corner of the bed.*

29. (to occur)

a. to happen

Una luna de sangre no se da muy a menudo. A blood moon doesn't happen that often.

b. no direct translation

Una oportunidad así no se da muy a menudo. Such an opportunity does not present itself very often. Esta aventura sólo se da una vez en la vida. You only get an adventure like this once in a lifetime.

30. (to start) a. to take to

Estoy preocupado porque Javier se ha dado a fumar demasiado. *I'm worried because Javier has taken to smoking too much*.

reflexive verb

31. (to hurt oneself)

a. to hit oneself

Me di en la cabeza con el borde de la ventana. I hit myself in the head with the edge of the window.

32. (to surrender) (Mexico)

a. to give up

Vas a perder, ¿te das? You are going to lose. Do you give up?

hacer

transitive verb

1. (to complete)

a. <u>to do</u>

Haz los deberes. Do your homework.

2. (to produce)

a. to make

Hice la comida de mis hijos. *I made my children's lunch*.

b. to prepare

Nos reuniremos este fin de semana para hacer la presentación. We will meet this weekend to prepare the presentation.

3. (to create)

a. to make

Hoy les enseñaré a hacer su propio sitio web. *Today I'll show you how to make your own website*.

4. (to carry out)

a. to make

Estoy ocupado haciendo los preparativos para la fiesta. *I'm busy making preparations for the party*.

5. (used in place of another verb)

a. to do

Me mandó a lavar los platos pero ya lo había hecho. *He told me to wash the dishes but I had already done it.*

6. (to acquire)

a. to make

Hizo una nueva amiga en el colegio. He made a new friend at school.

7. (to cause)

a. to make

La hizo llorar.*He made her cry*.

8. (to imagine)

a. to think

Hacía la casa sola. I thought there was nobody at home.

9. (to transform)

a. to make

El dolor hizo mi vida miserable. The pain made my life miserable.

10. (to obey)

a. to do

Haz lo que te digo. Do as I say.

11. (to cause to look)

a. to make look

Ese peinado te hace más vieja. That hairstyle makes you look older.

12. (to behave)

a. to act

¡No hagas el mono en el colegio!Don't act the fool at school! (the monkey)

13. (to gross)

a. to make

Se dice que el doctor hace hasta seis cifras. They say the doctor makes at least six figures.

b. <u>to earn</u>

Mi hermanito hizo una fortuna vendiendo limonada. *My little brother earned a fortune selling lemonade*.

14. (to take time)

a. to take

Les hizo dos semanas manejar a California. It took them two weeks to drive to California.

15. (to cover distance)

a. to do

Hicimos 150 millas en el último viaje. We did 150 miles on the last vacation.

b. to cover

Podemos hacer más distancia si salimos de noche. We can cover more distance if we leave at night.

<u>impersonal verb</u>

16. (time)

a. it has been

Hace mucho tiempo que no te veo. It has been a long time since I've seen you.

17. (weather)

a. to be

En invierno hace frío. It's cold in winter.

hacerse

reflexive verb

18. (to create for oneself)

a. to make for oneself

Se hizo un vestido de seda. She made herself a silk dress.

pronominal verb

19. (to feign)

a. to pretend

No te hagas el santo; tú también te equivocas. *Don't pretend to be a saint; you make mistakes, too.*

b. to act

No te hagas el tonto conmigo. Don't act the fool with me.

20. (to turn into)

a. to become

Su sueño era hacerse dentista. His dream was to become a dentist.

querer

transitive verb

- 1. (to wish)
- a. to want

Quiero comer chocolate. I want to eat chocolate.

2. (to feel affection for)

a. to love

Ella todavía te quiere profundamente. *She still loves you deeply*.

b. to like

El perro te quiere mucho. *The dog likes you a lot*.

c. to be fond of

Quiero mucho a mis estudiantes. I am very fond of my students.

3. (to have as intention)

a. to mean

No sé si quisiste ofenderme pero lo lograste. I don't know if you meant to offend me but you did.

b. to try

Hace años que quiero ir a París, pero es demasiado caro. *I've been trying to go to Paris for years, but it's too expensive.*

masculine noun

4. (object of one's affection)

a. beloved

Llora por el hombre que fue su querer. She cries for the man that was her beloved.

b. love

El primer querer siempre es el más fuerte. *The first love is always the deepest*.

5. (romance)

a. <u>love affair</u>

Cuando salió a relucir su querer, el gobernador renunció. When his love affair was exposed, the governor resigned.

intransitive verb

6. (to wish)

a. to want

Haz lo que quieras. Ya nosotros no estamos juntos. *Do whatever you want. We're not together anymore*.

quererse

reciprocal verb

7. (affection)

a. to love each other

Dejaron de quererse. They no longer love each other.

deber

transitive verb

1. (to reciprocate)

a. to owe

El dinero que me debe cubriría mis facturas. The money he owes me would cover my bills.

auxiliary verb

2. (used to express obligation)

a. must (used with an infinitive)

Debo ser responsable. *I must be responsible*.

b. have to

Ya sabes que debes ponerte la corbata para ir al colegio. You know you have to wear your tie to go to school.

c. should

Los culpables de delitos viales deben ser sancionados. *Traffic offenders should be punished*.

d. ought to

Deberías ser más amable con los vecinos. You ought to be more polite with our neighbors.

3. (used to express probability)

a. must (used with an infinitive)

¿Cuántos años tiene tu profesora de francés? - Debe tener unos cuarenta. *How old is your French teacher? - She must be around forty.*

masculine noun

4. (responsibility)

a. duty

Es mi deber proteger mi país. It's my duty to protect my country.

b. <u>obligation</u>

Es tu deber como madre cuidar a tus hijos. It's your obligation as a mother to take care of your children.

deberes

plural noun

5. (education)

a. homework

Tengo un montón de deberes que hacer este fin de semana. *I have a ton of homework to do this weekend.* (*a heap*)

deberse

pronominal verb

6. (to be the result of)

a. to be due to

Esta situación se debe a la falta de información. *This situation is due to a lack of information*. poder

auxiliary verb

1. (having capability)

a. <u>can</u>

Mi novia puede bailar salsa. My girlfriend can dance salsa.

b. to be able to

Necesito mis gafas para poder ver. I need my glasses to be able to see.

2. (asking for something or permission)

a. can

¿Me puedes pasar ese lápiz? Can you pass me that pencil?

¿Podría ver un menú, por favor? Could I see a menu, please?

b. <u>may</u>

¿Puedo usar el baño? May I use the bathroom?

c. to be allowed to

¿Podemos traer alcohol al concierto? *Are we allowed to bring alcohol to the concert?*

3. (to be possible)

a. may

Puede que Aurora haya pensado que nos encontraríamos en el cine. *Aurora may have thought we were going to meet at the movies*.

b. can

No se puede fumar en la sala. You cannot smoke inside the theater.

- 4. (indicating moral obligation)
- a. can

No podemos rechazar a los refugiados de la guerra. We cannot turn away the refugees from the war.

- 5. (in reproaches)
- a. can

¿Cómo podrías decirme cosas tan crueles? How could you say such cruel things to me?

b. may

Podrías haberme dicho que tu hermana se quedaría con nosotros. *You might have told me your sister was going to stay with us.*

6. (in suggestions)

a. can

No sé si comer una sopa o un sándwich. - Podrías pedir el combo que trae mitad de un sándwich y una sopa. I don't know if I should have soup or a sandwich. - You could get the half-sandwich and soup combo.

b. may

Podrías llamar de nuevo al hotel a ver si tienen tu bufanda. *You might try calling the hotel again to see if they found your scarf.*

intransitive verb

7. (to tolerate; used with "con")

a. to stand

No puedo más con mi jefe. I can't stand my boss.

b. to put up with

No puedo más contigo. Me estás volviendo loca. *I can't put up with you any longer. You're driving me crazy.*

- 8. (to be capable of; used with "con")
- a. to manage

Él no puede con tanto trabajo. *He can't manage so much work.*

- 9. (to hurt) (Mexico)
- a. to upset

Me pudo mucho lo que me dijiste. What you said really upset me.

impersonal verb

10. (indicating possibility)

a. may

Puede que no venga a la fiesta. He might not come to the party.

masculine noun

- 11. (ability)
- a. power

Mi hermanita cree que tiene poderes mágicos. My little sister thinks she has magic powers.

- 12. (control)
- a. power

Él tiene todo el poder en esa relación. He has all the power in that relationship.

b. influence

Ella es la que tiene todo el poder, así que mejor habla con ella. She's the one with all the influence, so you'd better talk to her.

13. (political)

a. power

El poder del presidente incluye vetar cualquier legislación pasada por el Congreso. *Among the president's powers is the ability to veto any legislation passed by Congress.*

- 14. (in someone's care)
- a. possession

Tengo en mi poder un certificado que prueba la autenticidad de la pintura. I have in my possession a letter that proves the painting's authenticity.

15. (mechanical)

a. power

¿Cuánto poder tiene el motor de este carro? How much power does this car's engine have?

transitive verb

16. (colloquial) (to defeat)

a. to beat

¡Vamos! ¡Tú le puedes!Come on! You can beat him!

b. to be stronger than

El forzudo retó a cualquiera a ver si le pueden. *The strongman challenged anyone to see whether they're stronger than him.*

poderes

plural noun

17. (legal authority)

a. powers

A Daniel le confirieron los poderes para gestionar la empresa tras la muerte de su padre. *After the death of his father, all the business' powers were passed to Daniel.*

b. authority

El comité no tiene los poderes para confirmar el nombramiento. *The committee doesn't have the authority to confirm the appointment*.

necesitar

transitive verb

1. (to require)

a. to need

Necesito canela para la tarta. I need some cinnamon for the cake (the pie).

auxiliary verb

2. (to be necessary)

a. to need

Necesitan salir ya si quieren alcanzar su vuelo. You need to leave now if you want to make your flight.

necesitar

transitive verb

1. (general)

a. to need

necesito que me lo digasI need you to tell me

esta planta necesita que la rieguenthis plant needs watering

se necesita camarerowaiter wanted

se necesita ser ignorante para no saber esoyou'd have to be an ignoramus not to know that

intransitive verb

2. (general)

a. no direct translation

necesitar deto need, to have need of

necesitamos de tu ayudawe need your help

saber

transitive verb

1. (to have knowledge)

a. to know

Yo sé que la capital de la República Dominicana es Santo Domingo. I know that the capital of the Dominican Republic is Santo Domingo.

2. (to learn of)

a. to find out

Lo supe porque lo vi por internet. *I found out because I saw it online*.

b. to hear

Las entradas para el concierto ya se agotaron. - ¿Cómo lo supiste? *The concert is sold out. - How did you hear that*?

3. (to be able to)

a. to know how

Mi hijo no sabe amarrarse los zapatos. My son doesn't know how to tie his shoes.

b. can

¿Sabes hablar japonés? Can you speak Japanese?

intransitive verb

4. (to have a flavor; often used with "a")

a. to taste

Este caramelo sabe a miel. This candy tastes like honey.

5. (to have knowledge)

a. to know

¿Qué sabes del paradero del acampamento de la rebelión? What do you know about the whereabouts of the rebel camp?

6. (to find out; often used with "de")

a. to hear

Supe del problema del agua ayer. ¿Qué vas a hacer? I heard about the problem with the water yesterday. What are you going to do?

7. (to make an impression)

a. no direct translation

¡Me sabe genial recibir un 10 en el examen! I feel great getting a 10 on the exam!

Muy supo muy mal la manera en que te hablaron en la junta. I really disliked the way they talked to you in the meeting.

impersonal verb

8. (to have knowledge)

a. to know

Se sabe que los vampiros se alimentan de sangre. It is known that vampires feed on blood.

masculine noun

9. (wisdom)

a. knowledge

El saber popular se basa en creencias. *Popular knowledge is based on beliefs*.

saberse

pronominal verb

10. (to have knowledge)

a. to know

Me sé todas las canciones de Elvis. I know all Elvis's songs.

decir

transitive verb

1. (to speak)

a. to say

What did you say? I couldn't hear you. ¿Qué dijiste? No te escuché.

b. to tell

¿Jura decir la verdad?Do you swear to tell the truth?

2. (to give an opinion)

a. to say

¿Qué dices de la nueva ley de transporte? What do you say about the new law on transportation?

b. to think

¿Y qué dices tú del asunto? What do you think about the whole issue?

c. to believe

¿Quién hubiera dicho que Juliana y Gustavo acabarían juntos? Who would have believed that Juliana and Gustavo would end up together?

- 3. (to be rumored)
- a. to say

Dicen que va a nevar mañana. *They say it's going to snow tomorrow*.

- 4. (to transmit orders)
- a. to tell

Dile a tu hermano que haga sus tareas. Tell your brother to do his homework.

b. <u>to say</u>

Mamá dijo que nos teníamos que acostar. Mom said we had to go to sleep.

- 5. (to narrate)
- a. to recite

Ahora voy a decir un poema nuevo que escribí sobre el amor perdido. *Now I will recite a poem I wrote about lost love*.

- 6. (to signify)
- a. to tell

El que no lo interese planear la boda, me dice que Jorge no está listo para casarse. *The fact that he's not interested in planning the wedding tells me Jorge's not ready to get married.*

- 7. (to be indicated in text)
- a. to say

La Biblia dice que uno debe amar al prójimo. The Bible says we should love our neighbors.

- 8. (religious)
- a. to say (mass)

Después de que el sacerdote dice la homilía. reparte la comunión. *After the priest says the homily, he hands out Communion*.

- 9. (to invite to speak)
- a. to go ahead

¿Le puedo pedir un favor? - ¡Claro! Dime, ¿en qué le puedo ayudar? Can I ask a favor of you? - Of course! Go ahead, how can I help you?

intransitive verb

- 10. (used to answer the phone) (Spain)
- a. hello (interjection)

¿Diga?Hello!

masculine noun

- 11. (proverb)
- a. saying

"De tal palo, tal astilla" es un decir popular. "Like father like son" is a popular saying.

- 12. (form of expression)
- a. manner of speaking

¡No te enfades, mujer! Es solo un decir. *Come on, don't get annoyed! It's just a manner of speaking.* decirse

reflexive verb

13. (to promise oneself)

a. to tell oneself

Me dije que no volvería a empezar a fumar. *I told myself that I wouldn't start smoking again.*

b. to say to oneself

Me dije a mi misma, esto no sienta bien. I said to myself, this doesn't feel right.

c. to think to oneself

Me sigo diciendo, ¿qué hubiera pasado si hubiera aceptado ese trabajo? *I keep thinking to myself, what would have happened had I taken that job?*

pronominal verb

14. (to label)

a. to call

En Puerto Rico a la basura se le dice "zafacón". In Puerto Rico, the trash is called "zafacón."

oír

transitive verb

- 1. (to perceive sounds)
- a. to hear

Las paredes son tan finas que oigo a los vecinos hablar. The walls are so thin I can hear the neighbors talking.

- 2. (to actively hear)
- a. to listen to

Se pasa las tardes oyendo música. He spends all afternoon listening to music.

- 3. (to be informed of)
- a. to hear

Oí la noticia del motín en la radio. I heard the news of the riot on the radio.

- 4. (to pay attention to)
- a. to hear

Me quejé a mucha gente, pero nadie quiso oírme. *I complained to many people*, but nobody wanted to hear me.

- 5. (to understand)
- a. <u>to get</u> (colloquial)

"No lo vuelvas a hacer, ¿me oyes?" dijo el maestro. "Don't do it again, got it?" said the teacher. oírse

pronominal verb

- 6. (colloquial) (to perceive sounds)
- a. to sound

¿Qué tal se oye ahí atrás? How does it sound back there?

b. to hear

No se oía nada por el ruido del avión. *Nothing could be heard over the noise of the airplane*.

venir

intransitive verb

- 1. (from one place to another)
- a. to come

El tren viene de Andalucía. The train comes from Andalusia.

b. <u>to arrive</u>

Ella vino en el vuelo de las 9pm. She arrived on the 9pm flight.

- 2. (to return)
- a. to come back

Vine a la casa para almorzar. *I came back home for lunch*.

b. to be back

El perro vendrá cuando tenga hambre. The dog will be back when it's hungry.

- 3. (indicating origin)
- a. to be from

Gabriel viene de México. Gabriel is from Mexico.

- 4. (to be available)
- a. to be

Los subtítulos de la película vienen en inglés. *The subtitles for the movie are in English*.

b. to come

Esta comida viene va hecha. *This food comes pre-made*.

- 5. (to occur)
- a. to come

¡Ya mismo viene la Navidad! Christmas is coming soon!

b. to come up

Tu cumpleaños viene ya mismo. *Your birthday is coming up soon.*

6. (to be overcome by)

a. to get

Me viene sueño en el trabajo después de almorzar. *I get drowsy at work after eating lunch.*

A nosotros nos vino una gripe terrible. We got a terrible flu.

7. (indicating future)

a. to come

Lo mejor está por venir. The best is yet to come.

Ahora viene la escena que me gusta. *The scene I like is coming up*.

b. <u>next</u> (followed by a timeframe)

La semana que viene estaré trabajando desde casa. *I'll be working from home next week*.

El año que viene visitaremos Japón. *Next year we're traveling to Japan.*

8. (to befit)

a. to look (physical appearance)

¿Me viene bien este peinado? Does this hairstyle look good on me?

b. to suit

¿Te viene bien encontrarnos en el restaurante? Does meeting at the restaurant suit you?

c. to be

Creo que este vestido me viene muy grande. I think this dress is too big on me.

d. to come

Estas botas me vendrán bien cuando haya mucha nieve. *These boots will come in handy when it's snowy out.*

e. to do

Unas largas vacaciones me vendrían bien. A long vacation would do me well.

9. (to indicate meaning)

a. to mean

¿A qué vienes con decir eso? What do you mean by saying that?

10. (to stop by for someone; used with "por")

a. to pick someone up

Avísale a Sofía que sus amigas han venido por ella. Tell Sofia her friends have come to pick her up.

11. (to stop by for something; used with "a por")

a. to come to pick something up

El mensajero ha venido a por el contrato. *The messenger has come to pick up the contract*.

auxiliary verb

12. (before the gerund)

a. to come in

Ellos vinieron cantando. *They came in singing*.

13. (before participle)

a. to come

Ella vino cansada del trabajo. *She came back from work tired*.

interjection

14. (to express encouragement in sports)

a. come on

¡Venga portero! Come on goalie!

15. (to express encouragement socially)

a. come on

Venga, vamos a la fiesta. No seas pesada. Come on, let's go to the party. Don't be a bore.

venirse

reflexive verb

16. (from one place to another)

a. to come

Se vino una tormenta mientras nadábamos en la playa. *A storm came upon us as we swam at the beach*.

El perro se vino sin ser llamado. *The dog came without being called*.

- 17. (to return)
- a. to come back

Se vino solo de la fiesta. He came back alone from the party.

- 18. (slang) (sexual)
- a. <u>to come</u> (colloquial)

Se vino en tan solo unos minutos. She came in just a few minutes.

ver

transitive verb

- 1. (to perceive with the eyes)
- a. to see

¿Quieres ver mi carro nuevo? Do you want to see my new car?

- 2. (to observe)
- a. to watch

Se sentaron en el sofá a ver su programa de televisión favorito. *They sat on the sofa to watch their favorite television program*.

b. to look at

Me gusta ir a ver los cuadros en el museo. I like to go look at paintings in the museum.

- 3. (to notice)
- a. to see

¿Tu ves la diferencia entre esta camisa y la azul?Do you see the difference between this shirt and the blue one?

- 4. (to verify)
- a. to see

Ve a ver quién está en la puerta. Go see who's at the door.

b. to check

Tengo que ver cuánto dinero tengo en el banco. I have to see how much money I have in the bank.

5. (to be witness to)

a. to see

Este campo vio la muerte de muchos durante la guerra. This field saw the death of many during the war.

b. to witness

Esta ciudad ha visto tiempos buenos y malos. *This city has witnessed good times and bad.*

c. to live through

Mi abuelo ha visto cuatro guerras y sigue siendo optimista. *My grandfather has lived through four wars, and he's still an optimist.*

6. (to recognize)

a. to see

No le veo nada de chistoso en esto. *I don't see anything funny about this*.

- 7. (to comprehend)
- a. to see

¿Ves lo que te digo?Do you see what I'm saying?

b. to understand

No veo por qué tengo que trabajar. I don't understand why I have to work.

8. (to picture)

a. to see

No la veo viviendo en otro país. *I can't see her living in another country*.

b. to imagine

Todavía los puedo ver como si fuera ayer. I can still imagine you guys like it was yesterday.

- 9. (to meet)
- a. to see

Voy a ver al doctor esta tarde. *I'm going to see the doctor this afternoon*.

b. to meet with

Tienes que ver al cliente mañana. *You have to meet with the client tomorrow.*

10. (legal)

a. to hear

Tu caso se verá en el tribunal el mes entrante. Your case will be heard in court next month.

b. to try

El caso de la Mataviejitas será visto en el capital. The case of the Old Lady Killer will be tried in the capital.

11. (to study)

a. to see

El semestre que viene veremos el impacto de las empresas sobre el medioambiente. *Next semester* we will see the impact of companies on the environment.

intransitive verb

12. (to perceive with the eyes)

a. to see

Amanecí esta mañana y no pude ver. I woke up this morning and I couldn't see.

13. (to observe)

a. to watch

Mamá, ¡ve! Puedo manejar el carro yo solito. Mom, watch! I can drive the car all by myself.

14. (to verify)

a. to see

¿Tenemos papel sanitario? Déjame ver. *Do we have toilet paper? Let me see*.

15. (to consider)

a. to see

¿Podemos ir a la playa mañana? - Vamos a ver. Can we go to the beach tomorrow? - We'll see.

16. (to comprehend)

a. to see

¿Ya ves? - No, no veo. Explícame de nuevo la situación. *You see? - No, I don't see. Explain the situation to me again.*

17. (to try; used with "de")

a. to see about

Vemos de arreglar el fregadero mañana. We'll see about fixing the sink tomorrow.

masculine noun

18. (appearance)

a. no direct translation

Ese actor no es de mal ver, pero a mí no me gusta. *That actor isn't bad-looking, but I don't find him attractive*.

¿Cómo es tu prima? - Es inteligente, trabajadora, y además tiene buen ver. What's your cousin like?

- She's smart, hardworking, and she's also good-looking.

19. (opinion)

a. view

Bueno, en mi ver, la educación debe ser gratis para todos. *Well, in my view, education should be free for everyone.*

verse

reflexive verb

20. (to view oneself)

a. to see oneself

Me quiero ver en el espejo a ver cómo me queda el corte de pelo. I want to see myself in the mirror to see how my haircut looks.

21. (to imagine oneself)

a. to see oneself

No me veo trabajando aquí de por vida. *I don't see myself working here for the rest of my life*.

b. to picture oneself

No me puedo ver casado. *I don't picture myself married*.

22. (to be in a situation)

a. to find oneself

Él se vio rodeado de enemigos. He found himself surrounded by enemies.

pronominal verb

23. (to seem)

a. to look

¿Te hiciste algo? ¡Te ves fantástica!*Is there something different about you? You look fantastic!* reciprocal verb

24. (to meet up with)

a. to see each other

Nos vimos en la fiesta de anoche. We saw each other at last night's party.

mirar

transitive verb

1. (to direct one's gaze)

a. to look at

Hay un hombre mirándote. *There is a man looking at you*.

b. <u>to watch</u> (implies greater attention or time)

¡Deja de mirarme todo el tiempo! No estoy haciendo nada malo. *Stop watching me all the time! I'm not doing anything wrong.*

2. (to be attentive)

a. to be careful about

Mira mucho lo que come. She's very careful about what she eats.

b. to make sure

Mira que tengas todo el dinero en la cartera. Make sure you have all the money in your wallet.

intransitive verb

3. (to see)

a. to look

¡Mira, una estrella fugaz!Look, a shooting star!

El ladrón miró hacia atrás a ver si lo perseguían. The thief looked back to see if he was being followed.

4. (to be oriented)

a. to face

Mi habitación mira a la calle. My room faces the street.

mirarse

reflexive verb

5. (to observe oneself)

a. to look at oneself

Narciso se miraba en el agua. *Narcissus looked at himself in the water*.

reciprocal verb

6. (to observe one another)

a. to look at each other

Los enamorados se miraron y declararon su amor. *The lovers looked at each other and declared their love*.

buscar

transitive verb

1. (to try to find)

a. to look for

Estoy buscando un nuevo desafío. I am looking for a new challenge.

b. to look up (in books)

Busca el número en el catálogo. Look up the number in the catalog.

2. (to collect)

a. to pick up

Estuve esperando a que mi hermano viniera a buscarme para ir a almorzar. *I was waiting for my brother to come and pick me up for lunch*.

buscarse

pronominal verb

3. (to try to cause)

a. to ask for

Se puede buscar un problema si sigue así. He 's asking for trouble if he continues like that.

poner

transitive verb

- 1. (to place)
- a. to put

¿Dónde pones las llaves? Where do you put the keys?

b. to add

Si pones más peso, se romperá. If you add more weight, it will break.

2. (figurative)

a. to put

Su renuncia me pone en una situación difícil. *His resignation puts me in a difficult position*.

3. (clothing)

a. to put on

Después de bañar a la bebé, hay que ponerle ropa limpia. *After giving the baby a bath, you have to put clean clothes on her.*

4. (to install)

a. to put

Es lógico que pongan allí un colegio nuevo. It makes sense to put a new school there.

5. (to ship)

a. to send

El mensaje que le puso era simple. The message he sent her was simple.

6. (to grade)

a. to give

Mi profesor me puso mala nota. *My professor gave me a bad grade*.

7. (eggs)

a. to lay

Las gallinas ponen un huevo al día. Hens lay one egg a day.

8. (to contribute)

a. to put in

Podemos alquilar ese sitio si todos ponemos algo de dinero. We can rent the place if everybody puts in some cash.

9. (to connect)

a. to put on

Pon la televisión para ver las noticias. Put the television on to watch the news.

b. to turn on

¿Ponemos la calefacción? Shall we turn the heating on?

ponerse

<u>reflexive verb</u>

10. (to become)

a. to get

No te pongas impaciente conmigo cuando no has hecho nada para ayudar. *Don't get impatient with me when you haven't done anything to help.*

b. to turn

Se pone blando cuando se cocina. It turns soft when cooked.

11. (clothing)

a. to put on

Ponte los guantes. Put your gloves on.

12. (to place oneself)

a. to move

Ponte un poco más a la derecha. Move a little more to the right.

13. (sun)

a. to set

El sol se pone y entonces cae la noche. The sun sets and then night falls.

tocar

transitive verb

- 1. (to feel)
- a. to touch

Puedes saber si tu bebé tiene fiebre tocando su frente. *You can tell if your baby has a fever by touching her forehead.*

- 2. (to have contact with)
- a. to touch

Ese coche está tocando el mío. That car is touching mine.

- 3. (to play an instrument)
- a. to play

Me gusta tocar el piano. I like to play the piano.

- 4. (to play music)
- a. to play

La banda está tocando una canción antigua. The band is playing an old song.

- 5. (to broach)
- a. to touch

Ambas partes prometieron no tocar el tema. *The two sides pledged not to touch the issue.*

- 6. (to rotate turns)
- a. to be one's turn

Ahora me toca jugar a mí. Now it's my turn to play.

tocarse

reflexive verb

- 7. (to feel)
- a. to touch

Se toca el pelo cuando se pone nerviosa. When she gets nervous she touches her hair.

reciprocal verb

- 8. (to have contact with)
- a. to touch

Solo nos tocamos para estrecharnos la mano. *We don't touch each other unless it's to shake hands.* sentir

transitive verb

- 1. (to sense)
- a. to feel

Puedo sentir el latido de mi corazón en los dedos. I can feel my heartbeat in my fingers.

b. to hear

¿Sentiste el estruendo? Did you hear that loud noise?

- 2. (to sense) (Latin America)
- a. to smell

¿No sientes esa peste? Don't you smell that stench?

b. to taste

La torta siente a quemado. *The cakes tastes burnt*.

- 3. (to regret)
- a. to feel sorry for

Sentimos mucho su pérdida. We're very sorry for your loss.

b. to be sorry about

Siento mucho lo de tu empleo. Espero que te salga otra oportunidad pronto. I'm really sorry about your job. I hope something else comes up soon.

sentirse

pronominal verb

4. (to be in a given state)

a. to feel

Me siento siempre cansado y no tengo energías. I feel tired all the time and have no energy.

5. (to take offense) (Mexico)

a. to get upset

El niño se sintió porque no pudo hacer lo que quería. *The kid got upset because he couldn't do what he wanted to do.*

escuchar

transitive verb

1. (general)

a. to listen

Escucha al profesor siempre que te dé instrucciones. *Always listen to the teacher when you are given instructions*.

Ella suele escuchar jazz de camino al trabajo. *She usually listens to jazz on her way to work.*

2. (general) (Latin America)

a. to hear

Hola, ¿me escuchas? *Hello*, can you hear me?

3. (to heed)

a. to listen

¿Me escucharás si te digo que no desesperes? *Will you listen to me if I tell you not to panic?* escucharse

reflexive verb

4. (general)

a. to listen to oneself

A veces me escucho y no sé lo que digo. *Sometimes I listen to myself and I don't know what I'm saying.*

llevar

transitive verb

1. (to transport)

a. to take

Lleva los platos sucios a la cocina. *Take the dirty plates to the kitchen*.

b. to carry

Mi marido llevará las bolsas de la compra. My husband will carry the grocery bags.

2. (to guide)

a. to take

El mayordomo nos llevó a nuestra habitación. The butler took us to our room.

3. (to use clothing)

a. to wear

Ella siempre lleva sus botas favoritas cuando nieva. *She always wears her favorite boots when it snows*.

4. (to indicate passage of time)

a. <u>to be</u>

Llevo cuatro horas estudiando y todavía me queda mucho. *I've been studying for four hours and there's still a lot left*.

- 5. (to overtake someone or something)
- a. to be ahead

Le lleva cuatro metros de ventaja en la carrera. He is ahead by four meters in the race.

b. <u>to be older than</u> (comparative)

Mi marido me lleva dos meses. My husband is two months older than me.

intransitive verb

6. (to take to: used with "a")

a. to lead to

¿Sabes a dónde lleva este túnel?Do you know where this tunnel leads to?

auxiliary verb

7. (to complete)

a. to have (used with past participle)

Lleva comidos cuatro trozos de pizza. She has already eaten four slices of pizza.

llevarse

pronominal verb

8. (to transport)

a. to take

Se llevó todas sus pertenencias consigo. *He took all of his belongings with him.*

9. (to be friends)

a. to get along

Las dos hermanas nunca se han llevado bien. The two sisters have never gotten along well.

mostrar

transitive verb

1. (to exhibit)

a. to show

¿Oíste que están mostrando la nueva película en IMAX? Did you hear that they're showing the new movie in IMAX?

b. to display

Los vendedores en la feria muestran sus mercancías al público. *The vendors at the fair display their wares to the public*.

2. (to demonstrate)

a. to show

Muéstrame cómo se juega. Show me how to play.

mostrarse

pronominal verb

3. (to appear)

a. to seem

Se mostraron emocionados con la noticia. *They seemed excited by the news*.

b. to act

Siempre se muestran educados ante la maestra. They always act polite in front of the teacher.

llegar

<u>intransitive verb</u>

1. (to reach a place; often used with "a")

a. to arrive

¿Sabes si ya llegó Miguel?Do you know if Miguel has arrived yet?

b. to get to

Voy a llegar al restaurante un poco atrasado. *I am going to get to the restaurant a little late.*

2. (to be the time for)

a. to come

El fin de semana llegó lentamente. The weekend came slowly.

b. to arrive

Este año el otoño ha sido lento en llegar. Autumn has been slow to arrive this year.

- 3. (to be sufficient)
- a. to be enough

No me llega el sueldo, así que voy a pedir un aumento. *My salary is not enough, so I'm going to ask for a raise*.

- 4. (to extend; often used with "a")
- a. to reach
- ¿Llegas al teléfono desde la cama? Can you reach the telephone from the bed?
- 5. (to get to; often used with "a")
- a. to become

No llegarás a rico haciendo el vago. You won't become rich by slacking off.

b. to go

Con esa persistencia llegarás lejos. You'll go far with that persistence.

c. to make it

Mi sueño es llegar a los cien años. My dream is to make it to a hundred.

d. to come to

Con la información proveída, demuestra cómo llegaste a tu conclusión. With the information provided, please show how you came to your conclusion.

6. (to total; used with "a")

a. to reach

El precio del barril de Brent llegó a los 100 dólares. *The price of a barrel of Brent reached 100 dollars*.

- 7. (to extend; used with "a" or "hasta")
- a. to stretch

Nuestras tierras llegan hasta el río. Our lands stretch to the river.

8. (to get to a place; used with "a")

a. to come to

Obama llegó a la Casa Blanca a principios de 2009. *Obama came to the White House at the beginning of 2009*.

- 9. (to be able to; used with "a" and the infinitive)
- a. to manage to

¿Llegaste a ver el eclipse? Did you manage to see the eclipse?

10. (indicating distance or level; used with "a" or "hasta")

a. to come up to

Después del aguacero, el agua me llegaba a la rodilla. The water came up to my knees after the downpour.

b. to reach

No llego a la bombilla para cambiarla. *I can't reach the bulb to change it.*

c. to touch

No me gustan las faldas que llegan hasta el piso. I don't like skirts that touch the floor.

- 11. (road or route; used with "a" or "hasta")
- a. to go as far as

El Camino de Santiago llega hasta el extremo oeste de España. *The Camino de Santiago goes as far as the extreme west of Spain.*

b. to go to

Esta ruta no llega al mar. This route doesn't go to the sea.

12. (to hold up)

a. to last

Ojalá estas llantas me lleguen otras cien mil millas. *Hopefully, these tires will last me another hundred thousand miles*.

13. (to amount to; used with "a")

a. to come to

Esperemos que no llegue a eso. *Let's hope it doesn't come to that.*

b. to reach

Un jumbo puede llegar a una velocidad de 614 millas por hora. *A jumbo jet can reach speeds of 614 miles per hour.*

c. to be

Los arreglos a una bicicleta pueden llegar a más de mil dólares. *Repairs to bicycles can be as much as a thousand dollars*.

14. (in conditional phrases; used with "a")

a. no direct translation

Si llego a saber que tendrían nuevos episodios, no hubiera cancelado mi membresía. *Had I known that they were going to have new episodes I never would have cancelled my membership.*

Si llegaras a ir al restaurante, tienes que probar la tarta de fresa. If you end up going to the restaurant, you must try the strawberry tart.

llegarse

pronominal verb

15. (to go round to; used with "a")

a. to go over to (United States)

Llégate a casa de Rosa y pídele una taza de azúcar. Go over to Rosa's house and ask her for a cup of sugar.

b. to go round (United Kingdom)

Llégate al supermercado y cómprame un litro de leche, por favor. *Go round the supermarket and buy me a liter of milk, please.*

16. (to approach; used with "a")

a. to go up to

Me llegué a ella y le pedí un autógrafo. I went up to her and asked her for an autograph.

recordar

transitive verb

1. (to recall)

a. to remember

No recuerdo mi contraseña. *I can't remember my password*.

b. to recall

Por su vida no puede recordar mi nombre. He can't recall my name for the life of him.

2. (to call to mind)

a. to remind

Recuérdame que cargue el celular. Remind me to charge my cell phone.

recordarse

reflexive verb

3. (to awake from sleep) (Mexico)

a. to wake up

Necesito un despertador para recordarme a tiempo. *I need an alarm clock to wake up on time*. acordar

transitive verb

1. (to reach an agreement)

a. to agree (followed by a verb)

Las dos empresas acordaron reducir su consumo de energía. *The two companies agreed to reduce their energy consumption*.

b. <u>to agree on</u> (followed by a noun)

Tendrán que acordar los pasos que tomarán para lograr dicha reducción. *They will have to agree on the steps that they will take to achieve said reduction.*

2. (to remind)

a. to remind

Le acordé a mi jefe que tiene una reunión a las cuatro. *I reminded my boss that he has a meeting at four.*

3. (to grant) (Latin America)

a. to award

Esta noche durante la cena le acordarán el premio por mejor novela. *Tonight during the dinner they will award him the prize for best novel*.

acordarse

pronominal verb

- 4. (to recall)
- a. to remember

Me acuerdo que la primera vez que vi "El imperio contraataca", lloré al final. *I remember that the first time I saw "The Empire Strikes Back", I cried at the end.* soler

intransitive verb

- 1. (with infinitive)
- a. to use to (in past tense)

Solíamos irnos de vacaciones a San Sebastián. We used to go on vacation to San Sebastian.

b. to tend to

Suelen comer mucha comida rápida porque viajan mucho. *They tend to eat a lot of fast food because they travel so much*.

c. <u>usually</u> (as adverb)

Suele haber muchas fiestas en la playa durante el verano. *There are usually a lot of parties on the beach in the summer.*

d. to be in the habit of (with "-ing" form)

Sueles llegar a clase cinco minutos antes. ¿Qué ha pasado hoy? *You're in the habit of arriving to class five minutes early. What happened today?*

quedar

intransitive verb

- 1. (to remain)
- a. to be left

¿Quedan asientos para nosotros? Are there any seats left for us?

b. to remain

Vamos a ver si queda tiempo para visitar todos los museos. *We will see if there remains time to visit all the museums*.

c. to be left over

Quedó bastante pollo para alimentar a los perros. There was enough chicken left over to feed to the dogs.

- 2. (to be located)
- a. <u>to be</u>

El restaurante queda a tres calles de aquí. The restaurant is three streets away from here.

- 3. (to set a date)
- a. to plan to meet

Quedamos en la puerta principal. *Let's plan to meet at the front door.*

- 4. (to look)
- a. to fit (size)

La talla M me queda realmente bien. Size M fits me really well.

b. to suit (appearance)

¡Ese peinado te queda bien! That hairstyle suits you well!

5. (to wait)

a. to stay

No me pidas que quede si no vas a volver. *Don't ask me to stay if you are not coming back.* quedarse

reflexive verb

- 6. (to remain in a place)
- a. to stay

Nuestros primos se quedaron con nosotros durante la Navidad. *Our cousins stayed with us during Christmas*.

pronominal verb

- 7. (to retain)
- a. to keep

No te puedes quedar con lo que no es tuyo. You can't keep what is not yours.

- 8. (to recall)
- a. to remember (colloquial)

No se me queda la lección después de haberla aprendido. *I can't remember the lesson after I learned it.*

- 9. (to trick)
- a. to kid (Spain)

No trates de quedarte conmigo. Hicimos un trato. *Don't try to kid me. I made a deal with you.*

transitive verb

- 1. (to put)
- a. to leave

Dejé la llave dentro del coche*I left the key inside the car*.

Deja los libros en la mesa cuando acabes de leerlos. *Leave the books on the table when you are finished reading them*.

- 2. (to allow)
- a. to let

Déjame terminar esta tarea y nos vamos. *Let me finish this homework and we will go.*

¿Vas a dejar que acabe de hablar? Would you let me finish talking?

- 3. (to abandon)
- a. to leave

Lo dejó todo para perseguir su sueño. He left everything to follow his dream.

- 4. (to loan)
- a. to lend

¿Me dejarías tu coche? Would you lend me your car?

deiarse

reflexive verb

- 5. (to allow oneself to)
- a. to let oneself

Déjate disfrutar tu fiesta de cumpleaños. *Let yourself enjoy your birthday party.*

- 6. (to neglect oneself)
- a. to let oneself go

Es fácil dejarse cuando se está deprimido. It is easy to let yourself go when depressed.

pensar

transitive verb

- 1. (to reflect)
- a. to think

No lo pienses más, ¡actúa!Don't think too much, just do it!

- 2. (to believe)
- a. to think

Pienso que ya debería estar en casa. I think he should be home by now.

- 3. (to intend)
- a. to plan

Estaba pensando estudiar mañana. I was planning to study tomorrow.

pensarse

reflexive verb

4. (to consider oneself)

a. to think of oneself

Ella se piensa la hija preferida de la familia. *She thinks of herself as the favorite child of the family.* preguntar

transitive verb

- 1. (to request of information)
- a. to ask

Por favor, pregunte a su hija si vendrá a la cena. *Please*, *ask your daughter if she is coming for dinner*.

intransitive verb

- 2. (to inquire)
- a. to ask about

Si pregunta por el libro, dile que está en la biblioteca. *If she asks about the book, tell her it's at the library.*

b. to ask for

Alguien ha llamado preguntando por ti. Someone called asking for you.

preguntarse

reflexive verb

- 3. (to ask oneself)
- a. to wonder

Me pregunto si me llamará pronto. I wonder if she will call me soon.

pasar

transitive verb

- 1. (to give)
- a. to pass

Pásame la mantequilla, por favor. Pass me the butter, please.

- 2. (to occur)
- a. to happen

Afortunadamente no pasó nada malo. *Fortunately nothing bad happened*.

- 3. (to go across)
- a. to cross

Ten cuidado al pasar la carretera. *Be careful when crossing the road*.

- 4. (to reach)
- a. to meet

Los materiales no pasan los criterios rigurosos internos. *The materials don't meet the strict internal standards*.

- 5. (to suffer)
- a. to go through

La familia pasó muchas penalidades durante la posguerra. *The family went through a lot of hard times in the period after the war.*

intransitive verb

- 6. (to proceed)
- a. to come in

Hace frío afuera, pasa. It's cold outside; come in.

b. to go ahead

Pásale; aquí te espero. *Go ahead; I'll wait for you here.*

pasarse

reciprocal verb

- 7. (to transmit)
- a. to pass

Los amigos se pasaron las respuestas durante el examen. *The friends passed each other the answers during the test*.

pronominal verb

8. (to change)

a. to go over

Se pasó al bando del oponente. He went over to the opponent's side.

9. (to not remember)

a. to forget

Se me pasó comprar la comida del perro. I forgot to buy dog food.

b. no direct translation

No llamé a Mamá. Se me pasó por completo. I haven't rung Mom; it completely slipped my mind ¿Por qué no compraste pan? - Tenía prisa y se me pasó. Why didn't you buy some bread? - I was in a hurry and it slipped my mind.

10. (to fail to notice)

a. to miss

No sé cómo se me pasó tu mensaje. I don't know how I missed your message.

11. (to be too late for)

a. to miss

Se me pasó la fecha límite para entregar la solicitud. I missed the deadline for sending in my application.

12. (to become inedible)

a. to go bad

Creo que este huevo se ha pasado. I think this egg's gone bad.

b. to go off (United Kingdom)

Esta mantequilla ya es para tirar. Se ha pasado. *This butter can be thrown away. It's gone off.*

c. to go soft (cookies or fruit)

Aunque las guardaba en una lata, las galletas se pasaron. Even though I kept them in a tin, the cookies went soft.

d. to go stale (bread, cake, cookies)

Hay que comer el pastel antes de que se pase. We must eat the cake before it goes stale.

13. (to wilt)

a. to fade

¿Puedes cortar más flores? Estas se han pasado. Can you cut some more flowers? These ones have faded.

14. (culinary)

a. to be overcooked

Retira la pasta del fuego o se pasará. *Take the pasta off the heat or it will be overcooked*.

15. (to occupy)

a. to spend

Alejandro se pasa todo el tiempo en la cama mirando la televisión. *Alejandro spends all his time in bed watching television*

16. (colloquial) (to go to extremes)

a. to go too far

¡Deja de burlarte de Amalia! A veces te pasas. Stop teasing Amalia! You go too far sometimes.

17. (to overuse; used with "con")

a. to overdo

No hay que pasarse con el maquillaje. You don't want to overdo makeup.

b. no direct translation

¡No te pases con el azúcar!Don't put too much sugar in it!

Lo siento, me pasé con la pimienta. *I'm sorry*. *I overdid it with the pepper*.

18. (to be excessively; used with "de")

a. to be far too

Elena se pasa de amable; siempre quiere ayudar a la gente. *Elena's far too kind; she always wants to help people*.

empezar

intransitive verb

1. (to commence)

a. to begin

La nueva temporada de mi serie favorita empieza en un mes. *The new season of my favorite show begins in a month.*

b. to start

La palabra "serpiente" empieza con ese. *The word "serpiente" begins with an s.*

2. (to originate)

a. to start

La pelea empezó en la calle. *The fight started in the street*.

3. (to start out; used with "por" plus infinitive)

a. to begin by

Quiero empezar por decirte lo mucho que aprecio todo lo que has hecho. I want to begin by saying how much I appreciate what you've done.

b. to start by

Quiero empezar por darles la bienvenida esta noche. *I'd like to start by welcoming you this evening.* transitive verb

4. (to commence)

a. to start

Ya es hora de empezar el examen. It's time to start the exam now.

comenzar

transitive verb

1. (to commence)

a. to begin

Pueden comenzar el examen ahora. You can begin the exam now.

b. to start

Quiero comenzar a hacer yoga. I want to start doing yoga.

intransitive verb

2. (to initiate)

a. to start

El curso comenzará en otoño. The course will start in the fall.

b. to begin

Quedan 15 minutos antes de que comience el partido. *There are 15 minutes left before the game starts*.

terminar

intransitive verb

1. (to come to an end)

a. to end

Solo quedan dos episodios para que termine la temporada. *There are only two episodes left before the season ends*.

2. (to end a relationship)

a. <u>to break up</u>

Terminó conmigo porque necesitaba espacio. He broke up with me because he needed space.

transitive verb

3. (to complete)

a. to finish

¿Ya has terminado de limpiar tu habitación? *Have you finished cleaning your room yet?* terminarse

pronominal verb

4. (to complete)

a. to finish

Termínate el desayuno y vámonos. Finish your breakfast and let's go.

- 5. (to have none left)
- a. to run out

Espero que lleguemos a nuestro destino antes de que al coche se le termine la gasolina. I hope we get to where we are going before the car runs out of gas.

acabar

transitive verb

- 1. (to come to an end)
- a. to end

Te llamaré después de que acabe la película. *I'll call you after the movie ends*.

b. to finish

Si acabas todas tus tareas, puedes salir a jugar. If you finish all your homework, you can go outside and play.

- 2. (to complete)
- a. to finish

Yo acabo mis clases en junio. I finish my classes in June.

intransitive verb

- 3. (colloquial) (to achieve sexual climate) (South America)
- a. to reach an orgasm

Si tienes problemas para acabar, deberías consultar con el médico. If you have problems reaching an orgasm, you should see a doctor.

acabarse

pronominal verb

- 4. (to be used up)
- a. to run out

Se acabó la leche y no puedo hacer mi café mañanero. *The milk has run out and I can't make my morning coffee*.

- 5. (to run its course)
- a. to end

Siguieron bailando aun después de que se acabara la música. *They kept dancing even after the music ended*.

b. to finish

La película se acabó temprano. *The movie finished early*.

<u>reflexive verb</u>

- 6. (to perish)
- a. to die

Se acabó tres días después de haber sido herido en el campo de batalla. *He died three days after having been wounded on the battlefield.*

traer

transitive verb

- 1. (to transport)
- a. to bring

Tráeme las llaves, por favor. Bring me the keys, please.

- 2. (to have with one)
- a. to carry

¿Qué traes en esta maleta tan pesada? What are you carrying in that heavy suitcase?

b. to have on

No traigo dinero. ¿Me prestas? I don't have any money on me. Can you lend me some?

- 3. (to be dressed in)
- a. to wear

La novia trae un vestido blanco largo con encaje delicado. *The bride is wearing a long, white dress with delicate lace.*

4. (to have published)

a. to have

Este periódico no trae crucigrama. This newspaper doesn't have a crossword.

5. (to provoke)

a. to bring

La recesión trajo un alto nivel de desempleo. *The recession brought a high level of unemployment.*

b. to cause

La inundación de las calles trajo muchos problemas de congestión. *The flooding of the streets caused serious traffic problems*.

6. (to make someone feel; used with an adjective)

a. to make

Me trae preocupada la noticia del la caída de la bolsa. *The news of the stock crash is making me nervous*.

b. <u>to drive</u> (crazy)

¡Ese ruido me trae loco! That noise is driving me crazy!

7. (to attract)

a. to bring

¿Qué no sabes que hacer eso trae la mala suerte? Don't you know that doing that brings bad luck?

8. (colloquial) (to have a problem) (Mexico)

a. to be wrong with

Oye, ¿qué traes? - No traigo nada; solo estoy muy cansado. Hey, what's wrong with you? - Nothing's wrong with me; I'm just really tired.

traerse

pronominal verb

9. (to carry)

a. to bring

Me traje dos trajes de baño por si vamos mucho a la playa. I brought two bathing suits in case we go to the beach a lot.

b. to bring along

Tráete el perro cuando vamos al parque. Bring the dog along when we go to the park.

10. (to plot)

a. to be up to

¿Qué se trae Carlitos? Lleva una sonrisa traviesa. What's Carlitos up to? He has a mischievous grin on his face.

comprar

transitive verb

1. (to acquire)

a. to buy

Cómprale algo bonito para su cumpleaños. *Buy her something nice for her birthday.*

b. to purchase

¿Le gustaría comprar ese artículo? Would you like to purchase that item?

2. (to bribe)

a. to buy off

Los políticos malvados Intentaron comprar mi silencio. *The evil politicians tried to buy me off.* significar

transitive verb

1. (to denote)

a. to mean

He oído esa palabra miles de veces pero aún no me acuerdo de qué significa. I've heard that word thousands of times but I still can't remember what it means.

b. to signify

Este cambio de síntomas del paciente significa que el tratamiento está funcionando. *This change in the patient's symptoms signifies that the treatment is working.*

- 2. (to represent)
- a. to mean

Las luces apagadas significa que la panadería está cerrada. *The lights turned off means that the bakery is closed*.

- 3. (to convey)
- a. to express

Llamó anoche para significar sus sentimientos a su ex novio. *She called last night to express her feelings to her ex boyfriend.*

intransitive verb

- 4. (to be important)
- a. to mean

Tu papel en mi vida siempre ha significado mucho para mí. *Your role in my life has always meant a lot to me*.

significarse

reflexive verb

- 5. (to make oneself known)
- a. to distinguish oneself

Se ha significado como experto en el campo de la psicología. He's distinguished himself as an expert in the field of psychology.

pronominal verb

- 6. (to take sides)
- a. to declare onself

Se significó en apoyo de los trabajadores que estaban de huelga. *She declared herself in support for the workers who were on strike.*

cuidar

transitive verb

- 1. (to watch over)
- a. to take care of

La vecina me cuida las plantas cuando estoy fuera. *My neighbor takes care of my plants when I'm away*.

b. to look after

¿Puedes cuidar a los niños mientras hago la cena? Could you look after the children while I'm cooking dinner?

c. to care for

Él cuida de su padre durante el verano cuando cierran la residencia. *He cares for his father during the summer when the nursing home is closed.*

2. (to be attentive)

a. to pay attention

Cuida mucho los detalles cuando invita a cenar a alguien. *She pays great attention to detail when she invites someone for dinner.*

b. to take care over

Cuida su apariencia porque trabaja de cara al público. He takes care over his appearance because he has a customer-oriented job.

intransitive verb

- 3. (to watch over)
- a. to take care of

Puedo cuidar de tu perro mientras estás de vacaciones. I can take care of your dog while you are on vacation.

b. to make sure

Cuidaré de que esté todo listo para la inauguración. *I'll make sure that everything is ready for the opening*.

cuidarse

reflexive verb

- 4. (to watch over oneself)
- a. to take care of oneself

¡Disfruten su viaje y por favor, cuídense bien! Have fun on your trip, and please take care of yourselves!

b. to look after oneself

Cuando cuides de otras personas, asegúrate de cuidarte a ti mismo también. While taking care of others, make sure to look after yourself as well.

pronominal verb

- 5. (to watch over)
- a. no direct translation

Se cuidó mucho de volver a insultarlo. He made sure he was not insulting him again.

El personal del hotel se cuidó de cada detalle en nuestra habitación. *The hotel staff took care of every detail in our room.*

caer

intransitive verb

- 1. (to drop)
- a. to fall

La manzana cayó en la hierba. *The apple fell onto the grass*.

- 2. (to be suspended)
- a. to hang

Las sábanas caen de la cama por un lado más que por el otro. *The sheets hang over one side of the bed more than the other.*

b. to fall

El cabello de la muchacha cae sombre sus hombros. *The young woman's hair falls around her shoulders*.

- 3. (weather)
- a. no direct translation

Está cayendo una buena nevada, pon las cadenas a las ruedas. It's snowing hard; put the chains on the tires.

Tuvimos que quedarnos en casa porque estaba cayendo un chaparrón. *We had to stay home because it was pouring rain.*

- 4. (to lessen)
- a. to fall

Esperamos que los precios caigan durante las rebajas del fin de año. *We are expecting that prices will fall during the year-end sales*.

b. <u>to drop</u>

Las temperaturas cayeron por el frente frío. *The temperatures dropped because of the cold front*.

- 5. (to be defeated)
- a. to fall

El castillo cayó tras un largo sitio. *The castle fell after a long siege*.

b. to be caught

El criminal cayó tras la confesión de su mujer. The criminal was caught after his wife confessed.

6. (to pass away)

a. to fall

Muchos soldados han caído defendiendo su país. A lot of soldiers have fallen in defense of their country.

b. to die

Estamos hoy aquí para honrar a los que cayeron en combate. We are here today to honor the ones who died in combat.

- 7. (to take place)
- a. to fall

En mi familia, hay dos cumpleaños que caen en Navidad. *In my family, we have two birthdays that fall on Christmas*.

b. to be

Semana Santa cae en abril este año. Holy Week is in April this year.

8. (to be located) (Spain)

a. to be

El supermercado cae a tres cuadras de aquí. *The supermarket is three blocks away from here*.

9. (to to receive by chance)

a. to go to

Ojalá que el premio gordo caiga en los hogares más necesitados. I hope that the jackpot goes to those who need it the most.

b. to get

Puede que te caiga una multa grande si te estacionas aquí. *You could get a big fine if you park here.* 10. (colloquial) (to recall)

a. to realize

¡Acabo de caer en que tengo una cita con el dentista en diez minutos! *I just realized I have an dentist appointment in ten minutes!*

b. to remember

Te conozco de algún lugar, pero no caigo en donde. I know you from somewhere, but I don't remember from where.

11. (to commit)

a. to succumb

Me siento culpable porque estoy a dieta, pero caí en la tentación de un pastel de chocolate. *I feel guilty because I'm on a diet, but I succumbed to the temptation of a chocolate cake.*

12. (to take the bait)

a. to fall for it

El taxista intentaba engañarme porque me veo extranjero, pero no caí. *The taxi driver was trying to trick me because I look foregin, but I didn't fall for it.*

13. (to be apart of)

a. to fall

La venta de pasteles no cae dentro del presupuesto de la escuela. *The bake sale does not fall within the school budget*.

14. (to suit)

a. no direct translation

No bebo porque el alcohol me cae mal. *I don't drink because alcohol disagrees with me.*

¡Te cae estupendo ese vestido! You look great in that dress!

15. (to make an impression)

a. no direct translation

Me marché porque me cae mal tu primo con sus bromas offensivas. *I had to leave because I can't stand your cousin and his offensive jokes*.

Me cae muy bien tu hermano, siempre me hace sonreír. *I really like your brother*; *he always makes me smile*.

16. (to result)

a. no direct translation

Que Harvard la hubiera rechazado, le cayó mal. *Harvard's refusal upset her.*

El embarazo de mi hermana pequeña no cayó bien en la familia. *My little sister's pregnancy shocked the entire family*.

17. (to visit)

a. to show up

Los invitados están al caer y la cena aún no está lista. My guests are about to show up and dinner is not ready yet.

b. to drop in

Mis hermanos siempre caen en la cena navideña sin avisar. *My brothers always drop in for Christmas dinner without a calling beforehand.*

18. (to get dark)

a. to set (the sun)

Está cayendo el sol, es hora de irse a casa. The sun is setting; it's time to go home.

b. to fall (night)

Se pueden ver las estrellas cuando cae la noche. *You can see the stars when the night falls*. caerse

pronominal verb

19. (to fall downward)

a. to fall

Mi hijo se cayó corriendo y se lastimó las rodillas. My son fell while running and hurt his knees.

b. to fall over

El vaso se cayó de la barra y se hizo pedazos. *The glass fell off the bar and broke into pieces*.

c. to fall down

Mi bebé está aprendiendo a andar y se cae muy a menudo. My baby is learning to walk and he falls down quite often.

d. <u>to collapse</u>

El edificio se cayó tras el terremoto. *The building collapsed after the earthquake*.

e. <u>to drop</u>

Ten cuidado que no se te caiga la sopa. *Be careful that you don't drop the soup.*

20. (to detach)

a. to fall out

En cuanto se le caiga un diente de leche, ponlo debajo de la almohada. As soon as your baby tooth falls out, place it under the pillow.

b. to fall off

En otoño, las hojas cambian de color y se caen del los árboles.*In autumn, the leaves change color and fall off the trees.*

21. (figurative) (to reach the highest degree)

a. no direct translation

Me caigo de cansancio, pero tengo que estudiar para el examen de mañana. *I am really tired, but I have to study for tomorrow's exam.*

Mi bebé está llorando porque se cae de sueño. *My baby is crying because he's very sleepy*.

22. (computing)

a. to go down

La red de la universidad se cayó por mantenimiento. *The university network went down due to maintenance*.

pedir

transitive verb

1. (to request)

a. to ask for

Llamó para pedir más dinero. He called to ask for more money.

b. to beg for

Había muchos indigentes pidiendo limosna en el metro. *There were lots of homeless people begging for money in the metro*.

2. (in a restaurant)

a. to order

Voy a pedir tacos de pescado. *I'm going to order fish tacos*.

b. to ask for (the check)

Pide la cuenta, por favor. *Can you ask for the check, please?*

3. (goods)

a. to order

Acabo de recibir el DVD que pedí. I have just received the DVD I ordered.

b. to ask for (a price)

Están pidiendo \$300 por taquilla para el concierto. *They're asking \$300 per ticket for the concert.*

4. (to command)

a. to demand

Me pidió una explicación de inmediato. He demanded an explanation immediately.

5. (to require)

a. to need

Esta posición pide un mínimo de cinco años de experiencia. This positions needs a minimum of five years of work experience.

b. to cry out for

Este cachorro pide atención constantemente. This puppy is constantly crying out for attention.

c. to call for

Esta carne jugosa pide un buen vino tinto. This juicy meat calls for a good red wine.

6. (to propose to)

a. to ask

Se arrodilló y me pidió matrimonio. He got down on one knee and asked me to marry him.

7. (legal)

a. to ask for

El acusado le pidió al juez una sentencia más corta. *The defendant asked the judge for a shorter sentence.*

intransitive verb

8. (in a restaurant)

a. to order

¿Me da un minuto, por favor? Aún no sé lo que voy a pedir. *Would you give me another minute, please? I still don't know what I'm going to order.*

9. (religious)

a. to pray

Mi abuela siempre pedía por cada uno de sus nietos. *My grandmother used to pray for each and every one of her grandchildren*.

pedirse

pronominal verb

10. (to choose)

a. to have dibs on (United States)

¡Me pido el asiento delantero! I have dibs on the front seat!

b. to bag (colloquial) (United Kingdom)

¡Me pido el balón rosa! I bag the pink ball!

matar

transitive verb

1. (to take the life of)

a. to kill

El asaltante mató al vigilante del banco. The robber killed the bank's security guard.

b. to slaughter

Matan alrededor de 60 reses al día en el rastro municipal. *They slaughter about 60 cattle a day in the municipal slaughterhouse.*

2. (figurative) (to bother)

a. to kill

Estos zapatitos de cristal me están matando. These glass slippers are killing me.

3. (figurative) (to get mad at)

a. to kill

Mis papás me matarán si no saco buenas notas este semestre. My parents will kill me if I don't get good grades this semester.

- 4. (figurative) (to pass)
- a. to kill

¿Quieres ir a un café para matar el tiempo antes de que empiece la película? Do you want to go to a cafe to kill time before the movie starts?

5. (to smooth)

a. to file down

Hay que matar la llave tantito para que quepa. You have to file the key down a bit so it will fit.

6. (to dull)

a. to tone down

Este color es demasiado fuerte para el dormitorio. Habrá que matarlo un poco. *This color is far too strong for the bedroom. We'll need to tone it down a bit.*

7. (to satisfy)

a. to quench

Necesito beber algo para matar la sed. *I need to drink something to quench my thirst.*

b. to slake (formal)

Tengo tanta sed que tendría que tomar un lago para matarla. *I'm so thirsty that I'd have to drink a lake to slake my thirst.*

c. to stave off

Voy a comer unas almendras para matar el hambre. *I'm going to eat some almonds to stave off my hunger.*

8. (to astound)

a. to shock

Me mató tu hermano con la noticia de su boda repentina en Las Vegas. *Your brother shocked me with the news of his spur-of-the-moment wedding in Las Vegas.*

intransitive verb

9. (religious)

a. to kill

¿Es el sexto el mandamiento que habla de no matar? Is the sixth commandment the one that talks about not killing?

matarse

reflexive verb

10. (to commit suicide)

a. to kill oneself

Es la segunda vez que intenta matarse. This is the second time he's tried to kill himself.

pronominal verb

11. (figurative) (to work hard)

a. to kill oneself

Los trabajadores se mataron para enviar el pedido a tiempo. *The workers killed themselves to deliver the order on time*.

12. (to die)

a. to be killed

El soldado se mató en la emboscada. *The soldier was killed in the ambush.*

encontrar

transitive verb

1. (to find something lost)

a. to find

Al fin encontré las llaves del coche. *I finally found my car keys*.

2. (to uncover)

a. to discover

Ellos encontraron una caja vieja en el bosque. *They discovered an old box in the forest*.

b. to encounter

Encontramos una división en el sendero y no sabemos qué dirección tomar. *We found a split in the trail and we don't know which one to take.*

3. (to get together)

a. to meet

Nos encontraremos en el bar para una copa. We'll meet at the bar for a drink.

encontrarse

pronominal verb

4. (to be situated)

a. to be

La playa se encuentra al otro lado de la calle. *The beach is on the opposite side of the street*.

5. (to sense)

a. to feel

No me encuentro animado. I don't feel lively.

escribir

transitive verb

1. (general)

a. to write

El alumno escribió su ensayo de 20 páginas dentro de una noche. *The student wrote his 20 page essay in one night*.

Escribe lo que digo. Write what I say.

2. (to compose)

a. to write

Me escribió una canción de amor. He wrote me a love song.

impersonal verb

3. (to spell)

a. to write

Los nombres propios se escriben con mayúscula. *Proper nouns are written with capital letters*. escribirse

reciprocal verb

4. (to correspond)

a. to write to one another

Nos escribimos todos los días. We write to each other every day.

leer

transitive verb

1. (to comprehend text)

a. to read

Deberías leer las obras completas de Shakespeare. *You should read the complete works of Shakespeare*.

2. (to guess a person's thoughts)

a. to read

A ese jugador de póker es imposible leerle la cara. It's impossible to read that poker player's face.

3. (computing)

a. to read

Se produjo un error al leer el documento. *An error occurred while reading the document.*

4. (education)

a. to defend

Leyó su tesis doctoral frente a un panel de profesores. *She defended her doctoral thesis in front of a panel of professors*.

intransitive verb

5. (to comprehend text)

a. to read

Leo antes de acostarme para relajarme. I read before going to bed to relax a bit.

salir

intransitive verb

- 1. (to exit)
- a. to go out

Usa el ascensor para salir. Take the elevator to go out.

b. to leave

Jake salió pero dijo que nos encontraría para almorzar. *Jake left but said he would meet us for lunch*.

c. to come out

No salgas sin primero ponerte el abrigo y las botas. *Don't come out without first putting on your coat and boots*.

d. to get out

Si no sales de la piscina ya, estarás castigado. If you don't get out of the pool right now, you're grounded.

- 2. (to depart)
- a. to leave

El tren está a punto de salir. The train is about to leave.

b. to set off

¿Listos para salir, muchachos? Ready to set off, guys?

- 3. (to date)
- a. to go out

Rosie y Evan llevan años saliendo. *Rosie and Evan have been going out for years*.

4. (to do activities outside the house)

a. to go out

Salgamos este fin de semana. *Let's go out this weekend*.

- 5. (to result)
- a. to turn out

Las cosas no siempre salen como se espera. Things don't always turn out as expected.

b. to go

¿Cómo salió todo en la junta? How did everything go in the meeting?

c. to work out

Al final de todo, las cosas me salieron bien. *In the end, everything worked out well for me.*

- 6. (to originate)
- a. to come from

El éxito sale del trabajo duro. Success comes from hard work.

- 7. (to come into sight)
- a. to rise

Subimos a la cima para ver el sol saliendo sobre las montañas. We hiked to the summit to see the sun rise over the mountains.

b. to come out

Mira ese avión que va saliendo de la tormenta. *Look at that plane that's coming out of the storm.*

c. <u>to come up</u>

Cuando salió la luna, las brujas empezaron a bailar. *When the moon came up, the witches began to dance.*

d. to come through (teeth)

La nena está llorando porque le están saliendo los dientes. *The baby is crying because her teeth are coming through*.

e. to appear

Salió una gotera en el techo. A leak appeared in the ceiling

- 8. (to sprout)
- a. to come up

Mira, en el jardín salieron unos narcisos. *Look, some daffodils came up in the garden.*

b. to put out

Al manzano le salieron unas flores. *The apple tree put out some flowers*.

9. (to remove)

a. to come out

Las manchas de tinta a veces salen con alcohol. Ink stains often come out with alcohol.

10. (computing)

a. to exit

Para salir del programa, pulsa "esc". To exit the program press "esc."

11. (figurative) (to crop up)

a. to arise

Este problema salió por la falta de atención a los detalles. *This problem arose because of a lack of attention to details*.

b. to come up

Salieron muchas preguntas en la sesión de repaso para el examen. *Many questions came up in the exam review session*.

12. (to be done with)

a. to finish

¿A qué hora sales de trabajar los viernes? What time to you finish work on Fridays?

13. (to make it through)

a. to come through

Salimos bien del huracán gracias a la ayuda de nuestros vecinos. *We came through the storm all right thanks to our neighbors.*

b. to come out

No sé cómo salieron de ese apuro. I don't know how they came out of that fix.

c. to get out

Tres soldados salieron del enfrentamiento sin heridas. *Three soldiers got out of the confrontation without injuries*.

14. (to turn up)

a. to come along

Cuando sale una oportunidad así, hay que actuar. When an opportunity like this comes along, you have to act.

15. (to jut out)

a. to stick out

A ese caballo le salen un buen los dientes. *That's horse's teeth really stick out.*

16. (to be made public)

a. to come out

Ya salió la nueva temporada de mi programa favorito. *The new season of my favorite show just came out.*

17. (film, theater, television; used with "de")

a. to play

Carey sale de Ofelia en la nueva producción de "Hamlet". *Carey plays Ophelia in the new production of "Hamlet."*

18. (colloquial) (to come out with; used with "con")

a to tell

Y luego que me sale con que no quiere ir de vacaciones conmigo. *And then he tells me doesn't want to go on vacation with me.*

b. to sav

No puedes ir al tribunal y salir con todo ese rollo de un fantasma. *You can't go to the court and say all this business about a ghost.*

19. (to get a result)

a. to do

¡No me sale esta tarea! *I can't do this homework!*

b. to get

Me salió 5. - Tienes que sumar, no restar. *I got 5. - You have to add, not subtract.*

20. (to end in; used with "a")

a. to come out on

Esta avenida sale a Zaragoza. This avenue comes out on Zaragoza.

b. to lead to

¿A dónde sale esa calle empedrada? Where does that cobblestone street lead to?

21. (to look like; used with "a")

a. to take after

Mi hijo salió a su abuelo. *My son takes after his grandfather*.

22. (to be worth)

a. to cost

Esta camisa te sale en 5 pesos. *This shirt costs 5 pesos*.

b. to work out to be

Esa maleta salió bien barato. That suitcase worked out to be really cheap.

23. (in games)

a. to lead

Esta vez le toca salir, Sr. Bond. *This time you lead, Mr. Bond.*

salirse

pronominal verb

24. (to depart)

a. to leave

Estaba tan enojada que se salió de la reunión. She was so angry that she left the meeting.

25. (to divert)

a. to come off

El tren se salió de la vía. The train came off of the rails.

b. to come out

¡Cuidado! Ese camión se está saliendo de su carril. Careful! That truck is coming out of its lane.

26. (to disconnect)

a. to come off

Asegúrate de que la cuerda no se salga. Make sure the rope doesn't come off.

27. (to overflow)

a. to run over

Esta piscinita no está hecha para aguantar a tanta gente; ¡mira como se le sale el agua! *That little pool isn't meant to hold so many people; look at how the water is running over!*

b. to burst its banks (body of water)

La tormenta hizo que el río se saliera. *The storm caused the river to burst its banks*.

28. (to get out)

a. to leak

El agua se está saliendo de esa taza rota. The water is leaking from that broken cup.

b. to leak out

Todo el aire caliente se está saliendo por la ventana. *All the warm air is leaking out through the window.*

c. to come out

Si ves que se sale el humo, hay que arreglar el horno. If you see that smoke comes out, the oven needs to be fixed.

29. (to quit)

a. to quit

¿Por qué salió Jorge de la empresa? Why did Jorge quit the company?

30. (to gain liberty)

a. to escape

El Chapo salió de prisión otra vez. Shorty escaped from prison again.

trabajar

intransitive verb

- 1. (to perform a job)
- a. to work

Trabaja de nueve a cinco. He works from nine to five.

- 2. (to function)
- a. to work

El equipo trabaja a pleno rendimiento. *The equipment works at full performance*.

transitive verb

- 3. (to shape)
- a. to work

Como alfarero, me encanta trabajar el barro y crear cacharros. *As a potter, I just love working the clay and making pots.*

- 4. (to cultivate)
- a. to work

En este pueblo todavía trabajan la tierra con bueyes. *They still use oxen to work the land in this village*.

- 5. (culinary)
- a. to knead (dough)

Me relajo trabajando la masa, y lo bueno es que a todos les gusta comer el pan recién cocido. I find kneading dough relaxing, and the good thing about it is that everyone likes eating freshly-baked bread.

b. to mix (ingredients)

Hay que trabajar los ingredientes con una batidora eléctrica. *You need to mix the ingredients with a blender.*

- 6. (to improve)
- a. to work on

Deberías trabajar más tu ensayo. You should work more on your essay.

- 7. (to market)
- a. to sell

Es una tienda donde trabajan ropa para bebés. It's a shop where they sell baby clothes.

b. to stock

Lo siento; no trabajamos productos de limpieza. *I'm afraid we don't stock cleaning products.* trabajarse

pronominal verb

- 8. (to persuade)
- a. to work on

Todavía me la estoy trabajando para que pruebe a jugar al fútbol. *I'm still working on her to try soccer*.

esperar

transitive verb

- 1. (to await)
- a. to wait for

Espérame que yo también voy. Wait for me, I'm coming too.

- 2. (to wish)
- a. to hope

Espero saber de ti pronto. I hope to hear from you soon.

- 3. (to count on)
- a. to expect

No espero compasión si me capturan. *I don't expect any mercy if captured*.

intransitive verb

- 4. (to await)
- a. to wait

Espera que ya vengo. Wait, I'm coming.

impersonal verb

5. (to count on)

a. to expect

Se esperan cortes en el suministro de agua esta noche. *Water supply disruptions are expected tonight*.

esperarse

pronominal verb

6. (to wait momentarily)

a. to hold on (emphatic)

Espérate, ¿no se suponía que ibas a estar fuera un par de semanas? *Hold on, weren't you supposed to be gone for a couple of weeks?*

confiar

transitive verb

- 1. (to tell)
- a. to confide

Dora me confió su mayor secreto. Dora confided her biggest secret to me.

2. (to put into someone's care)

a. to entrust with

Le confiaron la dirección de la compañía. They entrusted him with the management of the company.

b. to put in charge of

Estamos buscando a una empresa en quien confiar la realización del proyecto. We're looking for a company to put in charge of the project.

c. to trust

Muchos jubilados cometieron el error de confiar sus ahorros a esa empresa que ayer quebró. *Many pensioners made the mistake of trusting their savings to that company that went under yesterday.* intransitive verb

3. (to have confidence; used with "en")

a. to trust

Confía en mí, todo estará bien. Trust me, everything will be fine.

b. to be confident

Confío en que van a hacer bien el trabajo. I'm confident that they'll do the job well.

confiarse

pronominal verb

- 4. (to be too confident)
- a. to be overconfident

No te confíes; este es el primer examen y quedan dos más por aprobar. *Don't be overconfident; this is the first examen and there are two more to go.*

b. to be too sure of oneself

Andrea tiene posibilidades de ganar, pero no debería confiarse demasiado. *Andrea has chances of winning, but she shouldn't be too sure of herself.*

5. (to put your trust in)

a. to confide in

Necesito una persona en quien confiarme. I need a person to confide in.

marear

transitive verb

- 1. (to produce nausea)
- a. to make sick

Ciertos alimentos la marean ahora que está embarazada. *Certain foods make her sick now that she's pregnant.*

b. to make ill

La montaña rusa lo mareó. The roller coaster made him ill.

c. to make seasick (boat)

Los viajes en crucero lo marean. Cruise travel makes him seasick.

d. <u>to make carsick</u> (automobile)

Ir en el asiento de atrás me marea. Riding in the backseat makes me carsick.

e. to make travel-sick (aviation and automobile)

La turbulencia mareó a los pasajeros. *The turbulence made the passengers travel-sick*.

- 2. (to disorient)
- a. to make dizzy

Levantarme tan rápido me mareó. Standing up too fast made me dizzy.

- 3. (figurative) (to disconcert)
- a. to confuse

Me marearon con tanta información. They confused me with so much information.

- 4. (to intoxicate)
- a. to make drunk

Tanto whisky mareó a Miguel. So much whisky made Miguel drunk.

- 5. (colloquial) (to upset)
- a. to annoy

Ana nos marea a todos en la oficina. Ana annoys everyone at the office.

b. to irritate

Roberto marea a la maestra con sus preguntas. *Roberto irritates the teacher with his questions.* marearse

pronominal verb

- 6. (to feel nausea)
- a. to get sick
- Si Elsa come huevo, se marea. *If Elsa eats eggs*, *she gets sick*.
- b. to feel ill

Eduardo se mareó así que no fue al colegio. Eduardo felt ill so he didn't go to school.

c. to get seasick (boat)

Te recomiendo tomar esta pastilla en caso de marearte. I suggest you take this pill if you get seasick.

d. to get carsick (automobile)

Es muy común marearse en el auto si vas leyendo. It's very common to get carsick if you're reading.

e. to get travel-sick (aviation and automobile)

Ana pasó todo el vuelo en el baño porque se mareó. *Ana spent the whole flight in the bathroom because she got travel-sick.*

- 7. (to be disoriented)
- a. to get dizzy

Es muy común marearse o sentir vértigo en las alturas. It's very common to get dizzy or feel vertigo in high places.

- 8. (figurative) (to get disconcerted)
- a. to get confused

Los alumnos se marearon con tanta información. *The students got confused with so much information*.

- 9. (to get intoxicated)
- a. to get drunk

José se mareó y empezó a hacer imprudencias. *José got drunk and started being imprudent.* navegar

intransitive verb

- 1. (to travel by vessel)
- a. to sail (ship)

El fin de semana hizo un tiempo estupendo y salimos a navegar por la costa. *The weather was great this weekend and we went sailing by the coast.*

b. to fly (plane)

La avioneta es tan ligera que navega por el cielo como si fuera un pájaro. The light aircraft is so light that flies through the sky as a bird.

2. (computing)

a. to surf

Mi hermana estuvo navegando por Internet para hacer investigación para su tesis. My sister was surfing the internet to do research for her thesis.

transitive verb

3. (to travel by vessel)

a. to sail (ship)

Mi abuelo navegó los mares sin pisar tierra durante años. *My granfather sailed the seas without setting foot on land for years*.

b. to fly (plane)

Yo navegaba aviones de combate en la Guerra de Corea. *I used to fly fighter jets in the Korean War.* llamar

transitive verb

1. (to attract someone's attention)

a. to call

Llama a tu hermano para que te ayude a poner la mesa. *Call your brother to help you set the table*.

2. (to communicate with by telephone)

a. to call

Tengo otra persona en la línea. Tendré que llamarte en unos minutos. I have another person on the line. I'll have to call you in a few minutes.

3. (to attract)

a. to appeal to

La idea de trabajar los fines de semana no me llama mucho. *The idea of working on the weekends doesn't appeal to me very much.*

4. (to address as)

a. to call

Mi nombre es Francisco, peros mis amigos me llaman "Paquito". *My name is Francisco, but my friends call me "Paquito.*"

intransitive verb

5. (to communicate with by telephone)

a. to call

¿Cuándo llamó el plomero? When did the plumber call?

b. to phone

Tu novia llamó ayer. Your girlfriend phoned yesterday.

6. (to summon)

a. to knock

Llamó a la puerta de la cancela. *He knocked on the gate door.*

b. to ring

¿Quién llama a la puerta a esta hora? Who's ringing our door at this hour?

llamarse

pronominal verb

7. (to be named)

a. to be called

Se llamará Emilia, en honor a su abuela. *She will be called Emilia*, in honor of her grandmother.

b. no direct translation

¿Cómo se llaman tus hermanos? What are your brothers' names?

¿Cómo te llamas, amigo? What's your name, buddy?

volver

intransitive verb

1. (to be back)

a. to return

Vuelve con el recibo si quieres un crédito en la tienda. *Return with the receipt if you want store credit.*

b. to come back

Odio tener que volver al trabajo. *I hate having to come back to work.*

c. to go back

Solo llevo una semana de vuelta pero ya quiero volver a España. I've only been back a week and I already want to go back to Spain.

- 2. (to repeat)
- a. no direct translation

¡Tengo que volver a limpiarlo todo! I have to clean everything again!

Volverá a llover este fin de semana. It will rain again this weekend.

transitive verb

- 3. (to swivel)
- a. to turn

Volvió la cabeza y allí estaba ella. He turned his head and there she was.

4. (to grow to be)

a. to turn

Los años la volvieron cínica y amargada. The years have turned her cynical and bitter.

volverse

reflexive verb

5. (to change into)

a. to become

Se volvió loco después de ver a su ex con otro. *He became crazy after seeing his ex with another guy.*

b. to get

Te has vuelto flaquito desde que comenzaste la dieta. *You've gotten skinny since you started the diet*.

c. to turn into

La bruja hechizó al príncipe y se volvió rana. *The witch cast a spell on the prince and he turned into a frog*.

pronominal verb

6. (to be back)

a. to return

Se volvió a España porque no encontró trabajo acá. *He returned to Spain because he couldn't find a job here*.

b. to come back

Vuélvanse antes de que los agarre la tormenta. Come back before you get caught in the storm.

c. to go back

Me tuve que volver temprano para sacar al perro. I had to go back early to take the dog out.

7. (to turn to face)

a. to turn around

Me volví para enfrentar a los que me estaban insultando. I turned around to face those who were insulting me.

disfrutar

transitive verb

1. (to take pleasure)

a. to enjoy

Me quiero disfrutar estas vacaciones con mi familia. I want to enjoy this vacation with my family. Era una persona maravillosa y disfrutábamos viéndola sonreír. She was a wonderful person and we enjoyed seeing her smile.

2. (to possess)

a. to have

Algunos miembros puede que no disfruten de todas las ventajas enumeradas. *Some members may not have all the benefits listed*.

intransitive verb

- 3. (to have fun)
- a. to enjoy

¿Cómo puedo prepararme el estómago para disfrutar este banquete al máximo? How can I prepare my stomach to enjoy this feast to the fullest?

compartir

transitive verb

- 1. (to divide)
- a. to share

¿Quieres que compartamos un postre? Would you like to share a dessert?

- 2. (to use jointly)
- a. to share

Comparto mi oficina con un colega. I share my office with a colleague.

- 3. (to accept equally)
- a. to share

Mi amigo y yo compartimos el amor por la música. *My friend and I share a love of music*. parecer

copular verb

- 1. (to appear to be)
- a. to seem

Pareces cansado. ¿Dormiste bien anoche? You seem tired. Did you sleep well last night?

b. to look

Pareces triste. ¿Qué ha pasado? You look sad. What happened?

- 2. (to have a physical similarity to)
- a. to look like

Mi perro parece un zorro con su cola tan larga. My dog looks like a fox with his long tail.

transitive verb

- 3. (to express an opinion)
- a. to seem

Tus argumentos me parecen muy bien fundamentados. *Your arguments seem well-founded to me.* masculine noun

- 4. (view)
- a. opinion

Tu parecer es distinto al mío. Your opinion is different from mine.

impersonal verb

- 5. (to give the appearance of)
- a. to look like

Parece que va a nevar. - No creo, no está lo suficientemente frío. *It looks like it's going to snow. - I don't think so*; *it's not cold enough.*

intransitive verb

- 6. (to have an opinion)
- a. no direct translation

Me parece que el ministro debería dimitir. I think the minister should resign.

¿Qué te pareció la serie sobre la familia real? -Me pareció una tontería. What did you think of the series about the royal family? -I thought it was nonesense.

parecerse

reciprocal verb

- 7. (to be alike)
- a. to look alike

No nos parecemos pero somos hermanos. *We don't look alike but we are brothers*.

pronominal verb

8. (to be similar to)

a. to look like

Te pareces mucho a tu papá cuando tenía tu edad. *You look a lot like your father when he was your age*.

b. to be like

Se parece a un vaquero con esas botas y esa actitud. *He's like a cowboy with those boots and that attitude.*

alcanzar

transitive verb

1. (to get to)

a. to reach

Cuando alcanzamos la cumbre, tomamos unas fotos. When we reached the summit, we took some pictures.

b. to catch

A que no me alcanzas. Bet you can't catch me.

c. to catch up with

Los alcancé justo antes de que se fueran. I caught up with them just before they left.

2. (amount)

a. to reach

La temperatura alcanzó los 42º el fin de semana. *The temperature reached 42º over the weekend*.

3. (to accomplish)

a. to achieve

No alcanzaron la meta que se habían propuesto. They did not achieve the goal they intended.

<u>intransitive verb</u>

4. (to be sufficient)

a. to be enough

No alcanzan fundos para seguir apoyando el proyecto. *There is not enough funding to continue supporting the project.*

iuntar

transitive verb

1. (to place together)

a. to put together

Junté todos los retratos de la familia y los colgué en una pared. I put all the family portraits together and hung them on a wall.

2. (finance)

a. to save

Van a tener que juntar mucho dinero si quieren comprar una casa en Palo Alto. *You're going to have to save a lot of money if you want to buy a house in Palo Alto*.

b. <u>to raise</u>

Los alumnos están juntando fondos para hacer un viaje de fin de año. *The students are raising money to take an end of the year trip.*

3. (to make a collection)

a. to collect

A Emily le gusta juntar imanes y llaveros. *Emily likes to collect magnets and keychains*.

4. (to assemble)

a. to get together

Junté a toda la familia para mi boda. *I got the whole family together for my wedding.*

b. to bring together

El festival juntó las mejores bandas de heavy metal del país. The festival brought together the best heavy metal bands in the country.

5. (to close)

a. to push to

Junta la puerta antes de irte. *Push the door to before you go.*

intransitive verb

6. (finance)

a. to save up

Estamos juntando para irnos de vacaciones. We're saving up to go on vacation.

juntarse

pronominal verb

7. (to get closer)

a. to move closer together

Júntense un poco para dejar espacio. *Move a little closer together to make room.*

b. to get together

Se tienen que juntar si quieren salir todos en la foto. *You have to get together if you all want to be in the picture*.

8. (to assemble)

a. to get together

Nos vamos a juntar para planificar las vacaciones. We're going to get together to plan our holidays.

b. to meet up

Una vez por mes me junto con mis cuñadas para comer. *Once a month I meet up with my sisters-in-law to eat lunch.*

c. to come together

Los amigos y ex-compañeros de Verón se juntaron para el partido de despedida. *Veron's friends an former team mates came together for the farewell match.*

9. (to be friendly with)

a. to mix with

Reed es una universidad interesante porque te juntas con gente muy especial. *Reed's a very interesting college because you mix with very special people.*

b. to hang out with

Ya te dije que no te juntaras con esa chusma. I already told you not to hang out with that riffraff.

10. (as romantic partners)

a. to get together

Iris no quiere volver a juntarse con su ex-novio. *Iris doesn't want to get together with her ex-boyfriend again.*

b. to live together

Johnny y Lana se juntaron en 2010 y se casaron dos años después. *Johnny and Lana started living together in 2010 and got married two years later.*

11. (to occur at the same time)

a. no direct translation

Se juntó la tormenta con la explosión de gas. *The storm came right on top of the gas explosion*.

Este año se me juntaron todas las desgracias. This year it was just one bad thing after another.

b. to come together

En la obra del autor se juntan la fantasía y la historia. *In the author's work fantasy and history come together.*

12. (to converge)

a. to ioin

Las dos carreteras se juntan en el cruce. *The two roads join at the crossroads*.

h to meet

Estos dos ríos se juntan en el océano. These two rivers meet at the ocean.

charlar

intransitive verb

1. (to converse)

a. to chat

Voy a charlar con el gerente para averiguar la verdad. I'm going to chat with the manager to find out the truth.

b. to talk

Carolina y yo charlamos sobre la nueva novela de misterio. *Carolina and I talked about the new mystery novel*.

unir

transitive verb

1. (to put together)

a. to join

Unió los cables para que alcanzaran hasta el escenario. She joined the cables so they reached the stage.

b. to unite

Las mismas creencias nos unen a todos en mi iglesia. The same beliefs unite everyone at my church.

c. to bind

Los lazos que nos unen como familia son muy fuertes. *The ties that bind us as a family are very strong.*

2. (to link to a place)

a. to connect

Ahora tenemos el sistema de ferrocarril que nos une a la ciudad. *Now we have the railway system that connects us to the city.*

3. (to associate)

a. to combine

Su poema une el ritmo yámbico con un juego de palabras inteligente. Her poem combines iambic rhythm with clever wordplay.

4. (culinary)

a. to mix

Une la leche con los huevos y los otros ingredientes con un batidor. *Mix the milk with the eggs and the other ingredients with a whisk.*

5. (to bring together)

a. to unite

Es el único que puede unir al pueblo. He's the only one who can unite the people.

unirse

pronominal verb

6. (to cooperate)

a. to join together

Las dos tribus se unieron para luchar contra su enemigo común. The two tribes joined together to fight against their common enemy.

b. to come together

Si no nos unimos, nunca podremos solucionar los problemas de nuestra comunidad. *If we don't come together, we'll never be able to solve the problems of our community.*

c. to unite

Cuando se unieron los campesinos, por fin consiguieron derrocar al rey. When the peasants united, they finally managed to overthrow the king.

7. (to become a member)

a. to ioin

Me he unido a un club de lectura porque me cuesta un poco motivarme a leer. I've joined a book club because I have a little bit of a hard time motivating myself to read.

8. (to converge)

a. to meet

Los dos caminos se unen en la falda de la montaña. The two roads meet at the foot of the mountain.

9. (to combine)

a. no direct translation

Ese tipo es un trabajador fantástico. En él se unen la confianza y el habilidad. *That guy's a fantastic worker. He's the epitome of confidence and skill.*

La comida maravillosa del restaurante se une a la decoración modernista lujosa. *The restaurant's fantastic food is complemented by their luxurious modernist decor.* quejarse

pronominal verb

1. (to protest)

a. to complain

Voy a quejarme ante la administración acerca del mal servicio en este hotel. *I am going to complain to the management about the bad service in this hotel.*

b. to moan

Deja de quejarte de tu falta de dinero y haz algo para cambiar tu situación. Stop moaning about your lack of money and do something to change your situation.

c. to grumble

Él siempre se está quejando de la mala comida que le dan en la escuela. *He is always grumbling about the bad meals they serve at school.*

2. (to express pain)

a. to moan

Él tenía dolor de estómago y estuvo quejándose toda la noche. *He had a stomach ache and was moaning all night.*

b. to groan

Mi perro se comió una barra entera de mantequilla y ahora se está quejando de dolor. *My dog ate an entire stick of butter and now he is groaning in pain*.

c. to complain

Mi mamá se queja de dolor en la cadera siempre que camina por un rato. *My mom complains about hip pain whenever she walks for a while.*

surgir

intransitive verb

1. (to materialize)

a. to arise

El cirujano puede solucionar cualquier complicación que surja durante la operación. *The surgeon can address any complications that may arise during surgery.*

b. to come up

Si surgiera algún problema mientras estamos fuera, llámanos de inmediato. *If a problem were to come up while we are away, call us immediately.*

c. to emerge

De nuestra discusión de la tarde surgieron varias ideas buenas. Several good ideas emerged from our afternoon discussion.

d. to appear

El carro surgió de la nada y no me dio tiempo girar para evitarlo. *The car appeared out of nowhere and I didn't have time to swerve to avoid it.*

2. (to rise up)

a. to spring forth

Cuando la perforadora perforó la tierra, surgió una corriente constante de agua. When the drilling machine pierced the earth, a steady stream of water sprang forth.

apurarse

pronominal verb

1. (to be in a hurry) (Latin America)

a. to hurry

Se apuró para llegar a la cita a tiempo. *He hurried to arrive at the appointment on time*.

b. to hurry up

Si no te apuras vamos a perder el vuelo. *If you don't hurry up, we're going to miss the flight.*

c. to get a move on (colloquial)

¡Apúrate! Que no tenemos todo el día. Get a move on! We don't have all day.

reflexive verb

2. (to be distressed)

a. to worry oneself

No me voy a apurar por lo que queda. Podemos terminar el trabajo mañana. I'm not going to worry myself about what's left. We can finish the work tomorrow.

apurar

transitive verb

3. (to consume all of)

a. to finish

Habíamos apurado las sobras, pero aún seguíamos con hambre. We had finished the leftovers, but we were still hungry.

b. to finish off

Ya no quiero más galletas. ¿Las quieres apurar? I don't want any more cookies. Do you want to finish them off?

c. to use up

Deberíamos comprar más leche antes de apurar el cartón que tenemos en casa. We should buy more milk before we use up the carton that we have at home.

d. to exhaust

Al darse cuenta de que habían apurado sus provisiones, los exploradores tuvieron que recurrir al canibalismo. *Upon realizing that they had exhausted their provisions, the explorers had to resort to cannibalism*.

4. (to demand haste) (Latin America)

a. to rush

No me apures, que quiero caminar con tranquilidad. Don't rush me. I want to walk to calmly.

b. to expedite (a process or package)

¿No hay manera de apurar el proceso? Nos marchamos en una semana. Isn't there any way to expedite the process? We leave in a week.

5. (to compel)

a. to put pressure on

Están apurando a los trabajadores para que hagan los informes trimestrales. *They're putting pressure on the employees to produce the quarterly reports*.

b. to push

Mis padres no me apuran a casarme. Yo me quiero casar. *My parents aren't pushing me to get married. I want to get married.*

6. (to cause embarrassment)

a. to embarrass

Estoy muy enfadada con mis padres porque me apuraron delante de mi novio a propósito. I'm really mad at my parents because they embarrassed me in front of my boyfriend on purpose.

<u>intransitive verb</u>

7. (to urge) (Chile)

a. to be urgent

Tiene un para de cosas que hacer, pero no le apura. She has a few things to do, but they're not urgent.

funcionar

intransitive verb

1. (to be operative)

a. to work

No me funciona el ordenador desde hace dos días. My computer has not been working for the last two days.

b. to function

La aplicación solo funciona con la última versión del programa. *The application functions only with the last version of the program.*

c. to run

Este vehículo funciona con gasolina. This vehicle runs on gas.

2. (to be in operation)

a. to operate

El negocio lleva funcionando desde el año 2003. The business has been operating since 2003.

3. (to be successful)

a. to work

El medicamento está funcionando y su mejoría es notable. *The medication is working and the improvement in his health is very obvious*.

b. to work out (relationship)

Está claro que nuestra relación no funciona. *Our relationship is clearly not working out.* enviar

transitive verb

1. (general)

a. to send

Mis amigos me enviaron fotos de la fiesta. *My friends sent me photos of the party.*

Mi mamá envió a mi hermano a que fuera de compras. My mom sent my brother to go shopping.

b. to mail

Yo le envié a mi novio tres cartas por semana. *I mailed my boyfriend three letters a week*.

c. to ship

El paquete que me enviaron aún no ha llegado. *The package they shipped me still hasn't arrived.* tirar

transitive verb

1. (to propel)

a. to throw

Si tiras una moneda al pozo, puedes pedir un deseo. If you throw a coin in the well, you can make a wish.

2. (to get rid of)

a. to throw away

Tengo que tirar todos estos trastos. I have to throw away all this junk.

3. (to use inefficiently)

a. to waste

Comprar productos de mala calidad es tirar el dinero. *Buying bad quality products is wasting your money.*

b. <u>to squander</u>

Los humanos están tirando todos los recursos del planeta. *Humans are squandering the planet's resources*.

4. (to pull down)

a. to knock over

Van a tirar la antigua central eléctrica. *The old power plant is going to be knocked over.*

b. to knock down

Dejen de empujar, van a tirar la puerta abajo. *Stop pushing*; *you are going to knock down the door.*

5. (to discharge)

a. to fire

El ejército tiró un cohete desde su base. The army fired a rocket from the base.

b. to drop

Tiraron muchas bombas sobre la capital enemiga. *Many bombs were dropped on the enemy's capital*.

c. to shoot

Tiré la flecha y le di a la diana. I shot the arrow and hit the bullseye.

d. to launch

Mi padre tiró fuegos artificiales en Año Nuevo. My father launched fireworks on New Year's Eve.

6. (photography)

a. to take

Tiré muchas fotos durante mis vacaciones. *I took a lot of pictures during my vacation*.

7. (printing)

a. to print

Han tirado diez mil ejemplares de la novela. They have printed ten thousand copies of the novel.

b. to run off

La editorial tiró mil ejemplares de mi libro. *The publisher ran off a thousand copies of my book.*

8. (to trace)

a. to draw

El arquitecto tiró una línea recta con una regla. The architect drew a straight line with a ruler.

9. (to attack)

a. no direct translation

No le tire patadas a su hermano. Don't kick your brother.

Su perro me tiró un mordisco. His dog snapped at me.

intransitive verb

10. (to draw nearer)

a. to pull

No empujes la puerta, tira para abrirla. *Don't push the door; pull to open it.*

11. (to attract)

a. no direct translation

No le tira estudiar medicina. *He is not interested in studying medicine*.

Las fiestas ya no me tiran. Parties don't appeal to me anymore.

12. (to be taut)

a. to be tight

Esta falda me tira en la cadera, me compraré una talla más grande. This skirt is tight at the hip; I will buy a bigger size.

13. (to fire)

a. to shoot

Tenían órdenes de tirar a matar. Their orders were to shoot to kill.

14. (sports)

a. to shoot

Un jugador de nuestro equipo tiró y marcó un gol. A player on our team shot and scored a goal.

b. to throw

Tras recibir un pase, el jugador tiró desde la línea de tres puntos sin éxito. After catching a pass, the player threw from the three-point line unsuccessfully.

15. (to work)

a. to pull

Mi coche ya no tira como antes, creo que ha llegado el momento de comprar uno nuevo. *My car doesn't pull like it used to; I think it's time to buy a new one.*

b. to draw

Tienes que tirar al encender el cigarro. You have to draw while lighting the cigarette.

16. (to survive)

a. to get by

Tenemos que tirar con muy poco hasta que cobre. We have to get by with very little until payday.

17. (to move forward)

a. to go

Para llegar a la panadería, tire por esta calle hasta el cruce. *To get to the bakery, go down this street until the crossing.*

18. (to tend)

a. no direct translation

El plato tiraba a dulce más que nada. The dish was more sweet than anything else.

Tienes que beberte el té cuando esté tirando a frío. You have to drink the tea when is nearly cold.

19. (vulgar) (to have sexual intercourse) (Latin America)

a. to screw (vulgar)

Ese hombre sólo piensa en tirar. That guy only ever thinks about screwing.

tirarse

pronominal verb

20. (to propel oneself)

a. to throw oneself

Pensó en suicidarse tirándose de un puente. He thought of committing suicide throwing himself from a bridge.

21. (to pass time)

a. to spend

Me tiré tres horas limpiando mi habitación. I spent three hours cleaning my room.

22. (vulgar) (to have sexual intercourse)

a. to screw (vulgar)

Se tiraron la primera noche que se conocieron. They screwed the first night they met.

b. to lay (vulgar)

Un policía los sorprendió tirándose en el carro. A police officer caught them laying in the car.

23. (colloquial) (to release gas)

a. no direct translation

El bebé se tiró un eructo tras tomarse su biberón. *The baby burped after having his bottle*.

La primera vez que se tiró un pedo delante de su novio se avergonzó. *The first time she farted in front of her boyfriend she was embarrassed.*

marcar

transitive verb

1. (to put a mark on)

a. to mark

Marca la respuesta que consideres correcta. Mark the response that you consider to be correct.

2. (to show)

a. to indicate

El reloj marca la hora correcta. *The clock indicates the correct time*.

b. to mark

El letrero marca dónde se puede estacionar en la calle. The sign marks where you can park on the street.

3. (to push numbers on a phone)

a. to press

Marque el número dos para escuchar en español. Press number two for Spanish.

b. to dial

Marqué equivocado y volví a llamar. I dialed the wrong number and called again.

4. (sports)

a. to score (points, goals)

Mi jugador favorito marcó tres goles ayer. *My favorite player scored three goals yesterday*.

b. to cover (another player)

Tengo que marcar al jugador más rápido de su equipo. I have to cover the fastest player on their team.

marcarse

pronominal verb

5. (to stand out)

a. to show

Este vestido es tan apretado que se me marca la ropa interior. *This dress is so tight my underwear shows*.

b. to stand out

Cuando levanta pesas se le marcan rápidamente los músculos. When she lifts weights, her muscles quickly stand out.

anotar

transitive verb

1. (to take note of)

a. to note down

Anoté las cosas más importantes que se mencionaron en la junta. *I noted down the most important things mentioned at the meeting.*

b. to make a note of

Por favor anota tu información personal en esta forma. *Please make a note of your personal information on this form.*

2. (to write explanatory notes)

a. to annotate

Te recomiendo anotar lo que te parezca importante al margen. *I recommend annotating what you consider important in the margin*.

3. (to register) (Southern Cone)

a. to enroll (United States)

Mi hermano me anotó en la clase de español. My brother enrolled me in Spanish class.

b. to enrol (United Kingdom)

También anoté a María en la clase de ciencias. *I also enrolled María in the science class*.

4. (sports)

a. to score

Julián anotó el último gol. Julián scored the last goal.

anotarse

pronominal verb

5. (sports)

a. to score

Se anotó un gol y quedaron empate. They scored a goal and it ended in a tie.

6. (to register) (South America)

a. to enroll (United States)

Marcela se anotó en Matemáticas I. Marcela enrolled in Math I.

b. to enrol (United Kingdom)

James se anotó en el curso de redacción. *James enrolled in the composition course*. gustar

intransitive verb

1. (to enjoy)

a. to like

Me gusta la comida mexicana. I like Mexican food.

b. to please

A ella le gustó ver a su hijo tan contento. *It pleased her to see her son so happy.*

2. (to be attracted to)

a. to like

¿Crees que le gusto?Do you think she likes me?

b. <u>to fancy</u> (United Kingdom)

Me gusta mucho tu primo. ¿Cómo se llama? I really fancy your cousin. What's his name?

3. (to be pleasing)

a. to be liked

Las columnas de Rita gustan mucho. Las vamos a seguir publicando. *Rita's columns are liked a lot. We'll keep on publishing them.*

b. to be popular

No entiendo por qué gusta tanto el vino espumante. Lo detesto. I can't understand why sparkling wine is so popular. I hate it.

transitive verb

- 4. (to want)
- a. to like

¿Les gustaría algo más? Would you like anything else?

- 5. (to try)
- a. to taste

¿Puedes gustar esta salsa? ¿Le pongo más sal? Can you taste this sauce? Shall I add salt? elegir

transitive verb

- 1. (to make a choice)
- a. to choose

Elegí quedarme en casa como madre a tiempo completo. I chose to stay home as a full-time mom.

b. to select

No elegiste la opción correcta del menú. You didn't select the right option from the menu.

- 2. (to vote)
- a. to elect

Los ciudadanos eligieron al nuevo alcalde la semana pasada. *The citizens elected the new mayor last week*.

encantar

intransitive verb

- 1. (to like very much)
- a. to love

Me encanta tomarme un chocolate caliente cuando hace frío afuera. *I love drinking hot chocolate* when it's cold out.

transitive verb

- 2. (to cast a spell)
- a. to bewitch

La bruja encantó a la princesa. *The witch bewitched the princess*.

utilizar

transitive verb

- 1. (to make use of)
- a. to use

Utiliza la llave de rueda para reemplazar esa llanta ponchada. *Use this socket wrench to replace that flat tire.*

b. to utilize

Los médicos utilizan un sistema para determinar el tratamiento exacto. *Doctors utilize a system to determine the exact treatment*.

- 2. (clothing, accessories)
- a. to wear

En verano, es recomendable utilizar gafas de sol. *During summer, wearing sunglasses is recommended*.

- 3. (to abuse)
- a. to take advantage

Hay que utilizar los beneficios de trabajar con el gobierno. *One must take advantage of the benefits of working for the government.*

- 4. (to employ)
- a. to harness

Ahora pueden utilizar la energía solar para crear electricidad. *They can now harness solar energy to create electricity.*

sacar

transitive verb

- 1. (to eliminate)
- a. to take out

En ese restaurante, sacan la basura cinco veces al día. At that restaurant they take out the trash five times a day.

- 2. (to expel)
- a. to remove

Hay varias maneras de sacar una astilla con la ayuda de unas pinzas. *There are several ways to remove a splinter with the aid of tweezers*.

- 3. (to produce)
- a. to take (photograph)

¿Nos sacarías una foto a Gerard Piqué y a mí? Would you take a photo of Gerard Piqué and me?

b. <u>to make</u> (photocopy)

Quiero sacar una copia del anuncio en el periódico. I want to make a copy of the ad in the newspaper.

- 4. (to receive)
- a. to get

Sacó el primer premio del concurso. *He got the first prize in the contest*.

- 5. (to draw out)
- a. to extract

El mejor jarabe de arce se saca de árboles en Canadá. *The best maple syrup is extracted from trees in Canada*.

- 6. (with body parts)
- a. to stick out

Abre la boca y saca la lengua. *Open your mouth and stick out your tongue*.

- 7. (to publish)
- a. to release

Mi banda favorita sacó su disco nuevo. My favorite band released their new album.

- 8. (to find the answer)
- a. to get

¿Sacaste el número total de invitados? Did you get the total number of guests?

b. to draw

Lo que sacamos de esta discusión es que es culpable. What we draw from this discussion is that she is quilty.

- 9. (sports)
- a. to serve

Nadal sacó en el sexto juego del cuarto set.*Nadal served in the sixth game of the fourth set.* sacarse

pronominal verb

10. (to get out)

a. to take out

Se sacó el dinero del bolsillo y volvió a contarlo. He took the money out of his pocket and counted it again.

- 11. (to go away) (Mexico)
- a. to leave

¡Sácate de aquí antes de que venga la policía!*Leave here before the police comes!* gastar

transitive verb

- 1. (to expend)
- a. to spend

Gastan más dinero del que ingresan. They spend more money than they earn.

2. (to consume)

a. to use

Lucinda gasta mucho papel porque está siempre dibujando. *Lucinda uses lots of paper because she's always drawing*.

b. to use up

¿Ya gastastate todos los huevos? Did you already use up all the eggs?

3. (to deteriorate)

a. to wear out

Los niños gastan las suelas de los zapatos en muy poco tiempo. *Children wear out the soles of their shoes in no time at all*.

b. to wear down

Dina gastó los tacones de sus zapatos bailando en el festival. *Dina wore down the heels on her shoes dancing in the festival*.

4. (to squander)

a. to waste

No me gusta gastar mi tiempo inútilmente. I don't like to waste my time pointlessly.

5. (colloquial) (to use on the body) (Spain)

a. to wear

¿Cuándo empezaste a gastar gafas? When did you begin to wear glasses?

b. to be

¿Qué talla gastas de camisa? What size shirt are you?

c. to take (shoe size) (United Kingdom)

¿Puedo probar estos zapatos en mi número? - ¿Qué número gastas? Can I try these shoes on in my size? - What size do you take?

intransitive verb

6. (to expend money)

a. to spend

A Eva le gusta más gastar que trabajar. *Eva likes spending more than working.* gastarse

pronominal verb

7. (to waste money)

a. to spend

Paco se gasta todo lo que gana en apostar. Paco spends all he earns on gambling.

8. (to run down)

a. to run out

Se te gastarán las pilas en seguida si no bajas el volumen. Your batteries will run out in no time if you don't turn the volume down.

9. (to deteriorate from use)

a. to wear out

Como es la camisa que más me pongo, ya se gastó el cuello. As it's the shirt I wear the most, the collar already wore out.

b. to wear down

¡Qué raro! Solo se gastó el tacón de la bota derecha. How weird! Only the heel on the right boot wore down.

10. (to squander)

a. to waste

No te gastes el tiempo tratando de convencerlo; está decidido en no esforzarse nada. *Don't waste your time trying to convince him; he's determined not to make any effort.*

11. (colloquial) (to exhibit) (Spain)

a. to have

Roberto se gasta un genio; por eso tiene tan pocos amigos. *Roberto has an awful temper; that's why he has so few friends*.

preferir

transitive verb

- 1. (to have a preference)
- a. to prefer

¿Prefieres trabajar en grupo o solo? Do you prefer to work in a team or independently? enchufar

transitive verb

- 1. (electricity)
- a. to plug in

La radio no se encenderá si no lo enchufas. *The radio won't turn on if you don't plug it in.*

- 2. (to put together)
- a. to join

Enchufa los tubos y séllalos con cinta adhesiva. *Join the tubes and seal them with duct tape*.

- 3. (colloquial) (to activate)
- a. to turn on

¡Enchufa el televisor; el juego ya está por comenzar! *Turn on the television; the game is about to start!*

b. to switch on

Enchufa la radio. Quiero escuchar las noticias. Switch on the radio. I want to listen to the news.

- 4. (colloquial) (to fix up for a job) (Spain)
- a. to pull strings

Su primo trabaja en la empresa y lo enchufó en ese puesto. His cousin works in the company and pulled strings for him to get the job.

b. to get a job for

"No voy a enchufarte en nuestro estudio de abogados", dijo su padre. "I'm not going to get you a job at our law firm," said his father.

c. to set up in a job

Hablé con el gerente y es posible que logre enchufarte en Tina & Co.*I talked to the manager and he might be able to set you up in a job at Tina & Co.*

enchufarse

pronominal verb

- 5. (colloquial) (to get a cushy job) (Spain)
- a. to wangle oneself a job

Tuvo que hacer algunos favores para enchufarse en la municipalidad. *He had to do some favors to wangle himself a job in the council.*

6. (colloquial) (to adapt) (Latin America)

a. to fit in

Me cuesta enchufarme porque todavía no domino el idioma. It's hard for me to fit in because I still can't speak the language.

b. to settle in

Mis nuevos compañeros de clase son amigables y me enchufé rápido. *My new classmates are friendly and I settled in quickly.*

prender

transitive verb

- 1. (to apprehend)
- a. to catch

La policía prendió al sospechoso mientras huía de la escena del crimen. *The police caught the suspect running away from the crime scene*.

b. to arrest

La policía lo prendió por el robo del banco. *The police arrested him for the bank robbery*.

c. to capture

La FBI prendió a los delincuentes mientras intentaban abordar un buque. The FBI captured the criminals while they were trying to board a ship.

2. (to ignite)

a. to light

Puedes prender el carbón con un fósforo. You can light the charcoal with a match.

3. (to activate) (Latin America)

a. to turn on

¿No quieres prender la luz para poder leer mejor? Don't you want to turn on the light so you can read better?

b. to switch on

Hace mucho calor. - Prende el aire acondicionado. It's really hot. - Switch on the air conditioning.

4. (to put on)

a. to attach

Diego prendió un ramillete al vestido de su novia. *Diego attached a corsage to his qirlfriend's dress*.

b. to pin

Mike prendió una rosa a su solapa antes de la boda de su hermano. *Mike pinned a rose to his lapel* before his brother's wedding.

c. to fasten

Anita prendió una flor a su vestido y se fue a la fiesta. *Anita fastened a flower to her dress and left* for the party.

<u>intransitive verb</u>

5. (botany)

a. to take root

Las semillas prendieron fácilmente en la tierra fértil de la granja. *The seeds took root easily in the* farm's fertile soil.

6. (to become popular)

a. to catch on

Nuevos avances en la tecnología prenden rápidamente. *New advances in technology catch on* quickly.

7. (to receive)

a. to take

Él recibió la vacuna contra la gripa, pero no prendió y se enfermo de igual manera. He qot the flu vaccine, but it didn't take and he got sick anyway. prenderse

pronominal verb

8. (to burn) a. to catch fire

El sofá estaba demasiado cerca de la chimenea y se prendió. The sofa was too close to the fireplace and caught fire.

caminar

intransitive verb

1. (to travel on foot)

a. to walk

Voy caminando al colegio todos los días. I walk to school every day.

2. (to function) (Latin America)

a. to work

La lavadora no camina. *The washing machine doesn't work.*

transitive verb

3. (to travel on foot)

a. to walk

Cuanto más rápido sea tu ritmo, más rápido caminarás las cinco millas. The faster your pace, the faster you'll walk the five miles.

apagar

transitive verb

- 1. (to disconnect)
- a. to turn off

Apaga la luz antes de irte. Turn off the light before you go.

b. to switch off

Hijo, apaga el radio por favor. Son, switch off the radio please.

c. to put out

Acuérdate de apagar las luces antes de acostarte. Remember to put the lights out before you go to bed.

- 2. (to cause to stop burning)
- a. to put out

Ron apagó las velas del candelabro. Ron put out the candles on the candelabra.

b. to blow out

Apaga las velas del pastel y pide un deseo. Blow out the candles on the cake and make a wish.

c. extinguish (formal)

Please extinguish your cigarette before entering the hospital. *Por favor apaga tu cigarro antes de entrar al hospital*.

- 3. (to satisfy)
- a. to quench

Con este calor, ni diez litros de agua podrían apagar mi sed. With this heat, not even ten liters of water could quench my thirst.

- 4. (to pacify)
- a. to calm

Nada le podría apagar la ira que sentía. *Nothing would be able to calm his anger.*

b. to soothe

Esta crema apagará el ardor del piquete. *This cream will soothe the burning sensation from the bite*.

5. (to tone down)

a. to muffle

La cantante puso unos tapones en los oídos para apagar el ruido de la banda de la fiesta. *The singer put earplugs in her ears to muffle the noise of the band at the festival.*

b. to soften

Usé un filtro en el lente para apagar los colores. *I used a filter on the lens to soften the colors.* apagarse

pronominal verb

6. (to blow out)

a. to go out

Una ráfaga pasó por una grieta y la vela se apagó. A gust of wind came in through a crack, and the candle went out.

- 7. (to stop working)
- a. to go off

Escuché una explosión y en enseguida se apagaron las luces. I heard an explosion, and then the lights went off straightaway.

- 8. (to abate)
- a. to die down

Por fin, el viento empezaba a apagarse. *At last, the wind was dying down.*

- 9. (to dissipate)
- a. to fade

Después de tantos años de luchar sin conseguir nada, los anhelos ya se le habían apagado. *After so many years of struggling to no avail, her dreams had faded.*

b. to go out

La chispa en los ojos de mi abuelo no se apagó hasta el último momento de su vida. *The spark in my grandfather's eyes didn't go out until his dying moments*.

c. to wane

El deseo de quitar al dictador no se está apagando frente a la represión. The desire to remove the dictator isn't waning in the face of repression.

disculpar

transitive verb

1. (to pardon)

a. to forgive

Por favor, discúlpame por haber roto la guitarra. *Please*, *forgive me for breaking the guitar*.

b. to excuse

Discúlpeme por llegar unos minutos tarde. Excuse me for arriving a few minutes late.

intransitive verb

2. (to ask forgiveness)

a. <u>I'm sorry</u>

Disculpa, no te he visto trabajando allí. Me pondré los cascos. *I'm sorry, I didn't see you there working. I'll put headphones in.*

3. (when asking for one's attention)

a. excuse me

Disculpa, pero ¿cómo se llega a la parada de metro más cercana? Excuse me, but how do you get to the nearest metro stop?

disculparse

pronominal verb

4. (to admit guilt)

a. to apologize

Si te disculparas, quizás te perdonaría. *If you apologized, perhaps he'd forgive you.*

ordenar

transitive verb

1. (to organize)

a. to order

Ordené todos mis libros en los estantes por el color del lomo. I ordered all of my books on the shelves by spine color.

b. to arrange

Contraté a una decoradora para ayudarme a escoger y ordenar mis muebles. I hired a decorator to help me choose and arrange my furniture.

c. to tidy

No importa cuántas veces le pido a mi hija que ordene su habitación, no lo hace.*It doesn't matter how many times I tell my daughter to tidy her room, she doesn't do it.*

2. (to command)

a. to order

El profesor ordenó al alumno salir del aula por su mal comportamiento. *The teacher ordered the student out of the classroom due to his bad behavior.*

3. (religion)

a. to ordain

El obispo ordenó al cura en la iglesia del pueblo. The bishop ordained the priest in the village church.a

ordenarse

pronominal verb

4. (religion)

a. to be ordained

Su hermana se ordenó monja en el convento de San José. His sister was ordained as a nun in Saint Joseph's convent.

andar

intransitive verb

- 1. (to operate)
- a. to work

La lavadora no anda. *The washing machine doesn't work.*

- 2. (to be in a certain state)
- a. to go

Mi matrimonio no anda bien. *My marriage is not going well.*

- 3. (to travel by)
- a. to take (with "en")

Yo siempre ando en tren cuando regreso a hogar. *I always take the train when returning home*.

En el verano ella anda en bicicleta al trabajo. *In the summer she takes her bike to work.*

- 4. (to travel on foot)
- a. to walk

Voy andando al colegio todos los días. I walk to school every day.

- 5. (to be about)
- a. to be around

El coste medio de un sitio web anda por los \$2000. *The average cost of a website is around \$2000*. andarse

pronominal verb

6. (to act)

a. to be careful

En ese vecindario tienes que andarte con ojo. In that neighborhood you have to be careful.

perder

transitive verb

- 1. (to misplace)
- a. to lose

¿Cuántas veces has perdido tu celular? How many times have you lost your cellphone?

- 2. (to be defeated)
- a. to lose

Si perdemos otro partido, no nos clasificaremos para la final. If we lose another match we will not qualify for the finals.

- 3. (to throw away)
- a. to miss

Perdiste la oportunidad de conseguir una entrada gratis. You missed the chance to get one free ticket.

b. to waste

Le hiciste perder demasiado tiempo. You made him waste so much time.

- 4. (to not catch)
- a. to miss

El atasco me hizo perder el vuelo. The traffic jam made me miss my flight.

- 5. (to lose to death or destruction)
- a. to lose

Perdimos mucho por la guerra. We lost so much in the war.

- 6. (to leak)
- a. to lose

Mi calentador sigue perdiendo agua. My boiler keeps losing water.

perderse

reflexive verb

- 7. (to fail to find the way)
- a. to get lost

Mi perro se perdió en el bosque. My dog got lost in the woods.

8. (to not understand)

a. to be lost

No presté atención y ahora me perdí. *I didn't pay attention and now I'm lost*.

pedir

transitive verb

- 1. (to request)
- a. to ask for

Llamó para pedir más dinero. He called to ask for more money.

b. to beg for

Había muchos indigentes pidiendo limosna en el metro. *There were lots of homeless people begging for money in the metro*.

- 2. (in a restaurant)
- a. to order

Voy a pedir tacos de pescado. *I'm going to order fish tacos*.

b. to ask for (the check)

Pide la cuenta, por favor. Can you ask for the check, please?

- 3. (goods)
- a. to order

Acabo de recibir el DVD que pedí. I have just received the DVD I ordered.

b. to ask for (a price)

Están pidiendo \$300 por taquilla para el concierto. *They're asking \$300 per ticket for the concert*.

- 4. (to command)
- a. to demand

Me pidió una explicación de inmediato. *He demanded an explanation immediately*.

5. (to require)

a. to need

Esta posición pide un mínimo de cinco años de experiencia. *This positions needs a minimum of five years of work experience*.

b. to cry out for

Este cachorro pide atención constantemente. *This puppy is constantly crying out for attention*.

c. to call for

Esta carne jugosa pide un buen vino tinto. This juicy meat calls for a good red wine.

- 6. (to propose to)
- a. to ask

Se arrodilló y me pidió matrimonio. *He got down on one knee and asked me to marry him.*

- 7. (legal)
- a. to ask for

El acusado le pidió al juez una sentencia más corta. *The defendant asked the judge for a shorter sentence*.

intransitive verb

- 8. (in a restaurant)
- a. to order

¿Me da un minuto, por favor? Aún no sé lo que voy a pedir. Would you give me another minute, please? I still don't know what I'm going to order.

- 9. (religious)
- a. to pray

Mi abuela siempre pedía por cada uno de sus nietos. *My grandmother used to pray for each and every one of her grandchildren*.

pedirse

pronominal verb

- 10. (to choose)
- a. to have dibs on (United States)

¡Me pido el asiento delantero!I have dibs on the front seat!

b. to bag (colloquial) (United Kingdom)

¡Me pido el balón rosa!*I bag the pink ball!* joder

transitive verb

- 1. (vulgar) (to have sexual intercourse)
- a. to fuck (vulgar)

¿Cuál es el desgraciado que jodió a tu prima? - Ese de ahí. Who's the jerk who fucked your cousin? - That one over there.

b. <u>to screw</u> (vulgar)

¡Me jodiste, me preñaste y ahora te toca hacerte cargo! You screwed me, you knocked me up, and now you have to take responsibility!

- 2. (vulgar) (to mess with)
- a. to fuck with (vulgar)

Ese timador me quiso joder, pero yo soy más listo que el hambre. *That swindler wanted to fuck with me, but I'm as sharp as a tack.*

- 3. (vulgar) (to annoy)
- a. to piss off (vulgar)

¿Tienes un matamoscas? Ya está la mosca otra vez jodiéndome.*Do you have a fly swatter? This fly is pissing me off.*

interjection

- 4. (vulgar) (used to express annoyance)
- a. <u>fuck</u> (vulgar)

¡Joder! Me han vuelto a retrasar el avión. Fuck! My flight is delayed again.

b. damn (vulgar)

¡Joder! Se me quemó la pizza que tenía en el horno.*Damn! The pizza I put in the oven is burned.* tratar

transitive verb

- 1. (to behave)
- a. to treat

Se espera que se trate con respeto a la gente mayor. *It is expected that one should treat the elderly with respect.*

- 2. (medicine)
- a. to treat

Tras tratarlo con medicamentos, se le dará de alta mañana. *After treating him with medication, he will be discharged tomorrow.*

- 3. (to deal with)
- a. to address

Esta es otra cuestión que hay que tratar lo antes posible. This is another issue that has to be addressed as soon as possible.

- 4. (computing)
- a. to process

La ley cubre cómo deben tratarse los datos personales. *Law covers how personal data should be processed.*

intransitive verb

5. (to have contact with somebody; used with "with")

a. to deal with

No trato con asesinos. *I don't deal with murderers*.

tratarse

pronominal verb

- 6. (to deal with; used with "de")
- a. to be about

No se trata de dinero. It's not about the money.

prestar

transitive verb

- 1. (to loan)
- a. to lend

Te prestaré algunos de los libros de mi hermano. I will lend you some of my brother's books.

- 2. (to give)
- a. to provide

Recibió el dinero por el servicio prestado. *He received the money for the service provided*. prestarse

reflexive verb

- 3. (to volunteer)
- a. to offer to

Se prestó a llevarme a casa. He offered to drive me home.

- 4. (to take temporarily) (Caribbean)
- a. to borrow

Mi hermano se prestó de mi carro sin mi permiso. *My brother borrowed my car without my permission*.

pertenecer

intransitive verb

- 1. (to be owned by)
- a. to belong to

Yo solo quiero lo que me pertenece. *I only want what belongs to me.*

- 2. (to be part of)
- a. to belong to

Pertenece a varias asociaciones benéficas. *She belongs to several charities*.

expresar

transitive verb

- 1. (to communicate)
- a. to express

Tengo varias preocupaciones que me gustaría expresar sobre este proyecto de ley. *I have several concerns about this bill that I'd like to express*.

b. <u>to phrase</u>

Esta cláusula del contrato se expresa de otra manera que en el anterior, pero significa casi lo mismo. This clause of the contract is phrased in a different way from the previous one, but it means almost the same thing.

c. to voice

Algunos empleados no se sienten suficientemente cómodos para expresar sus quejas. *Some employees don't feel comfortable enough to voice their complaints.*

d. to set forth

Lamento informarte de que tu solicitud ha sido denegada por las razones que se expresan a continuación. We regret to inform you that your application has been denied for the reasons set forth below.

e. to state

El contrato expresaba explícitamente que no tendrías acceso a ese dinero. *The contract stated explicitly that you wouldn't have access to that money.*

- 2. (to demonstrate)
- a. to show

Le trajo flores para expresarle el cariño que sentía por ella. He brought her flowers to show her the affection he felt for her.

expresarse

reflexive verb

3. (to communicate oneself)

a. to express oneself

No sé expresarme muy bien, pero soy una persona sincera. *I don't know how to express myself very well, but I'm a sincere person.*

provocar

transitive verb

1. (to originate)

a. to cause

La huelga de pilotos provocará el caos en los aeropuertos. *The pilots' strike will cause havoc in the airports*.

b. to start

Los bomberos están investigando para averiguar quién provocó el incendio. *The firefighters are investigating to find out who started the fire*.

c. to bring about

El político promete que provocará el cambio que quiere el pueblo. *The politician promises that he will bring about the change that people want.*

d. to spark off

El encuentro de culturas suele provocar inovación. *The meeting of cultures often sparks off innovation*.

2. (to incite)

a. to provoke

El discurso del dictador provocó que el pueblo se rebelara. *The dictator's speech provoked the people to rebel*.

b. to invite

Su libro nuevo provocó las críticas de la izquierda y de la derecha. *Her new book invited criticism from the left and the right*.

c. to tempt

El general intentó provocar al otro ejército para que atacara primero. *The general tried to tempt the other army to attack first.*

3. (medicine)

a. to induce

Ya has salido de cuentas. Hay que provocar el parto. We have passed the delivery date. We need to induce labor.

b. to bring on

Si te automedicas, puedes provocar complicaciones usando el medicamento incorrecto. *If you self medicate*, *you can bring on complications by using the wrong medication*.

4. (to arouse)

a. to rouse

Steve intentó provocar el interés de María con su perfume nuevo. *Steve tried to rouse Maria's interest with his new cologne.*

b. to lead on

La provocó diciéndole que estaba planeando dejar a su esposa. *He led her on by telling her he was planning on leaving his wife.*

intransitive verb

5. (to feel like) (Latin America)

a. no direct translation

Me provocan unas palomitas cuando voy al cine. *I feel like having some popcorn when I go to the movies*.

¿Te provoca algo de comer? Would you like something to eat? molestar

transitive verb

1. (to irk)

a. to bother

¡Mami, Roberto me está molestando! ¡No me deja en paz!*Mommy, Roberto is bothering me! He won't leave me alone!*

b. to annoy

Me está molestando muchísimo ese ruido. That noise is annoying me to no end.

2. (to offend)

a. to upset

Perdona si te han molestado mis comentarios. *I am sorry if my comments have upset you.*

3. (to interrupt)

a. to disturb

Disculpe que le moleste, pero ¿ya terminó? Sorry to disturb you, but have you finished yet?

4. (to cause pain)

a. to hurt

A mi abuela le molestan los pies al andar. My grandmother's feet hurt when she walks.

intransitive verb

5. (to pester)

a. to disturb

Puse el cartel en la puerta para que no molesten por la mañana. I put the sign on the door so that they don't disturb us in the morning.

6. (to be an annoyance)

a. to be a nuisance

No me gustan los niños. Siempre están molestando y haciendo un reguero. *I don't like children*. *They're always being a nuisance and making a mess*.

molestarse

pronominal verb

7. (to get annoyed)

a. to get upset

No se moleste, ha sido sin querer. *Don't get upset, I didn't do it on purpose.*

b. to take offense (United States)

Mi suegra se molestó por mis comentarios. My mother-in-law took offense at my remarks.

c. to take offence (United Kingdom)

No te molestes, pero no me gusta tu vestido. *Don't take offence, but I don't like your dress*.

8. (to trouble oneself)

a. to bother

No hace falta que se molesten en recogernos. You don't need to bother to pick us up.

incluir

transitive verb

1. (to comprise or be part of)

a. to include

Norteamérica incluye Canadá, los Estados Unidos y México. *North America includes Canada, the United States, and Mexico*.

b. to contain

La caja incluye las instrucciones y todas las partes. *The box includes the instructions and all the parts*.

2. (to add)

a. to include

Hay que incluir el presidente y su esposa en la lista de invitados. *We must include the president and his wife on the list of invitees.*

b. to enclose

Incluye este separador con tu carta. *Please enclose this bookmark with your letter.*

morir

intransitive verb

1. (to perish)

a. to die

Murió a temprana edad. He died at an early age.

2. (to stop working)

a. to die

¡Ay, no! Mi computadora murió en medio de la película. *Oh no! My computer died in the middle of the movie.*

morirse

pronominal verb

3. (to have a strong feeling)

a. to be dying

Me muero por hablar contigo. *I'm dying to talk to you*.

quitar

transitive verb

1. (to eliminate)

a. to remove

No pude quitar la mancha del mantel. *I could not remove the stain from the tablecloth*.

2. (to grab)

a. to take away

Le quité la carta que le había escrito. I took the letter I had written away from him.

b. to take

Me quitaron el celular en el autobús. Someone took my cell phone on the bus.

3. (to ease pain)

a. to relieve

La aspirina me quitó el dolor de inmediato. *The aspirin relieved my pain immediately*.

b. to take away

Le dieron morfina para quitar el dolor que sufrió después del accidente. *They gave him morphine to take away the pain he suffered after the accident.*

4. (time)

a. to take up

Pintarme las uñas me quita mucho tiempo. *Painting my nails takes up a lot of my time*.

5. (to exclude; participle)

a. except for

Quitando las almendras, me gustan todos los frutos secos. *Except for almonds, I like all nuts.* quitarse

reflexive verb

6. (to remove clothing)

a. to take off

Quítense la ropa mojada antes de entrar a la casa. *Take off your wet clothes before entering the house.*

7. (to move away)

a. to get out

Viene un toro, ¡quítense de enmedio! *A bull is coming. Get out of the way!* obligar

transitive verb

1. (to compel)

a. to force

El policía me obligó a detenerme aunque no manejaba sobre el límite de velocidad. *The police officer forced me to stop even though I wasn't speeding*.

b. to make

Me obligó a contarle lo que había pasado. He made me tell him what had happened.

c. to bind

La ley obliga a las empresas a reducir los niveles de contaminación. *The law binds companies to reduce levels of pollution*.

d. to oblige

El tratado los obliga a elaborar nuevas normas laborales. *The treaty obliges them to develop new work rules*.

obligarse

pronominal verb

2. (to make oneself do)

a. to force oneself

Todos los días me obligo a hacer ejercicio. I force myself to do some execise everyday.

3. (to pledge to)

a. to commit oneself

No, gracias. Me obligué a dejar de tomar alcohol por un año. *No, thanks. I've committed myself not to drink alcohol for a year.*

depender

intransitive verb

1. (to be conditional)

a. to depend

¿Vas a ir al concierto? - Depende. *Are you going to the concert? - It depends.*

2. (politics)

a. to be a dependency

Este isla al norte de Francia depende en realidad de Gran Bretaña. *This island off the north coast of France is actually a British dependency.*

valer

transitive verb

1. (to have a value of)

a. to be worth

Esta primera edición vale una fortuna. *This first edition is worth a fortune*.

2. (price)

a. to cost

El coche que quiero vale \$40,000. The car I want costs \$40,000.

3. (mathematics)

a. to be equal to

En esta ecuación, la variable X vale 2.5.*In this equation, the variable X is equal to 2.5.*

4. (to secure)

a. to win

Ese argumento les valió el triunfo en el debate. That argument won them the debate.

intransitive verb

5. (to have value)

a. to be valuable

Esa foto de mi abuela vale mucho para mí. *That picture of my grandma is very valuable to me.*

6. (to serve)

a. to be useful

Las correcciones que hizo en mi ensayo me han valido de mucho. *The edits she made to my essay were very useful to me.*

b. to be valid

Tu licencia de conducir se ha caducado y ya no vale. *Your driver's license has expired and is no longer valid.*

7. (to be permitted)

a. to be allowed

No vale usar los libros de textos durante los exámenes. *Using textbooks during exams is not allowed*.

- 8. (colloquial) (to be ruined) (Mexico)
- a. to be no good (colloquial)

Mi celular ya valió después de haberse mojado. My cell phone is no good since it got wet.

- 9. (colloquial) (to be irrelevant) (Mexico)
- a. to not care less (colloquial)

Me vale lo que piensa la gente. I couldn't care less what they think.

valerse

pronominal verb

10. (to take care of oneself)

a. to manage

Mis abuelos todavía se valen por sí mismos. *My grandparents can still manage on their own*.

11. (to make use of; with "de")

a. to use

Se valió de sus contactos en el senado para influir los votos a su favor. She used her contacts in the senate to influence the vote in her favor.

desarrollar

transitive verb

- 1. (to evolve)
- a. <u>to develop</u>

Tienes que desarrollar tus ideas más antes de escribir. You need to develop your ideas further before writing.

b. to expound

El profesor desarrolló la teoría dialéctica. *The professor expounded dialectic theory*.

c. to explain

La maestra desarrolló el proceso de un equipo de trabajo. The teacher explained the process for group work.

- 2. (to build)
- a. to develop

El municipio está desarrollando el parque. *The municipality is developing the park*.

- 3. (to deliver)
- a. to carry out

El estudiante desarrolló su presentación. The student carried out his presentation.

- 4. (in mathematics)
- a. to expand

Debes desarrollar el lado izquierdo de la ecuación. You need to expand the left side of the equation. desarrollarse

<u>reflexive verb</u>

- 5. (to grow)
- a. to develop

La semilla se desarrolla y se convierte en planta. *The seed develops into a plant*.

- 6. (to happen)
- a. to take place

La junta se desarrollará en el centro de convenciones. *The meeting will take place in the convention* center.

- 7. (story)
- a. to unfold

La historia se desarrolla en Galicia. *The story unfolds in Galicia*.

cambiar

transitive verb

- 1. (to modify)
- a. to change

Quiero cambiar el color de mi pelo. *I want to change my hair color*.

- 2. (to swap)
- a. to exchange

¿Alguien quiere cambiar pegatinas? Is there anybody looking to exchange stickers?

- 3. (to replace)
- a. to change

Cambié la bombilla pero todavía no funciona la lámpara. *I changed the light bulb but the lamp still won't work*.

- 4. (vehicle)
- a. to change

Cuando estés parado, tira del freno de mano y cambia a marcha atrás. *Once you've stopped, apply the handbrake and change into reverse.*

- 5. (economics)
- a. to exchange

Puedes cambiar divisas aunque tengas cuentas en bancos diferentes. *You can exchange currency even if you have accounts in different banks*.

cambiarse

reflexive verb

6. (to change clothes)

a. to change

Ve a cambiarte que estás empapado. *Go change*; you are soaked.

atraer

transitive verb

- 1. (to excite interest)
- a. to attract

Su pelo largo atraía la atención de todo el mundo allá donde fuera. *Her long hair attracted everyone's attention wherever she went.*

b. to draw

Mira cómo esos músculos atraen la atención de todas las chicas. *You can see how those muscles draw the attention of all the girls.*

- 2. (physics)
- a. to attract

El polo negativo atrae al polo positivo. The negative pole attracts the positive pole.

- 3. (to encourage)
- a. to attract

El vino atrae a las avispas. Wine attracts wasps.

b. to draw

El queso atrajo el ratón a la trampa. *The cheese drew the mouse to the trap*.

- 4. (to be captivated by)
- a. to attract

Me sentí atraída por sus ojos oscuros. *I was attracted by his dark eyes*.

- 5. (to interest)
- a. to appeal

No me atraen los museos. *Museums don't appeal to me*.

atraerse

reciprocal verb

- 6. (to feel attraction for one another)
- a. to be attracted to each other

Se atrajeron mutuamente desde el minuto uno. They were attracted to each other from the very first moment.

- 7. (to exert a force on an object)
- a. to attract each other

Aprendí en la escuela que el Sol y la Tierra se atraen. I learned at school that the Sun and the Earth attract each other.

pronominal verb

8. (to earn)

a. to win

Se atrajo el respeto de sus compañeros al conseguir un cliente importante. He won the respect of his colleagues when he acquired an important client.

sentarse

reflexive verb

1. (to be seated)

a. to sit

Prefiero sentarme al lado del radiador. *I prefer to sit next to the radiator*.

sentar

transitive verb

2. (to place someone in a seat)

a. to sit

Senté a mi madre a mi lado. I sat my mother next to me.

3. (to establish)

a. to set

Sentamos las bases de la cooperación internacional. We set the foundations of the international cooperation.

<u>intransitive verb</u>

4. (clothing, color)

a. to suit

Ese vestido no te sienta bien. That dress doesn't suit you well.

5. (food)

a. to agree with

Me gusta el ajo, pero no me sienta bien. I like garlic, but it doesn't agree with me.

entrar

intransitive verb

1. (to pass inside)

a. to enter

No se puede entrar sin firmar. You cannot enter without signing.

b. to go in (inside)

Necesitas autorización para entrar a la oficina durante el fin de semana. *You need permission to go into the office during the weekend.*

c. to come in (from the outside)

Está lloviendo; entra, por favor. It's raining; please come in.

2. (to be of the right size)

a. to fit

La cama no entrará por la puerta del ascensor. *The bed won't fit through the elevator door.*

b. to go in

Esta llave no entra en la cerradura. *This key doesn't go in the key hole*.

3. (to pierce)

a. to penetrate

Esa máquina puede entrar en la roca. *That machine can penetrate the rock*.

4. (to become a member)

a. to join

Entró en la Marina de los Estados Unidos a los 18. He joined the United States Navy at 18.

5. (to be part of)

a. to be included

Todos los envíos entran en nuestros precios. *All shipping costs are included in our prices*.

6. (to begin)

a. to start

Entro a mi clase de yoga a las 6 am. I start my yoga class at 6 am.

Entré en este sector hace algunos años. *I started in this sector some years ago*.

7. (to begin to feel)

a. to get

Me está entrando sueño; me voy a echar una siesta. *I'm getting drowsy; I am going to take a nap.*

b. to feel

Me ha entrado una sed insaciable. *I suddenly feel an unquenchable thirst*.

8. (to comprehend)

a. to get

¿No te entra que ya no te quiero? Don't you get that I don't love you anymore?

b. to understand

A mi hijo le entró rápido el alfabeto. My son understood the alphabet quickly.

9. (to gain access to)

a. to access

Tienes que introducir tu contraseña para entrar en este foro. *You have to enter your password to access this forum.*

10. (to begin to play)

a. to come in

El piano entra después de la guitarra. The piano comes in after the guitar.

11. (to participate)

a. to get into

Esta discusión se acaba aquí; no voy a entrar en ataques personales. *This discussion ends now; I'm not going to get into any personal attacks*.

b. to join in

Entró en la conversación sin que lo invitaran. He joined in the conversation without being asked.

12. (automobile)

a. to go into

El carro ya no entra en tercera; hay que llevarlo al mecánico. *The car doesn't go into third anymore;* we need to take it to the mechanic.

transitive verb

13. (to attack)

a. to tackle

Esquivó a varios jugadores y le entró a su oponente. *He dodged some players and tackled his opponent*.

14. (to put inside)

a. to bring in

Dejé las bolsas de la compra en el coche. ¿Podrías entrarlas? I left the shopping bags in the car. Can you please bring them in?

b. to take in

Ese perro está sucio; no lo entres hasta que lo hayas lavado. *That dog is dirty; don't take him in until you have washed him.*

15. (to approach)

a. to deal with

Para salir con mi prima, primero tienes que saber cómo entrarle a su padre. *To go out with my cousin, first you have to know how to deal with her father.*

adquirir

transitive verb

- 1. (to get)
- a. to acquire

He adquirido grandes conocimientos sobre este tema. I have acquired great knowledge on this subject.

b. to gain

La experiencia que adquirí trabajando allí no tiene precio. *The experience I gained working there is invaluable*.

c. to achieve

Tomás debió superar muchos obstáculos antes de adquirir fama como cantante. *Tomas had to overcome many obstacles before he achieved fame as a singer.*

2. (to buy)

a. to purchase

La corporación adquirió 182 empresas y compró participaciones en otras 64. *The corporation has purchased 182 companies, and has bought stakes in 64.*

b. to acquire

Mis abuelos adquirieron esta propiedad hace 40 años. *My grandparents acquired this property 40 years ago*.

3. (to adopt)

a. to acquire

He adquirido el hábito de la lectura para ayudar a reducir el estrés. *I've acquired the habit of reading to help reduce stress*.

b. to obtain

¿En qué país adquiere un niño nacido allí la ciudadanía al momento de nacer?*In which country does a child born there obtain citizenship at birth?*

c. to take on

La fruta adquirió una textura extraña. *The fruit took on a weird texture*.

cubrir

transitive verb

1. (to lay over)

a. to cover

Cubre la mesa con este mantel. *Cover the table with this tablecloth*.

b. to cover up

Trató de cubrir su tristeza con una sonrisa. *He tried to cover up his sadness with a smile*.

c. to conceal

Intentó cubrir el moratón con maquillaje, pero todos se dieron cuenta. *She tried to conceal the bruise with makeup, but everybody noticed.*

2. (to occupy)

a. to fill

Cancelaron mi entrevista porque ya habían cubierto el puesto. *They canceled my interview because they already had filled the position*.

3. (sports)

a. to cover

El entrenador le ordenó a los defensas que cubrieran a los jugadores sin cubrir. *The coach instructed the defense to cover the open players*.

4. (to protect)

a. to cover

Cúbreme mientras corro a recoger la munición caída. *Cover me while I run to pick up the fallen ammo*.

5. (to pay)

a. to cover

Mis ahorros deben cubrir cualquier gasto imprevisto. *My savings should cover any emergency expenses*.

6. (to travel)

a. to cover

Cubrimos cinco millas a pie en dos horas. We covered five miles on foot in two hours.

7. (to satisfy)

a. to meet

Un vaso de leche al día no cubre tus necesidades diarias de calcio. *One glass of milk a day does not meet your daily calcium needs*.

b. to cover

Con el dinero que heredó de su tío, pudo cubrir su hipoteca. With the money inherited from his uncle, he could cover his mortgage.

8. (journalism)

a. to cover

La red de noticias envió a un reportero para cubrir el evento. *The news network sent a reporter to cover the event*.

9. (animal)

a. to cover

Pagan \$100 para perros de raza a cubrir sus perras mientas están en celo. *They are paying \$100 for purebreds to cover their dogs while they're in heat.*

cubrirse

reflexive verb

10. (to wrap up oneself)

a. to cover oneself

Cúbrete que estás tiritando. Cover yourself. You are shivering.

b. to put on one's hat

Para evitar los golpes de calor, cúbrete cuando salgas. *To avoid heat stroke*, put on your hat when you go outside.

11. (to protect oneself)

a. to cover oneself

Solo está tratando de cubrirse contra cualquier acusación. He is just trying to cover himself against any accusation.

pronominal verb

12. (to fill)

a. to cover

Por la mañana, el bosque se había cubierto de nieve. *In the morning, the forest was covered in snow.* 13. (weather)

a. to become overcast

De repente, el cielo se cubrió y empezó a llover. *Suddenly, the sky became overcast and it started raining.*

caber

intransitive verb

1. (to have enough room)

a. to fit

En nuestro comedor cabe hasta un centenar de personas. *Our dining area can fit as much as a hundred people*.

2. (to pass through)

a. to fit

Esos lazos no caben por la aguja. *Those ribbons cannot fit through a needle*.

b. to go (colloquial)

El sofá no cabe por la puerta. *The sofa will not go through the door.*

3. (to be conceivable)

a. to be possible

Esa es la única solución que cabe. *That is the only possible solution*.

- 4. (figurative)
- a. to be room for

En esta guerra, no caben consideraciones. *In this war, there is no room for consideration.* atender

transitive verb

1. (to care for)

a. to look after

Atenderé tus gatos en tu ausencia. I will look after your cats while you're away.

b. to deal with

Tengo que atender todos los problemas que surgen en las reuniones. I have to deal with all the problems that arise in meetings.

c. to take care of

Las enfermeras atenderán bien al paciente mientras esté ingresado. *The nurses will take good care of the patient while he's in the hospital*.

2. (to provide a service)

a. to attend to

El jefe atenderá al cliente personalmente. The boss will attend to the customer personally.

b. to see

El dentista lo atenderá en cinco minutos. The dentist will see you in five minutes.

c. to serve

En calidad de vendedor, ¿cómo puedo atender mejor a un cliente? As a salesperson, how can I better serve a customer?

3. (to fulfill)

a. to respond to

El objetivo del personal de Atención al cliente es atender las peticiones de los clientes. *The purpose of Customer Service staff is to respond to the requests of customers*.

b. <u>to meet</u>

El sistema de comunicaciones se mejoró para atender las demandas de los ciudadanos y brindar mejor servicio. *The communications system was improved to meet the demands of the citizens and to provide better service.*

4. (telecommunications)

a. to answer

La tienda ya está cerrada; nadie va a atender tus llamadas. *The store is already closed; nobody is going to answer your calls.*

5. (commerce)

a. to run

Los dueños de este café lo atienden personalmente. *The owners of this café run it themselves*.

intransitive verb

6. (to be attentive)

a. to pay attention

Si no sabes, tienes que atender. *If you don't know, you need to pay attention.*

7. (to be called; used with "por")

a. to answer to

Aunque en el collar de mi perro dice "Socks", solo atiende por el nombre de Luke. *Although the name on my dog's collar is "Socks," he only answers to the name of Luke.*

8. (to comply; often used with "a")

a. to meet

Como madre, tengo responsabilidades que atender. *As a mother, I have responsibilities to meet.*

b. to take care of

Tengo que atender a cada detalle si quiero que mi boda sea perfecta. I have to take care of every detail if I want my wedding to be perfect.

- 9. (to consider; used with "a")
- a. to take into account

Atendiendo a sus necesidades, puedo ofrecerle este servicio. *Taking into account your demands, I can offer you this service.*

b. to bear in mind

Hemos planeado este viaje atendiendo a sus limitaciones. *We have planned this trip bearing in mind his limitations*.

10. (to provide a service)

a. to be available

El psicólogo solo atiende de lunes a jueves. *The psychologist is only available Monday to Thursday*.

b. to serve

Había cinco camareros atendiendo en el restaurante. *There were five waiters serving in the restaurant*.

conseguir

transitive verb

1. (to obtain or to receive)

a. to get

Consiguió su licencia de conducir en junio. He got his driver's license in June.

Si quieres una entrada, ya sabes dónde conseguirla. If you want a ticket, you know where to get it.

2. (to realize an objective)

a. to obtain

Consiguió la residencia y se puede quedar en el país. He obtained residency and can stay in the country.

b. to achieve

Ese hombre consiguió todas sus metas profesionales. *That man achieved all his career goals.* aconsejar

transitive verb

1. (to suggest)

a. to advise

Las autoridades aconsejan permanecer adentro durante la tormenta. *The authorities advise everyone to stay inside during the storm*.

b. to recommend

El médico le aconsejó reposo para curar su lesión de rodilla. *The doctor recommended rest to help his knee recover.*

2. (to give advice to a person)

a. to advise

No sé qué hacer. ¿Me puedes aconsejar? I don't know what to do. Can you advise me?

3. (to make necessary)

a. to make advisable

La gran afluencia de turistas aconseja restringir la entrada al parque. *The huge tourist influx makes limiting access to the park advisable.*

aconsejarse

<u>pronominal verb</u>

4. (to get advice; used with "con")

a. to seek advice from

Deberías aconsejarte con un abogado. You should seek advice from a lawyer.

conocer

transitive verb

1. (a person)

a. to know

Conozco a tu amigo del colegio. I know your friend from school.

- 2. (to see for the first time)
- a. to meet

¿Has conocido a mi hermana? Have you met my sister?

- 3. (to have knowledge of)
- a. to know

Conozco una buena manera de pelar papas. *I know an easy way to peel potatoes*.

b. to be familiar with

He estado una vez en Cuzco, pero no lo conozco bien. I've been to Cuzco once, but I am not familiar with it.

- 4. (to find out about)
- a. to get to know (a person or a place)

Conociéndolo mejor, veo que es buena persona. *Getting to know him better I can see he's a good person.*

Cuando llegamos a Madrid, salimos a caminar para conocer la ciudad. When we got to Madrid, we went out to walk around and get to know the city.

5. (to discover)

a. to visit

Siempre me hablas de tu ciudad natal, pero ¿cuando la voy a conocer? *You always talk to me about your home town, but when do I get to visit it?*

b. to go to

Quiero conocer el sudeste asiático este verano. I want to go to Southeast Asia this summer.

c. to see

Ellos conocieron toda Europa durante su luna de miel. *They saw all of Europe during their honeymoon*.

6. (to identify)

a. to recognize

¡No te conocía sin las gafas! I didn't recognize you without your glasses!

b. <u>to know</u>

Todos la conocen por su risa contagiosa. Everyone knows her by her contagious laugh.

7. (to experience)

a. to feel

Estos guerreros no conocen el miedo. These warriors feel no fear.

b. to know

Conoce muy bien el daño que puede causar la guerra. *He knows quite well the damage that war can cause.*

- 8. (literary) (to have sexual relations with someone)
- a. to know (old-fashioned)

Lázaro aún no había conocido hembra. Lazarus had yet to know a woman.

9. (to master)

a. to know

No te preocupes; ella conoce este tema como la palma de su mano. *Don't worry, she knows this topic like the back of her hand.*

b. to speak (languages)

Ella conoce el francés y el alemán porque se crió en Suiza. *She speaks French and German because she was raised in Switzerland.*

10. (legal)

a. to try

El caso debe ser conocido por un gran jurado. The case must be tried by a grand jury.

impersonal verb

11. (to appear)

a. to seem

Se conoce que tienen problemas. *It seems like they are having problems*.

intransitive verb

- 12. (legal; usado con "de")
- a. to try

El juez que conoce del caso podría ser recusado por una de las partes. *The judge who tried the case may be recused by either party.*

13. (to have knowledge of; used with "de")

a. to know about

Él conoce de esa industria porque su papá fue ingeniero. He knows about that industry because his dad was an engineer.

conocerse

reflexive verb

14. (to be self-aware)

a. to know oneself

Me conozco mejor que nadie. I know myself better than anyone else.

reciprocal verb

15. (to be acquainted with)

a. to know each other

Se conocen del colegio. They know each other from school.

16. (to see for the first time)

a. to meet

Se conocieron en un curso de inglés. *They met during an English class*.

17. (to become familiar with one another)

a. to get to know each other

Es una pena que no nos llegamos a conocer mejor. It's a shame we didn't get to know each other better.

pronominal verb

18. (to be known)

a. to know

Se conoce todo el chisme del pueblo. He knows all of the town gossip.

recuperar

transitive verb

1. (to reclaim)

a. to recover

La policía recuperó las joyas robadas. *The police recovered the stolen jewels*.

b. to get back

El partido cree que estas medidas le ayudarán a recuperar la credibilidad perdida. *The party believes that these measures will help it get its lost credibility back.*

c. to regain

Descubre cómo recuperar el control de tu vida siguiendo cuatro pasos fáciles. *Discover how to regain control of your life by following four easy steps*.

2. (finance)

a. to recoup (investment, loss)

Las personas estafadas por el banco pudieron recuperar su inversión. *The people cheated by the bank were able to recoup their investments*.

3. (computing)

a. to retrieve

Explicaré cómo recuperar los datos y los archivos del disco duro. I will explain how to retrieve your data and files from the hard disk.

b. to recover

¿Es posible recuperar archivos borrados? *Is it possible to recover erased files?*

4. (to compensate for)

a. to make up for

Tengo que trabajar esta noche para recuperar horas perdidas. *I need to work tonight to make up for lost time*.

b. to make up

Maestra, ¿cómo puedo recuperar las clases que perdí? *Teacher, how can I make up the classes I missed*?

5. (to take again)

a. to retake

Tengo que recuperar dos clases en septiembre. I have to retake two classes in September.

b. to make up (United States)

Tienes que recuperar las asignaturas que reprobaste. You need to make up the subjects you failed.

c. to resit (United Kingdom)

¿Cuándo tienes que recuperar Música 101? When do you have to resit Music 101? recuperarse

pronominal verb

6. (to come to one's senses)

a. to recover

Cuando se recuperó, no recordaba nada. When she recovered, she couldn't remember anything.

7. (to get well)

a. to recover

Ya se ha recuperado totalmente de su enfermedad. He has completely recovered from his illness now.

b. to get over

Tardó más de una semana en recuperarse del resfriado. It took her more than a week to get over her cold.

c. to recuperate (formal)

Si necesitas tiempo para recuperarte, está bien. If you need time to recuperate, that's fine.

8. (to return to a previous state)

a. to recover

Los negocios afectados por el huracán ya se recuperaron. *The businesses affected by the hurricane have recovered*.

engañar

transitive verb

1. (to lie)

a. to deceive

Pudo engañar al público con su propaganda. He was able to deceive the public with his propaganda.

b. to trick

Me dijiste que no sabías jugar, ¡me engañaste! You told me you didn't know how to play. You tricked me!

c. to fool

No te dejes engañar con sus historias encantadoras. *Don't let him fool you with his charming stories*.

2. (to be unfaithful)

a. to cheat on

Mi ex-novio me engañó con mi mejor amiga. *My ex-boyfriend cheated on me with my best friend*.

3. (to swindle)

a. to mislead

Él me engañó vendiéndome una casa que no tenía derecho de vender. *He misled me into buying a home that he did not have the right to sell.*

b. to trick

Le dijo que estaba embarazada con el fin de engañarlo para casarse con ella. *She told him she was pregnant in order to trick him into marrying her.*

c. to cheat

El vendedor de autos usados me engañó. The used car salesman cheated me.

d. to swindle

Un estafador despreciable les engañó miles en la subasta. *A despicable con man swindled them out of thousands at the auction*.

4. (to appease)

a. to curb

Como quedaron tres horas para la comida, decidió engañar el hambre con una merienda. With three more hours till dinner, she decided to curb her hunger with a snack.

intransitive verb

5. (general)

a. to be deceptive

El encanto engaña. Charm is deceptive.

engañarse

reflexive verb

6. (to delude oneself)

a. to fool oneself

Te estás engañando si crees que realmente te van a pagar tanto. *You are fooling yourself if you think they are really going to pay you that much.*

creer

intransitive verb

1. (to have faith)

a. to believe

Creo en un ser superior. I believe in a supreme being.

transitive verb

2. (to suppose)

a. to think

Creo que podría estar enfermo. I think he might be sick.

creerse

reflexive verb

3. (to consider oneself)

a. to believe

No me creo mejor que tú. I don't believe that I am better than you.

b. to think

¿Te crees tan guapo?Do you think you're so good-looking?

cerrar

transitive verb

1. (to shut)

a. to close

Cierra la puerta cuando necesites privacidad. *Close the door whenever you need privacy*.

2. (to cover)

a. to close

Cierra herméticamente el tarro. *Close the jar tightly*.

3. (to finalize)

a. to conclude

Cerraron el acuerdo de cooperación el 23 de marzo. *The cooperation agreement was concluded on March 23rd*.

4. (to extinguish)

a. to turn off

Puedes cerrar el gas en la válvula de cierre principal. You can turn the gas off at the main shut-off valve.

5. (to extinguish) (Latin America)

a. to turn off (light)

Cierra la luz y vete a dormir. *Turn off the light and go to sleep*.

intransitive verb

6. (to shut)

a. cerrar

¿Sabes a qué hora cierra la tienda? Do you know what time the store closes?

7. (to get better)

a. to heal

La mayoría de las cortaduras pequeñas cierran rápidamente. *Most minor cuts heal quickly*.

b. to close up

Me corté la mano pero la herida ya cerró. *I cut my hand, but the wound already closed up.* cerrarse

pronominal verb

8. (to be inaccessible to)

a. to be closed

No me cierro a nuevas oportunidades. I'm not closed to new opportunities.

9. (weather)

a. to become overcast

El cielo se está cerrando. Espero que no llueva. *The sky is becoming overcast. I hope it won't rain.*

10. (night)

a. to fall

El sol se pone y se cierra la noche. The sun sets and night falls.

11. (clothing)

a. to zip up

Ciérrate la chaqueta que hace frío. Zip up your jacket; it's cold.

b. to button up

Debes cerrarte bien la chamarra antes de salir. You should button your jacket up well before going out.

12. (to get better)

a. to heal

La herida no se cierra solo y por eso hay que suturarla. *The wound isn't healing on its own so we'll need to stitch it.*

b. to close up

La herida se cerrará poco a poco. *The wound will gradually close up.*

mejorar

transitive verb

1. (to make better)

a. <u>to improve</u>

Creo que he mejorado mucho mi rendimiento en el trabajo. *I think I've improved my performance at work a lot*.

b. to increase (an offer)

Si quieren comprar la casa, van a tener que mejorar su oferta. If they want to buy the house, they'll have to increase their offer.

2. (sports)

a. to break

El equipo terminó la temporada mejorando el récord histórico de goles. *The team ended their season breaking the all-time goal-scoring record*.

b. to beat

El corredor nigeriano espera mejorar su récord en el maratón este año. *The Nigerian runner is hoping to beat his own record in this year's marathon.*

<u>intransitive verb</u>

3. (to recover)

a. to get better

Estoy mejorando con el tratamiento. *I'm getting better with the treatment*.

4. (weather)

a. to improve

Si el tiempo no mejora, no podremos salir. If the weather doesn't improve, we won't be able to go out.

b. to clear up

El tiempo ha mejorado bastante. ¿Quieres salir a dar una caminata? *The weather has really cleared up. Do you want to go out for a walk?*

mejorarse

pronominal verb

5. (to recover)

a. to get well

Todos esperamos que te mejores pronto. We all hope that you get well soon.

estudiar

transitive verb

1. (to gain knowledge)

a. to study

Estudié la lección de química con detenimiento. *I studied the chemistry lesson carefully.*

2. (to look into)

a. to study

Ella le estudió la cara para averiguar si estaba diciendo la verdad. *She studied his face to figure out if he was telling the truth.*

b. to examine

Este artículo estudia los pros y los contras de enseñar con portátiles. *This article examines the pros and cons of teaching with laptops.*

comentar

transitive verb

1. (to comment on)

a. to discuss

Comentamos la película durante la cena, y parece que no les gustó a todos. We discussed the movie over dinner, and it seems that not everyone liked it.

b. to talk about

Todos comentaban la tormenta de granizo de ayer. *Everyone was talking about yesterday's hailstorm*.

2. (to explain)

a. to comment on

Primero tenemos que comentar el poema y luego habrá unas preguntas que contestar. First we need to comment on the poem, and then there will be a number of questions to answer.

3. (to state)

a. to mention

Alguien me comentó que Patricia se va a divorciar. *Someone mentioned to me me that Patricia is getting a divorce*.

b. to tell

Me comentó tu hermana que piensas mudarte. Your sister told me that you're planning to move.

c. <u>to say</u>

Le comentaba a tu madre que realmente me encanta tu casa. *I was saying to your mother that I just love your house*.

d. no direct translation

Me han comentado que este restaurante es chévere. I've heard that this is a great restaurant. Nos comentaron que usted vende celulares de segunda mano. We gather you sell second-hand cellphones.

- 4. (radio or television)
- a. to commentate on

Los comentaristas deportivos comentaron el partido en directo. *The sports commentators were commentating on the match live*.

<u>intransitive verb</u>

5. (to give one's opinion)

a. to comment

Claro que tengo una opinión sobre este asunto, pero prefiero no comentar. *Of course I have an opinion on this subject, but I'd prefer not to comment.*

b. to make a comment

¿Puedo comentar yo también? Can I make a comment?

6. (to gossip)

a. to talk

Cuidado con lo que haces, que la gente comenta. *Watch what you do. You know how people talk.* resultar

intransitive verb

- 1. (to end up)
- a. to turn out

¿Cómo resultaron las elecciones de hoy? How did today's elections turn out?

b. to turn out to be

El viaje a Honduras resultó más interesante de lo que esperaba. *The trip to Honduras turned out to be more interesting than I had imagined.*

c. to be

El ciclista resultó gravemente herido en el choque. *The cyclist was seriously injured in the crash.*

d. to work out

Por fortuna, todo resultó bien en la fiesta. *Fortunately, everything worked out well at the party.*

e. to prove

El incendio forestal resultó ser muy dañino. The forest fire proved to be very harmful.

2. (to be successful)

a. to work

Quiso intentar una receta nueva pero no le resultó. *He wanted to try out a new recipe but it didn't work.*

b. to work out

A ver si esta vez le resulta. *Let's see if it works out for him this time*.

3. (to appear)

a. to find

Me resultó muy interesante la plática del profesor. *I found the professor's talk very interesting*.

4. (to result from; used with "de")

a. to come of

Algo bueno tiene que resultar de tus esfuerzos. *Something good has to come of your efforts.*

b. to be the result of

El éxito del presidente resulta de años de trabajo duro. *The president's success is the result of years of hard work*.

5. (to become; used with "en")

a. to result in

La riña entre los políticos resultó en un decaimiento de servicios para el pueblo. *The quarrel between the politicians resulted in a decline of services to the people*.

b. to lead to

Comer mucha sal podría resultar en hipertensión. *Eating a lot of salt may lead to hypertension*. beber

transitive verb

1. (to consume liquids)

a. to drink

Bebo café por la mañana. I drink coffee in the morning.

- 2. (to consume alcohol)
- a. to drink

Las mujeres embarazadas no deberían beber ni una copa. Pregnant women should not drink at all.

intransitive verb

- 3. (to consume liquids)
- a. to drink

¿Tiene algo para beber? Do you have anything to drink?

- 4. (to consume alcohol)
- a. to drink

Se prohibe beber en público. *Drinking in public is prohibited*.

beberse

pronominal verb

- 5. (to finish a drink)
- a. to drink up

Bébete tu refresco y vámonos. Drink up your soda and let's go.

formar

transitive verb

- 1. (to shape)
- a. to form

Estas estrellas forman una constelación. These stars form a constellation.

b. to make

Los niños formaron una casita con cojines. *The children made a little house with cushions*.

- 2. (to create)
- a. to set up

Formamos el reglamento interno en base a un modelo. *We set up our internal regulations based on a model*.

b. to form

Vamos a formar una coalición de personas que apoyan la ecología. We are going to form a coalition of people who support ecology.

c. to get into

Los alumnos formaron grupos de tres personas. *The students got into groups of three*.

- 3. (to be composed of)
- a. to make up

Las mujeres forman más de la mitad de la población. Women make up more than half of the population.

b. to comprise

Los mejores músicos del municipio forman la banda. The band is comprised of the municipality's best musicians.

- 4. (to instruct)
- a. to educate

En esta escuela, formamos a los niños de entre tres y seis años de edad. At this school, we educate children between three and six years old.

b. <u>to train</u>

La universidad de esta ciudad se especializa en formar ingenieros. *The university in this city specializes in training engineers*.

- 5. (military)
- a. to order to fall in

El cabo formó el pelotón. The corporal ordered the platoon to fall in.

intransitive verb

- 6. (military)
- a. to fall in

El comandante gritó, "¡A formar!" The commander shouted, "Fall in!"

formarse

pronominal verb

- 7. (to stand in line)
- a. to make a line (United States)

Fórmense al lado derecho del pasillo, por favor. *Make a line along the right side of the hallway*, *please*.

b. to queue (United Kingdom)

Nos formamos por ocho horas para comprar el nuevo celular. We queued for eight hours to buy the new cellphone.

c. to line up

Los aficionados se formaron para entrar al espectáculo. The fans lined up to get into the show.

8. (to create)

a. to form

Se formó un gas tóxico cuando se mezclaron los productos de limpieza. *A toxic gas formed when the cleaning products were mixed*.

9. (to appear)

a. to develop

Los huesos de la ratas en el laboratorio se formaron muy rápido. *The bones of the rats in the laboratory developed very quickly*.

10. (to study)

a. to be educated

Eugenio se formó en Harvard. Eugenio was educated at Harvard.

b. to train

Josué se está formando como buzo en Cancún. Josue is training to be a diver in Cancun.

11. (to determine)

a. to form

Carmen se formó la opinión de que Carlos no era una persona digna de confianza. *Carmen formed the opinion that Carlos was not a person to be trusted.*

b. to get

¿Cómo te formaste esa opinión de ella? How did you get that opinion of her? cancelar

transitive verb

1. (to annul)

a. to cancel

Quiero cancelar mi suscripción a la revista. *I want to cancel my subscription to the magazine*.

b. to close (an account)

Para cancelar la cuenta, tendrá que pasarse por nuestras oficinas. *In order to close your account, you'll have to come to our offices.*

2. (to suspend)

a. to cancel

El director ha cancelado la reunión de mañana. *The director has canceled tomorrow's meeting*.

b. to call off

La policía canceló la búsqueda del niño en el río. *The police called off the search for the child in the river.*

3. (computing)

a. to cancel

¿Estás seguro de que quieres cancelar la instalación? Are you sure you want to cancel the installation?

4. (to pay)

a. to pay off

El banco me exige cancelar la deuda antes de fin de mes. *The bank demands that I pay off my debt before the end of the month.*

b. to settle

No tengo los recursos necesarios para cancelar la hipoteca en un futuro inmediato. *I don't have the resources to settle the mortgage in the immediate future*.

5. (to forget)

a. to erase

Quisiera cancelar de mi mente la terrible imagen de ella cayendo al vacío. I wish I could erase from my mind the terrible image of her falling into the void.

6. (to terminate) (Dominican Republic) (Ecuador)

a. to fire

El director de Recursos Humanos ha cancelado a tres empleados en un mes. *The Human Resources director has fired three employees in a month.*

mantener

transitive verb

1. (to bear)

a. to hold

Mantén el libro para que lo fotografíe. Hold the book so I can take a picture of it.

b. <u>to support</u>

Manténle la cabeza al bebé con la mano bajo el cuello. Support the baby's head with your hand under his neck.

2. (to provide for)

a. to support

Tiene una familia numerosa que mantener. He has a large family to support.

b. to maintain

Es difícil mantener un hogar con el sueldo de una enfermera. It's hard to maintain a household on a nurse's salary.

3. (to preserve)

a. to keep

Por favor, mantengan la calma y sigan adelante. Please, keep calm and keep moving.

b. to keep up

Aunque salió de la aldea hace 30 años, Julia todavía mantiene sus tradiciones. *Even though Julia left the village 30 years ago*, *she still keeps up its traditions*.

c. to maintain

Me cuesta mucho mantener un peso saludable. I really struggle to maintain a healthy weight.

4. (to sustain)

a. to have

Mantuve una conversación muy interesante con el encargado. *I had a very interesting conversation with the manager.*

5. (to affirm)

a. to maintain

Mantienen que mi teoría es errónea. *They maintain that my theory is flawed*.

b. <u>to stick to</u>

El sospechoso mantuvo la misma historia después de tres horas de interrogación. *The suspect stuck to his story after three hours of interrogation*.

mantenerse

pronominal verb

6. (to remain)

a. to stay

Se mantiene cuerdo gracias al medicamento. He stays sane thanks to the medication.

b. to remain

La torre se mantuvo en pie aún después del temblor. *The tower remained standing even after the earthquake*.

c. to keep

Dedica mucho tiempo a mantenerse en forma. He devotes a lot of time to keeping fit.

d. to keep up

Ella todavía se mantiene en contacto con los amigos de la preparatoria. *She still keeps up with her friends from high school.*

<u>reflexive verb</u>

- 7. (to provide for oneself)
- a. to support oneself

Se mantiene con dos trabajos. *She supports herself with two jobs*.

- 8. (to feed oneself)
- a. to live on

Se mantuvieron a base de la pizza durante la semana de examenes. *They lived on pizza during exam* week.

odiar

transitive verb

- 1. (to detest)
- a. to hate

¡Odio levantarme temprano los fines de semana! I hate getting up early on the weekend! vivir

intransitive verb

- 1. (to be alive)
- a. to live

En Marte, no vive nada. *Nothing lives on Mars*.

- 2. (to dwell)
- a. to live

Todavía vivo en casa de mis padres. I still live at my parent's house.

- 3. (to subsist)
- a. to live

La gente de aquí vive de la caza. The people here live off hunting.

transitive verb

- 4. (to experience)
- a. to live through

Nuestro país vivió momentos trágicos en el pasado. *Our country has lived through tragedy in the past*.

masculine noun

- 5. (way of life)
- a. <u>lifestyle</u>

No es rico, pero tiene un buen vivir. He is not rich but he has a good lifestyle.

nadar

intransitive verb

- 1. (to move through water)
- a. to swim

Puedo nadar pero nunca aprendí clavar. *I can swim but I never learned to dive*.

Me encanta nadar en mar abierto. I love to swim in open water.

llover

impersonal verb

- 1. (weather)
- a. to rain

Si llueve, vamos a tener que comprar un paraguas. *If it rains, we're going to have to buy an umbrella*.

intransitive verb

- 2. (to receive a great amount)
- a. to rain down on (figurative)

Me llovieron todo tipo de problemas. *All sorts of problems rained down on me.*

nevar

impersonal verb

- 1. (weather)
- a. to snow

El invierno pasado nevó mucho. It snowed a lot last winter.

intransitive verb

- 2. (to make white)
- a. to frost

Voy a nevar los panqués con coco rayado. *I'm going to frost the cupcakes with shaved coconut.* morder

transitive verb

- 1. (to cut with the teeth)
- a. to bite

No despiertes al perro o te morderá. Don't wake the dog up or he will bite you.

- 2. (to eat away at)
- a. to eat into

El mar muerde las piedras del espigón, gastándolas. *The sea eats into the breakwater's stones, corroding them.*

b. to corrode

El ácido de la bateria habia mordido elementos del motor. *The acid from the battery had corroded parts of the engine.*

- 3. (to take a bribe) (Central America) (Mexico)
- a. to accept a bribe

El policía mordió y se quedó con una parte de las ganancias. *The policeman accepted the bribe and kept a part of the earnings*.

intransitive verb

- 4. (to cut with the teeth)
- a. to bite

El hámster es muy bonito pero muerde. The hamster is very cute, but it bites.

morderse

reflexive verb

- 5. (to cut with the teeth)
- a. to bite

Cuando estoy inquieta no puedo parar de morderme las uñas. *When I'm anxious I can't stop biting my nails*.

coger

transitive verb

- 1. (to take hold of)
- a. to grab

Cogió la pelota que salió fuera de la cancha. He grabbed the ball that went off the field.

b. to take

¿Puedo coger otra galleta? May I take another cookie?

c. to get

¿Puedes coger el teléfono que está sonando en la sala? *Can you get the telephone that is ringing in the living room*?

d. to pick up

Por favor, coge al niño, el suelo está sucio. *Please*, *pick up the baby*, *the floor is dirty*.

e. to hold

Coge bien el cuchillo o te cortarás. Hold the knife properly or you will cut yourself.

- 2. (to select)
- a. to pick

De todos los trozos, cogió el mas grande. From all the pieces, she picked the biggest one.

- 3. (to understand)
- a. to get

¿Cogiste el chiste? Did you get the joke?

- 4. (with directions)
- a. to take

Coja la segunda calle a la derecha. Take the second street on your right.

- 5. (to get sick with)
- a. to catch

Estoy a punto de coger un resfriado. *I am about to catch a cold*.

- 6. (to form a habit)
- a. to get into

Cogieron la costumbre de venir a visitarnos todos los días. They got into the habit of visiting us every day.

- 7. (to take transportation)
- a. to take

¿Vas a coger el tren o el autobús? *Are you taking the train or the bus?*

- 8. (to own temporarily)
- a. to borrow

¿Puedo cogerte el lápiz un momento? May I borrow your pencil for a second?

9. (vulgar) (to have sex) (Bolivia) (Central America) (Mexico) (Paraguay) (River

Plate) (Venezuela)

a. to fuck (vulgar)

¿A poco la cogiste? Did you really fuck her?

<u>intransitive verb</u>

10. (to be located)

a. to be

El restaurante coge cerca de aquí. *The restaurant is near here*.

11. (vulgar) (to have sex) (Bolivia) (Central America) (Mexico) (Paraguay) (River

Plate) (Venezuela)

a. to fuck (vulgar)

Cogieron en el cine. They fucked in the movie theater.

cogerse

pronominal verb

12. (to grab)

a. to grab

Cógete unas galletas y cómetelas en el coche. *Grab some cookies and eat them in the car.*

13. (to hold)

a. to hold on to

Cógete fuerte de la cuerda en el descenso. *Hold on to the rope tightly during your descent*.

reflexive verb

14. (to get stuck)

a. to catch

Se cogió los dedos en la ventana. She caught her fingers in the window.

respetar

transitive verb

- 1. (to show deference)
- a. to respect

Respetó a sus maestros en todo momento. She always respected her teachers.

- 2. (to comply)
- a. to observe

Hay que respetar las normas de seguridad. Safety standards should be observed.

respetarse

reflexive verb

- 3. (to have self-respect)
- a. to respect

No te respetará nadie si tú no te respetas. *No one will respect you if you do not respect yourself.* despertar

transitive verb

- 1. (to awake from sleep)
- a. to wake up

La policía vino y despertó a todo el edificio. *The police came and woke up the whole building*.

- 2. (to stimulate)
- a. to arouse

Por donde quiera que vaya despierta simpatías. Wherever he goes he arouses sympathy.

- 3. (to conjure)
- a. to awaken

Los olores despertaron viejos recuerdos de la infancia. *The smells awakened old childhood memories*.

masculine noun

- 4. (start)
- a. awakening

Con el despertar de la naturaleza en primavera, florecen muchas flores hermosas. With the awakening of nature in spring, many beautiful flowers bloom.

despertarse

reflexive verb

- 5. (to awake from sleep)
- a. to wake up

Despiértame antes de irte. Wake me up before you go.

pegar

transitive verb

- 1. (to make forceful contact with)
- a. to hit

Le pegó a la pelota de béisbol y marcó un jonrón. He hit the baseball and scored a home run.

- 2. (to attach)
- a. to stick

Pega este dibujo al lado del otro con chinches. Stick this drawing next to that one with thumbtacks.

b. to glue (with glue)

Pega las dos hojas juntas y luego dóblalas por la mitad. *Glue the two sheets together and then fold them in half.*

c. to paste (with glue)

Voy a pegar esto en mi cuaderno para que me inspire. I'm going to paste this in my notebook for inspiration.

- 3. (to mistreat)
- a. to hit

A menudo le pega a su hermano. He often hits his brother.

b. to beat

Lo encarcelaron por pegarle a su perro. They put him in jail for beating his dog.

- 4. (computing)
- a. to paste

Copia ese texto y pégalo en este documento. *Copy that text and paste it into this document.*

- 5. (to transmit)
- a. to give

Mi tía me pegó la gripa y ahora me tengo que quedar en casa. *My aunt gave me the flu and now I have to stay home*.

6. (to bring closer)

a. to pull up

Pega la silla a la mesa, por favor. Pull the chair up to the table, please.

7. (to give)

a. no direct translation

Está en el hospital después de que le hayan pegado un tiro. He's in the hospital after having been shot.

Cuando vio el ratón, pegó un grito. When she saw the mouse, she screamed.

intransitive verb

8. (to go with)

a. to match

Esos zapatos no pegan con ese vestido. Those shoes don't match that dress.

pegarse

reciprocal verb

9. (to swing at each other)

a. to hit each other

Mis dos hermanos siempre se pegan cuando vamos al supermercado. My two brothers always hit each other when we go to the supermarket.

<u>reflexive verb</u>

10. (to strike oneself)

a. to hit oneself

El niñito se pegó con su mochila y empezó a llorar. *The little boy hit himself with his backpack and began to cry.*

b. to bump into

Me pegué con la silla al salir de la cocina. I bumped into the chair as I was leaving the kitchen.

pronominal verb

11. (to cling)

a. to stick

Los frijoles se pegaron a la olla y no los puedo quitar. *The beans stuck to the pan and I can't scrape them off.*

12. (to catch)

a. to pick up

Siempre se me pega el acento cubano de mi abuelo cuando lo visito. *I always pick up my grandfather*'s *Cuban accent when I visit him*.

herir

transitive verb

1. (to harm physically)

a. to wound

La bala lo hirió en el hombro. The bullet wounded him in the shoulder.

b. to injure

La explosión hirió a varias personas, pero a ninguna de gravedad. *The explosion injured several people*, but none of them seriously.

2. (to offend)

a. to hurt

Tus palabras hirieron su orgullo. *Your words hurt his pride*.

3. (to damage)

a. to hurt

Los colores brillantes me hieren la vista. Bright colors hurt my eyes.

4. (to beat)

a. to hit

Dobla las rodillas y hiere la pelota con el palo. Bend your knees and hit the ball with the club.

b. to strike

Hirió la pelota de béisbol muy fuerte. He stroke the baseball really hard.

herirse

pronominal verb

5. (to harm oneself physically)

a. to hurt

Se hirió la mano cuando estaba cortando la cebolla. He hurt his hand when he was cutting an onion.

b. to injure oneself

Me herí tratando de escapar. *I injured myself trying to escape*.

llorar

intransitive verb

1. (to produce tears)

a. <u>to cry</u>

La mujer empezó a llorar y no sabíamos cómo consolarla. *The woman started crying and we didn't know how to comfort her.*

b. to weep

Todos lloraban en el funeral. Everyone was weeping at the funeral.

2. (to secrete water)

a. to whine

No te entiendo cuando estás llorando. ¡Háblame bien!*I don't know what you're saying when you're whining. Speak properly!*

b. to moan

Llórale un poquito a la abuela a ver si te paga el viaje. Why don't you go and moan to your grandma and see if she'll pay for the trip.

transitive verb

3. (to produce tears)

a. to cry

"Perdí mi peluche," dijo la niñita mientras lloraba lágrimas amargas." I lost my teddy," said the little girl while she cried bitter tears.

4. (to produce tears)

a. to cry

"Perdí mi peluche," dijo la niñita mientras lloraba lágrimas amargas." I lost my teddy," said the little girl while she cried bitter tears.

5. (to secrete water)

a. to water

Me lloran los ojos si hay demasiada luz. My eyes water when it's too bright.

6. (to lament)

a. to mourn

Lloramos su muerte cada día. *We mourn his passing every day.*

desposar

transitive verb

1. (to join in matrimony)

a. to marry

La madre de la novia es hermana del sacerdote que desposó a la pareja. *The bride's mother is the sister of the priest who married the couple.*

desposarse

pronominal verb

2. (to be joined in matrimony)

a. to get married

Alma y Jairo se desposaron en una hermosa capilla antigua. *Alma and Jairo got married in a beautiful old chapel*.

b. to marry

El rey le dijo a la princesa que no tenía otro remedio que desposarse con el viejo duque. *The king told the princess she had no choice but to marry the old duke.*

engendrar

transitive verb

1. (to bring into the world)

a. to produce

La reina no engendró ningún heredero. The queen did not produce an heir.

b. to have

La mujer engendró un solo hijo varón. The woman had only one male child.

c. to give birth to (a woman)

Creo que he engendrado a un monstruo. I think I've given birth to a monster.

d. to father (a man)

El marido de Marisa ya no puede engendrar más hijos. *Marisa's husband cannot father any more children*.

e. to conceive (a woman or a couple)

David es padre de una niña engendrada por inseminación artificial. *David is the father of a little girl conceived by artificial insemination*.

f. to beget (literary)

El sacerdote dijo que el matrimonio sirve para engendrar niños. *The priest said that marriage is for begetting children*.

2. (to lead to)

a. to give rise to

El cambio climático puede engendrar enfermedades, sequías, inundaciones y hambrunas. *Climate change may give rise to diseases, droughts, floods and famines*.

b. to cause

El involucramiento del ejército engendró alarma entre los ciudadanos. *The involvement of the army caused alarm among citizens*.

c. to engender

Toda esta burocracia engendra un sentimiento de impotencia. *All this bureaucracy engenders feelings of powerlessness*.

d. to breed

La violencia engendra violencia. Violence breeds violence.

e. to beget (literary)

El odio no engendra más que odio. Hatred begets nothing but hatred.

3. (mathematics)

a. to generate

Un círculo que gira sobre su eje engendra una esfera. *A circle rotating around its axis generates a sphere*.

intransitive verb

4. (to reproduce)

a. to have children

Después de la enfermedad ya no puede engendrar. Following her illness, she can no longer have children.

b. <u>to get pregnant</u> (a woman)

Ana tenía dudas sobre si podría engendrar. Ana doubted whether she would be able to get pregnant.

c. <u>to procreate</u> (literary)

Las mujeres ya no pueden engendrar después de la menopausia. *Women can no longer procreate after the menopause.*

engendrarse

pronominal verb

5. (to be produced)

a. to arise

Debido a la crisis, pueden engendrarse problemas como el desempleo. *Problems such as unemployment may arise as a result of the economic crisis*.

b. to come about

No debemos olvidar nunca cómo se engendró el nazismo. We must never forget how Nazism came about.

c. to be born

Fue aquí donde se engendró la canción más famosa de la cantautora. It was here that the singer-songwriter's most famous song was born.

inmolar

transitive verb

1. (literary) (to kill)

a. to sacrifice

Esta tribu acostumbraba inmolar vacas como ofrenda a sus dioses. *This tribe used to sacrifice cows as an offering to their gods*.

inmolarse

pronominal verb

2. (literary) (to kill oneself)

a. to sacrifice oneself

El hombre se inmoló a las puertas del palacio presidential como medida de protesta por el maltrato a los inmigrantes. The man sacrificed himself in front of the Presidential Palace to protest the mistreatment of immigrants.

encontrar

transitive verb

1. (to find something lost)

a. to find

Al fin encontré las llaves del coche. I finally found my car keys.

2. (to uncover)

a. to discover

Ellos encontraron una caja vieja en el bosque. They discovered an old box in the forest.

b. to encounter

Encontramos una división en el sendero y no sabemos qué dirección tomar. *We found a split in the trail and we don't know which one to take.*

3. (to get together)

a. to meet

Nos encontraremos en el bar para una copa. We'll meet at the bar for a drink.

encontrarse

pronominal verb

4. (to be situated)

a. to be

La playa se encuentra al otro lado de la calle. *The beach is on the opposite side of the street*.

5. (to sense)

a. to feel

No me encuentro animado. I don't feel lively.

nacer

intransitive verb

1. (to come into the world)

a. to be born

Su bebé nacerá muy pronto. Her baby will be born very soon.

b. to hatch (from an egg)

¿Cuántos pollitos han nacido? How many chicks have hatched?

2. (to develop)

a. to sprout

A mi orquídea le ha nacido una hoja nueva. My orchid has sprouted a new leaf.

b. to grow

No se preocupe, le volverá a nacer el pelo. *Don't worry, your hair will grow back*.

3. (to originate)

a. to rise

The Nile rises in central Africa. El Nilo nace en África central.

b. to have its source

El río nace en esa montaña. The river has its source in that mountain.

c. to start

El camino nace en la aldea. The path starts in the village.

4. (to arise)

a. to grow

De ese encuentro, nació una bonita amistad. From that meeting, a beautiful friendship grew.

5. (astronomy)

a. to rise

¿Por dónde nace el sol? Where does the sun rise?

callar

intransitive verb

1. (to say nothing)

a. to keep quiet

Mejor callar y esperar que no se repita. *We'd better keep quiet and hope it doesn't happen again.*

2. (to stop talking or making noise)

a. to be quiet

Calla y déjame pensar. *Be quiet and let me think*.

b. to shut up (colloquial)

¡Calla! Ya has dicho suficiente. Shut up! You've already said enough.

transitive verb

3. (to silence) (Latin America)

a. to keep quiet

Mece al bebé para que calle. *Rock the baby to keep him quiet*.

4. (to not tell)

a. to keep quiet about

Callaron lo ocurrido por miedo a las represalias. They kept quiet about what happened for fear of retaliation.

b. to keep to oneself

No calles tus preocupaciones. Estamos aquí para ayudar. *Don't keep your worries to yourself. We're here to help.*

callarse

pronominal verb

5. (to stop talking or making noise)

a. to be quiet

¿Puedes callarte un rato? Necesito descansar. Can you be quiet for a while? I need some rest.

b. to shut up (colloquial)

¡Cállate de una vez! ¡Me estás dando dolor de cabeza!Shut up once and for all! You're giving me a headache!

6. (to say nothing)

a. to keep quiet

Prefiero callarme antes de decir algo de lo que me podría arrepentir. *I'd rather keep quiet than say something I'm going to regret*.

menguar

intransitive verb

1. (to drop in level)

a. to decrease

Es alarmante que el número de alumnos en la escuela mengúe cada año. It's alarming that the number of students in school decreases every year.

b. to diminish

Según una encuesta reciente, la influencia de la religión ha estado menguando. *According to a recent survey, the influence of religion has been diminishing.*

c. to go down

El precio del salmón menguó cuando se redujo el consumo. The price of salmon went down as the rate of its consumption dropped.

d. to dwindle

La población mengúa porque la tasa de natalidad es baja. *The population dwindles because the birth rate is low.*

2. (astronomy)

a. to wane

Los piratas zarparon antes de que menguara la luna. The pirates set sail before the moon waned.

3. (knitting)

a. to decrease

Mi abuela tomó la aguja de tejer y me enseñó a menguar. *My grandmother took the knitting needle and taught me how to decrease.*

transitive verb

4. (to reduce)

a. to lessen

La nueva ley mengúa la carga fiscal para las pequeñas y medianas empresas. *The new law lessens the tax burden on small and medium-size businesses*.

b. to diminish

No bebas alcohol, ya que este mengúa la efectividad del medicamento. *Don't drink alcohol; it diminishes the effectiveness of the medication.*

5. (knitting)

a. to decrease

Para lograr que la manga se estreche, tienes que empezar a menguar los puntos. *To taper the sleeve, you need to start decreasing your stitches.*

llenar

transitive verb

1. (to make full)

a. to fill

¿No vas a llenar la tina antes de lavar el perro? *Aren't you going to fill the bathtub before you wash the dog?*

b. to fill up

Tienes que llenar el tanque de gasolina antes de entregar el carro rentado. *You have to fill up the gas tank before you turn in the rental car.*

2. (to occupy completely)

a. to fill

Los fans de los Pumas llenaron el Estadio Azteca antes del partido. *The Pumas fans filled the Aztec Stadium before the game*.

3. (to satisfy)

a. to fulfill

Si tu trabajo no te llena, deberías buscar otro. *If your job doesn't fulfill you, you should look for another one.*

4. (to make feel; used with "de")

a. to fill with

Tu manera de hablarme me llena de tristeza. *Your way of speaking to me fills me with sadness*.

5. (to heap upon; used with "de")

a. to shower

La llenaron de elogios cuando defendió su tesis de maestría. *They showered her with accolades when she defended her master's degree thesis.*

6. (to complete)

a. to fill out

Necesito que llenes este formulario antes de ver al doctor. *I need you to fill out this form before the doctor sees you.*

b. to fill in (United Kingdom)

Hay que llenar una solicitud para suscribirse al boletín. *You have to fill in an application form to suscribe to the newsletter.*

intransitive verb

7. (to satisfy hunger)

a. to be filling

Las ensaladas no llenan mucho, pero son buenas para la salud. *Salads aren't very filling, but they're good for your health.*

llenarse

pronominal verb

8. (to become full)

a. to fill up

El centro siempre se llena el fin de semana antes de Navidad. *Downtown always fills up the weekend before Christmas*.

b. to get full

¿Ya se llenó la piscina? Llevas horas poniéndole agua. *Has the pool gotten full yet? You've been putting water in it for hours.*

9. (to eat a lot)

a. to fill up

Me llené de pan antes de la cena y no pude comer nada de pavo. I filled up on bread before dinner and couldn't eat any turkey at all.

10. (to get covered)

a. to be covered

Te llenaste las botas de lodo y nieve. ¡Sal a lavártelas! Your boots are covered in mud and snow. Go outside and wash them off!

conducir

transitive verb

1. (to guide)

a. to lead

Este pasillo conduce a la salida de emergencia. This aisle leads to the emergency exit.

2. (to operate a vehicle) (Spain)

a. to drive

En Irlanda, la gente conduce por el lado izquierdo de la carretera. *In Ireland, people drive on the left side of the road*.

3. (to transport)

a. to carry

Las tuberías conducen el gas natural desde los depósitos de gas. *The pipelines carry natural gas from gas wells*.

4. (to manage)

a. to run

Mi jefe está conduciendo operaciones ilegales. *My boss is running illegal operations*.

5. (to result in)

a. to lead

Este negocio te conducirá al éxito. This business will lead you to success.

conducirse

reflexive verb

6. (to act)

a. to behave

Últimamente se conduce de manera extraña. He has been behaving strangely lately.

mover

transitive verb

1. (to change places)

a. to move

Necesitamos mover la mesa al otro lado del salón. We need to move the table to the other side of the room.

2. (to move in a cycle)

a. to shake

Mueve la cabeza para mostrar su descontento. He shakes his head to show his discontent.

b. to move

El péndulo seguirá moviendo hasta que alguien lo pare. *The pendulum will keep moving until someone stops it.*

c. to wag

El perro feliz mueve la cola cuando ve a su dueño. *The happy dog wags its tail when it sees its owner.*

3. (to control)

a. to drive

El general está a cargo de mover esta operación. *The general is in charge of driving this operation*.

4. (to mix)

a. to stir

Hay que mover los ingredientes para combinar los sabores. *You have to stir the ingredients to combine the flavors*.

moverse

pronominal verb

5. (to move forward)

a. to move on

Sugiero que nos movamos a otro tema de conversación. I suggest that we move on to another topic of conversation.

6. (to set in motion)

a. to get going

Si nos movemos ahora, podemos llegar a tiempo. *If we get going now, we can arrive on time.*

7. (to get out of the way)

a. to move

¡Muévete! Estás bloqueando la vista. Move! You're blocking the view.

8. (to dance)

a. to move

Cuando baila, ella se mueve como bailarina del vientre. When she dances, she moves like a belly dancer

entender

transitive verb

- 1. (to comprehend)
- a. to understand

Nadie entendió su explicación. Nobody understood his explanation.

2. (to be empathetic to)

a. to understand

Mi hija entiende a los perros mejor que cualquier otra persona en casa. *My daughter understands the dogs better than anyone else at home.*

- 3. (to comprehend a language)
- a. to understand

Como hablo español, puedo entender el portugués escrito. *Since I speak Spanish*, *I can understand written Portuguese*.

- 4. (to find reasonable)
- a. to understand

No entiendo tu enfado, solo dije que no quería salir esta noche. I don't understand your annoyance. I only said that I didn't want to go out tonight.

- 5. (to trust)
- a. to believe

Entiéndeme cuando te digo que no quise herir tus sentimientos. *Believe me when I tell you I didn't mean to hurt your feelings*.

- 6. (colloquial) (to be of the opinion that)
- a. to think

Entiendo que es mejor irnos por la mañana para evitar tráfico. I think that it's better if we leave in the morning to avoid traffic.

intransitive verb

- 7. (to be empathetic to; used with "de")
- a. to know (used with "about" or "of")

No entiendo nada de vinos. I know nothing about wine.

b. to understand (used with "about")

Mi hermana entiende más de ingeniería que yo. *My sister understands more about engineering than I do.*

- 8. (legal; used with "en")
- a. to hear

El juez Rodríguez entendió en el caso del infame asesino en serie. *Judge Rodríguez heard the case of the infamous serial killer*.

entenderse

reciprocal verb

- 9. (to communicate well)
- a. to understand each other

Mis padres se entienden mejor que cualquier otra pareja. My parents understand each other more than any other couple.

pronominal verb

10. (to be friends; used with "con")

a. to get along with

No me entiendo con mis padres. *I don't get along with my parents*.

- 11. (to cheat on someone; used with "con")
- a. to have an affair with

Dicen que se entendía con el jardinero. *They say she was having an affair with the gardener.* comprender

transitive verb

- 1. (to comprehend)
- a. to understand

He vivido en Corea del Sur diez años pero todavía no comprendo el idioma. *I have lived in South Korea for ten years but I still don't understand the language*.

- 2. (to comprise)
- a. to include

Esta guía comprende información útil acerca de todos los parques nacionales. This guide includes useful information acerca de todos los parques nacionales.

comprenderse

reciprocal verb

- 3. (to get along with)
- a. to understand each other

Mis dos hermanas no se comprenden. Son personas muy diferentes. *My two sisters don't understand each other. They are very different people.*

contar

transitive verb

- 1. (to list)
- a. to count

Cuenta hasta 50 antes de abrir los ojos. Count to 50 before opening your eyes.

- 2. (to narrate)
- a. to tell

¿Cómo te fue? ¡Cuéntamelo todo!How'd it go? Tell me everything!

Cuéntame más de las aventuras de Blancanieves y los siete enanitos. *Tell me more of the adventures of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*.

intransitive verb

- 3. (to list)
- a. to count

Cuando llegues al final, deja de contar. When you get to the end, stop counting.

- 4. (to matter)
- a. to count

Mi voz cuenta en el consejo. My voice counts in the council.

arrastrar

transitive verb

- 1. (along the ground)
- a. to drag

¡Deja de arrastrar los pies! Stop dragging your feet!

b. to sweep (clothing)

Mi hija va a llevar un vestido con una cola que arrastra. My daughter will wear a dress with a train that sweeps the ground.

c. to brush (clothing)

Esa falda es tan larga que arrastra el suelo. That skirt is so long that it brushes the ground.

- 2. (current)
- a. to sweep away (a river)

El caballo fue arrastrado por el río mientras intentaba cruzarlo. *The horse was swept away by the river as he was trying to cross it.*

b. to carry out (the ocean)

arrastrar algo mar adentroto carry something out to sea

c. to blow (along) (wind)

El niño arrastra una hoja en la acera. *The boy blows a leaf along the sidewalk*.

- 3. (vehicle)
- a. to tow

arrastrar una lanchato tow a skiff

- 4. (finance)
- a. to drag down

El cierre de la fábrica arrastró el mercado. *The closing of the factory dragged down the market*.

- 5. (illness/problem)
- a. to drag on

Vengo arrastrando una tos. *I have a cough that is dragging on.*

- 6. (attraction)
- a. to draw

Ese artista callejero siempre arrastra a la multitud. *That street performer always draws a crowd*.

b. to attract

arrastrar mucha genteto attract a lot of people

7. (persuasion)

a. to influence

No te permitas arrastrar por sus palabras. Don't let yourself be influenced by his words.

b. to win over

dejarse arrastrar por una ideato be won over by an idea

c. to lead to

La pobreza lo arrastró a la delincuencia. Poverty led him to crime.

8. (speech)

a. to slur

arrastrar las palabrasto slur your words

arrastrarse

reflexive verb

9. (move along the ground)

a. to crawl

arrastrarse como un bebéto crawl like a baby

b. to slither

Las serpientes se arrastran. Snakes slither.

c. to drag oneself

arrastrarse por el sueloto drag oneself along the ground

10. (humilliation)

a. to grovel

Los campesinos se arrastraron frente al rey. The peasants groveled before the king.

levantar

transitive verb

1. (to move upward)

a. to raise

Levanten sus copas para un brindis. Raise your glasses for a toast.

b. to lift

No es capaz de levantar la maleta. He is unable to lift the suitcase.

c. to lift up

Levanta un poco tu pantalón para ver dónde te picó el mosquito. *Lift up your pants a little so I can see where the mosquito bit you.*

d. to pick up (something that has fallen)

Se inclinó para levantar la silla del suelo. *He bent over to pick up the chair from the floor*.

2. (to end)

a. to lift

El tribunal debe levantar la orden de detención. The court must lift the detention order.

3. (to establish)

a. to found

Mi abuelo levantó su compañía en 1939. My grandfather founded his company in 1939.

4. (to construct)

a. to build

La torre del reloj se levantó en 1836. The clock tower was built in 1836.

5. (to remove)

a. to take down

Levantaron el laboratorio para dejar sitio a la nueva escuela. *The laboratory was taken down to make room for the new school*.

b. to clear off

Levanta tus cosas de la mesa. Clear vour things off the table.

6. (to get to come out) (Cuba) (Mexico) (Venezuela)

a. to remove

¿Qué se puede hacer para levantar una mancha de vino? What can you do to remove a wine stain? levantarse

reflexive verb

- 7. (to awaken)
- a. to get up

¿A qué hora te levantaste hoy? What time did you get up today?

- 8. (to stand up)
- a. to get up

Levántate que el suelo no está limpio. Get up, the floor is not clean.

- 9. (to rebel)
- a. to rise up

Caín se levantó contra Abel y lo mató. Cain rose up against Abel and killed him.

pronominal verb

10. (to peel off)

a. to come off

Tenía el cuerpo quemado y se le levantaba la piel al tocarla. His body was burned and his skin came off when touched.

bailar

intransitive verb

- 1. (to move rhythmically)
- a. to dance

Quiero bailar toda la noche. I want to dance all night long.

- 2. (not tight)
- a. to be loose

Debo de haber perdido peso porque me bailan los pantalones. I must have lost weight, because my trousers are loose.

transitive verb

- 3. (to move rhythmically)
- a. to dance

Ella baila salsa y bachata y está aprendiendo kizomba. *She dances salsa and bachata and she's learning kizomba*.

crecer

<u>intransitive verb</u>

- 1. (to increase in size)
- a. to grow

Su nieto creció una pulgada entera durante el verano. Her grandson grew a whole inch over the summer.

- 2. (to develop)
- a. to grow up

Crecí en España durante la época de Franco. *I grew up in Spain during the Franco era*.

- 3. (to increase in duration)
- a. to grow longer

A medida que se acercaba el verano, los días crecían. As summer approached, the days grew longer.

- 4. (to increase in level)
- a. to rise

Las fuertes lluvias causan que el río crezca. *The heavy rains cause the river to rise*.

- 5. (to grow in presence)
- a. to increase

Así como crecía el desempleo, también lo hacía el desdén por los poderes políticos. *Just as unemployment increased, so did disdain for the political powers.*

- 6. (to increase in amount)
- a. to expand

En sólo tres años, las oficinas de la compañía crecieron por todo el país. In just three years, the company's offices expanded across the country.

7. (of the moon)

a. to wax

La luna crecía, que proporcionaba más luz para nuestro camino. *The moon was waxing, which provided more light for our journey.*

crecerse

pronominal verb

8. (to perform well)

a. to thrive

El valiente caballero se crece en situaciones peligrosas. *The brave knight thrives in dangerous situations*.

encender

transitive verb

1. (to activate)

a. to turn on

Lo primero que hace cada mañana es encender la televisión. *The first thing he does every morning is turn on the television*.

b. to switch on

Creo que es hora de encender el aire acondicionado. I think it's time to switch on the air conditioning.

2. (to illuminate)

a. to light

Ella encendió una vela para que pudiera ver dónde caminaba. *She lit a candle so that she could see where she was walking.*

b. to ignite

Una vez que enciendas la llama, añade leña para aumentar el fuego. *Once you ignite the flame, add kindling to build the fire.*

encenderse

pronominal verb

3. (to ignite)

a. to turn on

Las luces se encienden cuando sienten movimiento en el cuarto. *The lights turn on when they sense movement in the room.*

b. to light

Se encienden las linternas antes de cada servicio. *The lamps are lit before every service*.

<u>reflexive verb</u>

4. (to get red)

a. to blush

Mi hermano se encendió cuando ella le dio su número. *My brother totally blushed when she gave him her number.*

sembrar

transitive verb

1. (agriculture)

a. to plant

Sembramos guisantes en el jardín. We planted peas in the garden.

b. to sow

Sembramos y fertilizamos los campos en primavera. *We sowed and fertilized the fields in spring.*

2. (figurative) (to sprinkle)

a. to scatter

La carretera estaba sembrada con los restos del accidente. *The road was scattered with the remains of the accident*.

b. to spread

La porrista principal sembró la duda a través del equipo con sus chismes. *The head cheerleader spread doubt throughout the team with her gossip.*

c. to strew

Las rosas estaban sembradas a través de la suite iluminada. *Roses were strewn across the candle lit suite*.

3. (to kill) (Mexico)

a. to whack

El padrino mandó su hijo a sembrar al topo como mensaje a la policía. *The godfather sent his son to whack the mole as a message to the police*.

arar

transitive verb

- 1. (agriculture)
- a. to plow (United States)

El agricultor ara el campo para airear la tierra antes de cultivar. *The farmer plows the field to aerate the soil before sowing crops*.

b. to plough (United Kingdom)

En el altiplano algunos campesinos todavía aran la tierra con arado de pie. *On the altiplano some peasants still plough the land with a foot plough*.

amar

transitive verb

1. (to have profound affection for)

a, to love

Ama a su esposa con todo su ser. *He loves his wife with all his heart.*

amarse

reciprocal verb

- 2. (to have profound affection for)
- a. to love each other

Se han amado desde el momento en que se conocieron. *They have loved each other from the moment they met*.

temblar

intransitive verb

- 1. (to quake)
- a. to shake

La Tierra comenzó a temblar y un ruido misterioso salió del suelo. *The Earth began to shake and an eerie noise arose from the ground.*

b. <u>to shiver</u> (from cold)

El viento que venía del lago la hizo temblar. The wind coming off the lake made her shiver.

c. to shudder

La máquina necesita mantenimiento para que deje de temblar. *The machine needs maintenance so it will stop shuddering.*

- 2. (to be concerned)
- a. to shudder (figurative)

Sus padres temblaron al pensar en su hija viajando sola por Europa. *Her parents shuddered to think of their daughter traveling alone around Europe.*

abrazar

transitive verb

- 1. (to hold)
- a. to hug

Tengo ganas de abrazarte. I feel like hugging you.

b. to embrace

Abrazó a los refugiados, algunos de los cuales habían llegado ese mismo día. He embraced the refugees, some of whom had arrived that very day.

c. to hold

La abrazó con fuerza. He held her tight.

2. (to take up)

a. to embrace

Tras su conversión, abrazó la castidad. *After her conversion*, *she embraced chastity*.

b. <u>to espouse</u>

Abrazó hace largo tiempo la causa de las mujeres oprimidas. She has long espoused the cause of oppressed women.

abrazarse

reciprocal verb

3. (to hold each other)

a. to hug each other

Se abrazaron con pasión. They hugged each other passionately.

b. to embrace each other

Tras haber firmado el contracto, se abrazaron. *After signing the contract, they embraced each other.* huir

intransitive verb

1. (to leave)

a. to escape (from a person or place)

Cuatro presos huyeron de la cárcel el domingo por la tarde. Four inmates escaped from the prison on Sunday afternoon.

b. <u>to flee</u> (from danger or pursuit)

Muchos migrantes huyeron del país por temor a la persecución. *Many migrants fled the country due to fear of persecution*.

c. to run away

Nuestro perro huyó de casa anoche y todavía no lo hemos encontrado. *Our dog ran away from home last night and we still haven't found him.*

2. (to stay away from)

a. to avoid

Ella huye de los refrescos desde que le dijeron que tiene un alto riesgo de contraer diabetes. *She avoids sodas since she was told that she has a high risk of developing diabetes.* pisar

transitive verb

1. (to put your foot on)

a. to step on

¡No pises el suelo; que está recién fregado! Don't step on the floor; it's just been washed!

b. to step in

Pisé un charco y me mojé el pantalón. I stepped in a puddle and got my pants wet.

c. to tread on

Pisé al gato sin querer. I trod on the cat accidentally.

2. (to go on)

a. to walk on

No pise el cemento mojado. *Don't walk on the wet cement*.

3. (to press one's foot down on)

a. to step on

Partimos tarde y tuve que pisar el acelerador. *We left late*, so *I had step on the accelerator*.

4. (to trample)

a. to tread down

Pisé la tierra para compactarla. I trod down the earth to flatten it.

b. <u>to tread</u>

Antes de pisar la uva, hay que lavarse bien los pies. *Before treading grapes*, you need to wash your feet thoroughly.

5. (to come into)

a. to set foot in

Hace años que no piso un cine. I haven't set foot in a cinema in years.

b. to set foot on

Hacía tiempo que no pisábamos suelo irlandés. We hadn't set foot on Irish soil for a while.

6. (to anticipate)

a. to steal

¡Mira, nos han pisado la idea!Look, they've stolen our idea!

b. to beat

Otra empresa nos pisó el contrato. *Another firm beat us to the contract.*

7. (to be inconsiderate with)

a. to trample on

En mi trabajo se asciende a base de pisar a los demás. *In my job, people get promotions by trampling on everyone else*.

b. to walk all over

Todo lo que tiene lo ha conseguido sin pisar nunca a nadie. He got where he is without walking all over anyone.

8. (music)

a. to strike (key)

Pisa esta tecla para obtener un sonido agudo. *Strike this key to get a high-pitched sound*.

b. to hold down (string)

Tienes que pisar la cuerda para que suene así. *You have to hold down the string to get this sound.*

9. (to copulate with)

a. to mount

El cámara consiguió grabar al macho pisando a la hembra. *The cameraman managed to record the male mounting the female*.

intransitive verb

10. (to walk)

a. to tread

Aquí se debe pisar con cuidado. *You need to watch how you tread here.*

b. no direct translation

Pisen con cuidado; acabo de lavar el suelo. Be careful where you walk; I've just washed the floor.

Pisa con cuidado, que el suelo está mojado. Watch where you qo; the floor's wet.

11. (vulgar) (to have sex) (Cuba) (Dominican Republic) (El Salvador)

a. <u>to fuck</u> (vulgar)

El policía los encontró pisando en el auto. The cop caught them fucking in the car.

b. to screw (vulgar)

Los escuché pisar en el cuarto de baño. *I heard them screwing in the bathroom*.

12. (figurative) (to make an impression)

a. no direct translation

El autor entró en el panorama literario pisando fuerte. *The author arrived on the literary scene with a bang*.

Esta moda pisa fuerte en las redes sociales. *This fashion is making a big impact on social media.* pisarse

pronominal verb

13. (to leave) (Colombia)

a. to go

Se pisó a casa de la novia hace cinco minutos. *He went to his girlfriend's house five minutes ago.* apretar

transitive verb

- 1. (to apply pressure)
- a. to press

Aprieta cualquier tecla para continuar. Press any key to continue.

b. to pull

Agarró una pistola y apretó el gatillo. He took a gun and pulled the trigger.

c. to squeeze

Para disparar la pistola, tienes que quitar el seguro y apretar el gatillo. To shoot the gun, you have to release the lock and squeeze the trigger.

d. to step on (accelerator)

Arranca el carro y aprieta el pedal. Start the car and step on the pedal.

- 2. (to compress)
- a. to squeeze

Aprieta el limón para sacarle todo el zumo. Squeeze the lemon to get all the juice out.

b. to clutch

Mi madre me apretó tan fuerte que no podía respirar. *My mother clutched me so tight that I couldn't breathe.*

c. to clench (fist)

Apretó el puño tan fuerte que se clavó las uñas en la palma. *He clenched his fist so hard that his fingernails duq into his palm*.

d. to grit (teeth)

Apretó los dientes de rabia al ver a su mujer engañándole. He gritted his teeth in wrath when he saw his wife cheating on him.

e. to crush

Agarra bien al bebé, pero no lo aprietes. *Hold your baby close*, but don't crush him.

f. to grip

¡Suelta! Me estás haciendo daño apretándome el brazo así.*Let go! You're hurting me gripping my arm like that.*

- 3. (to adjust)
- a. to tighten

Usa una llave inglesa para apretar las cuatro tuercas. *Use a wrench to tighten all four nuts*.

- 4. (to hurry)
- a. to quicken

¡Aprieta el paso que ya vamos tarde! Quicken your pace; we're already late!

- 5. (to pressure)
- a. to put pressure on

En la actualidad, el colegio no aprieta mucho a los alumnos. *Nowadays*, *schools don't put too much pressure on students*.

b. to push

Deja de apretarme. Nunca aceptaré la oferta. *Stop pushing me. I will never accept the offer.*

6. (to squeeze together)

a. to bunch up

No queda mucho sitio en la hoja, así que tendré que apretar las palabras al escribir. *There is not much space left on the sheet, so I will have to bunch up the words when writing.*

intransitive verb

- 7. (to increase)
- a. to get worse

Cuando la lluvia apretó, empecé a correr a casa. When the rain got worse, I started to run home.

b. to intensify

El cansancio apretaba, pero no podía irme a dormir hasta que acabara los deberes. *The fatigue intensified, but I couldn't go to sleep until I finished my homework.*

- 8. (to crush)
- a. to be too tight

Este sombrero me aprieta. *This hat is too tight for me*.

b. to pinch one's feet

Esas botas me aprietan mucho. Those boots really pinch my feet.

9. (to pressure)

a. to put on the pressure

Esta crisis está apretando a las familias más pobres. *This crisis is putting the pressure on the poorest families*.

10. (to exert oneself)

a. to make an effort

Si aprietas, acabarás a tiempo. If you make an effort, you will finish on time.

11. (to go) (Chile)

a. no direct translation

La tormenta se está acercando, mejor apretemos. *The storm is coming; we'd better run.*

Cuando la alarma de incendios empezó a sonar, todos apretaron hacia la salida. When the fire alarm began to sound, everybody made a dash for the exit.

apretarse

pronominal verb

12. (to squeeze together)

a. to squeeze up

Pueden comer todos a la vez si no les importa apretarse en el comedor. You can all eat together if you don't mind squeezing up in the dining room.

b. to squish together

Si se aprietan, habrá sitio para uno más. *If you squish together, there will be room for one more.* ceder

transitive verb

1. (to relinquish)

a. to transfer

Ronaldo le cedió la casa a su hermano mediante su testimonio. *Ronaldo transferred the house to his brother via his will*.

b. to hand over

Le cedió las llaves del carro porque no estaba en condición para manejar. *He handed over his car keys because he was in no condition to drive*.

c. to cede

La empresa cedió una manzana al municipio para la construcción de un parque. *The company ceded a block of land to the municipality for the construction of a park.*

d. to assign

Emanuel le cedió los derechos del contrato a su hermano a cambio de un préstamo. *Emanuel assigned the contract rights to his brother in exchange for a loan*.

e. to give up

El rey cedió la corona por la mujer que amaba. *The king gave up the crown for the woman he loved*.

2. (sports)

a. to pass

Pepe le cedió la pelota a Beto para que pudiera anotar. *Pepe passed the ball to Beto so he could score*.

3. (to lose)

a. to give up

Cedió dos minutos en el maratón porque tuvo que amarrarse las agujetas. *She gave up two minutes in the marathon because she had to tie her shoelaces.*

intransitive verb

- 4. (to surrender)
- a. to give in

Ella no cedió aún después de recibir mucha crítica. *She didn't give in even after receiving a lot of criticism*.

b. to yield

Me puedes extorsionar todo lo que quieras, pero nunca cederé. *You can extort me all you want, but I'll never yield.*

5. (to become less)

a. to ease up

El calor cedió un poco después de la tormenta. *The heat eased up a bit after the storm.*

b. to drop

El precio de petróleo cedió ante las noticias del calentamiento global. *The price of oil dropped in the face of the news of global warming.*

c. to abate

Después de cinco horas, los vientos huracanados finalmente cedieron. *After five hours, the howling winds finally abated.*

d. to go down

La fiebre debe ceder pronto después de tomar la medicina. *The fever should go down quickly after you take the medicine.*

e. to lessen

La tensión de tus hombros va a ceder cuando dejes de preocuparte. *The tension in your shoulders will lessen when you stop worrying.*

f. to ease

Un baño caliente debe hacer que el dolor ceda. *A warm bath should ease the pain*.

6. (to stretch)

a. to give

Estos zapatos están demasiado apretados, y no ceden para nada. *These shoes are too tight, and they don't give at all.*

7. (to fall)

a. to give way

Golpeó la puerta con el hombro hasta que cedió. *He slammed the door with this shoulder until it gave way.*

b. to collapse

El puente tambaleante cedió cuando el camión intentó cruzarlo. *The rickety bridge collapsed when the truck tried to cross it.*

cazar

transitive verb

1. (to pursue in order to kill or trap)

a. to hunt

Mi tío y sus amigos cazan ciervos en el otoño. My uncle and his friends hunt deer in the fall.

b. to catch

Los niños están por el arroyo, cazando ranas. *The children are down by the creek, catching frogs.*

c. to trap

La araña utiliza su tela para cazar su presa. *The spider uses its web to trap its prey*.

d. to shoot (with gun)

Cuando éramos niños, nos gustaba cazar palomas en el campo. When we were kids, we liked to shoot pigeons in the country.

2. (to surprise)

a. to catch

El guardia de seguridad me cazó robando. The security guard caught me stealing.

3. (figurative) (to comprehend)

a. to understand

Puedo leer en francés, pero no cazo una palabra cuando lo escucho. I can read French, but I don't understand a word when I hear it.

b. to get (colloquial)

¿Cazaste lo que nos explicó la maestra hoy? Did you get what the teacher explained to us today?

4. (to obtain)

a. to capture

Muchos candidatos están usando las redes sociales para cazar votos. *Many candidates are using social media to capture votes*.

b. to land (colloquial)

Tuve mucha suerte y cacé un puesto con muy buen sueldo. *I got really lucky and landed a very well-paid job*.

<u>intransitive verb</u>

5. (sport)

a. to hunt

¿Te gusta cazar, Sr. Darcy? Do you like to hunt, Mr. Darcy?

b. to go hunting

Antonio tiene un retriever para cuando caza en el campo. *Antonio has a retriever for when he goes hunting in the country.*

c. to shoot (with gun)

Soy muy buena para pescar, pero nunca aprendí a cazar. *I'm great at fishing, but I never learned to shoot.*

d. to go shooting (with gun)

Prefiero cazar en el bosque que en el desierto. I prefer to go shooting in the forest than the in desert. apostar

transitive verb

1. (to gamble)

a. to bet

Te apuesto \$15 a que no eres capaz de encestar la pelota diez veces seguidas. *I'll bet you \$15 that you can't score a basket ten times in a row.*

2. (to station)

a. to station

Había militares apostados en las casetas de control para controlar los coches que entraban y salían del país. There were soldiers stationed at the checkpoints to check the cars coming in and out of the country.

b. to post

Los mafiosos abrieron fuego contra los policías apostados fuera del juzgado. *The gangsters opened fire on the police who were posted outside the courthouse.*

c. to position

El capitán apostó a sus soldados en la trinchera para no arriesgar sus vidas. *The captain positioned his soldiers in the trench so as not to put their lives at risk.*

intransitive verb

3. (to speculate)

a. to bet

Mi padre apostó a que el precio del petróleo subiría dentro de un año. My father bet that oil prices would rise within a year.

4. (to choose; used with "por")

a. to opt for

La actriz apostó por un vestido color naranja muy elegante. *The actress opted for a very elegant orange dress*.

b. to go for

Quieren salvar su matrimonio y por eso han decidido apostar por la mediación. *They want to save their marriage so they've decided to go for mediation.*

apostarse pronominal verb

5. (to gamble)

a. to bet

Me apuesto una pizza a que no eres capaz de lavar los platos dos semanas sin quejarte. I'll bet a pizza that you won't be able to wash the dishes for two weeks without complaining.

6. (to station oneself)

a. to position oneself

El soldado se apostó detrás de un árbol para evitar los disparos. *The soldier positioned himself behind a tree to avoid the bullets*.

reventar

transitive verb

1. (to break with pressure)

a. to burst

Si pones demasiado aire en el neumático, lo puedes reventar. If you put too much air in the tire, it can burst.

2. (to explode)

a. to blow up

Los prófugos reventaron el puente para que el comisario no los pudiera seguir. *The outlaws blew up the bridge so the sheriff couldn't follow them.*

b. to shatter (glass)

Se chocaron con ella de modo que se cayó y reventó el escaparate. *They crashed into her, causing her to fall and shatter the storefront window.*

3. (to cause to fail)

a. to ruin

Justo cuando hubimos terminado el castillo de arena, vino una ola y lo reventó. *Just when we had finished the sandcastle, a wave came and ruined it.*

b. to spoil

Has reventado mi oportunidad de convertirme en una bailarina famosa. *You've spoiled my chance of becoming a famous ballerina*.

c. to disrupt

Los manifestantes entraron al mitin con el propósito de reventarlo. *The protestors went to the rally with the soul purpose of disrupting it.*

d. to wreck

Si mis papás llegaran de vacaciones temprano, reventarían mi fiesta. *If my parents came back from vacation early, they'd wreck my party.*

e. to break up (gathering)

La policía vino para reventar la manifestación en la plaza. *The police came to break up the protest in the plaza*.

4. (colloquial) (to bother)

a. to annoy

Le revienta que la gente le diga cómo vestirse. It annoys her when people tell her how to dress.

b. to piss off

Siempre me revienta que me hable como si fuera un niño. It always makes me mad that she talks to me as though I were a child.

5. (to exhaust a horse)

a. to ride into the ground

Era un animal tan bonito ese caballo, pero lo reventaron. *He was such a beautiful animal, that horse, but they rode him into the ground.*

6. (colloquial) (to hit)

a. no direct translation

Oí que cuando vino la policía lo reventaron bien con sus bastones. I heard that when the police came, they beat the everliving daylights out of him with their nightsticks.

Le reventé a puñetazos después cuando insultó a mi esposo. I punched him in the face when he insulted my husband.

7. (to exhaust)

a. no direct translation

El viaje de Madrid a Sevilla me reventó. The trip from Madrid to Seville wore me out.

Trabajar todo el día en una granja te revienta sin duda. *Working all day on a farm tires you out for sure.*

intransitive verb

8. (to break)

a. to burst

Se congeló el agua y las tuberías reventaron. The water in the pipes froze, and so they burst.

b. to blow out

El neumático ha reventado y estamos aquí en el medio de la nada. *The tire's blown out, and we're out here in the middle of nowhere.*

9. (to crash)

a. to break (wave)

Podía oír el ruido de las olas que reventaban en la orilla desde su habitación. *She could hear the sound of the waves breaking upon the shore from her bedroom.*

10. (to be full)

a. to burst

Ojalá que pudiera comer más pero estoy que reviento. *I wish I could eat more but I'm about to burst.*

11. (to get angry)

a. to explode

Si mi padre me pilla fumando revienta. *If my father catches smoking, he'll explode.*

12. (to be eager to do something)

a. to be bursting

Tiene un secreto que revienta por decirte. She has a secret she's bursting to tell you.

b. to be dying

Reviento por ir a Cuba ahora que está mucho más abierto el país. *I'm dying to go to Cuba now that the country is more open*.

reventarse

<u>pronominal verb</u>

13. (to be destroyed)

a. to burst

El agua en el tanque se calentó aumentando la presión hasta que se reventó. *The water in the tank got hot, increasing the pressure until it burst.*

b. to break

Todas las ventanas de la casa se reventaron durante el temblor. *All the windows in the house broke during the earthquake*.

c. to explode

Cuando el carro chocó con el camión, los dos se reventaron. When the car crashed into the truck, they both exploded.

14. (colloquial) (to exhaust oneself)

a. no direct translation

Yo me reventé para sacar la carrera de medicina. *I worked my butt off to get my degree in medicine*. Nosotros nos estamos reventando aquí mientras tú estás descansando en los laureles. *We're working ourselves into the ground here while you're resting on your laurels*.

15. (to collide with) (South America)

a. to crash into

La moto se reventó contra un escaparate, pero él no se hizo daño. *He crashed the motorcycle into a store window, but he wasn't hurt.*

b. to run into

No ponía atención al manejar y se reventó con un árbol. *She wasn't paying attention and she ran into a tree*.

gritar

intransitive verb

1. (to talk very loudly)

a. to shout

Hay alguien gritando en la calle. *There's someone shouting in the street*.

b. to vell

No voy a responder si estás gritando. *I am not going to respond if you are yelling*.

c. to scream

No me gusta ir a los partidos de fútbol porque hay tanta gente gritando. *I don't like to go to soccer games because there are so many people screaming.*

transitive verb

2. (to talk very loudly)

a. to shout

El entrenador gritó las jugadas a su equipo. The coach shouted the plays to his team.

b. to yell

Las animadoras gritaron el lema de la escuela. The cheerleaders yelled the school motto.

3. (colloquial) (to scold)

a. to vell at

Por favor no me grites en frente de mis amigos, mamá. *Please don't yell at me in front of my friends, mom.*

jurar

transitive verb

1. (to take an oath)

a. to swear

¿Juras decir la verdad en tu testimonio hoy? *Do you swear to tell the truth in your testimony today?* intransitive <u>verb</u>

- 2. (to make a promise)
- a. to promise

¿Me vas a visitar este verano? - Sí, lo juro. *Are you going to visit me this summer? - Yes, I swear.*

3. (to cuss)

a. to swear

La maestra castigó a Luis por jurar en el patio de recreo. *The teacher punished Luis for swearing on the playground*.

b. to curse

El granjero empezó a jurar cuando vio que se aproximaba una plaga de langostas. *The farmer started cursing when he saw that a swarm of locusts was approaching.*

romper

transitive verb

- 1. (to smash)
- a. to break

Rompió el vaso por accidente. He broke the glass accidentally.

2. (to destroy through use)

a. to wear out

Ella ha roto la pila de su teléfono por usarlo día y noche. *She has worn out the battery on her phone by using it day and night.*

<u>intransitive verb</u>

3. (in bodies of water)

a. to break

Las olas rompieron contra el casco de nuestro barco. *The waves broke against the hull of our ship.*

4. (to start)

a. to break out

Cuando el hombre cayó muerto, la multitud rompió a gritar. When the man dropped dead, the multitude broke out in shouts.

5. (to put an end to a relationship)

a. to break up

Felipe y Sol rompieron después de tres años de noviazgo. Felipe and Sol broke up after going out for three years.

romperse

reflexive verb

6. (to injure)

a. to break

En su primer partido, el futbolista se rompió la pierna. *In his first game*, *the soccer player broke his leg*.

pronominal verb

- 7. (to smash)
- a. to break

El vaso se rompió en pedazos. The glass broke to pieces.

8. (to stop functioning)

a. to break

Creo que la radio se rompió porque solo oigo interferencias. I think the radio is broken because all I hear is this buzzing.

estallar

intransitive verb

1. (to blow up)

a. to explode

El transbordador espacial Challenger estalló en 1986. *The Space Shuttle Challenger exploded in* 1986.

b. to erupt

La última vez que estalló el volcán Paricutín fue en 1952. *The Paricutin volcano last erupted in* 1952.

c. to go off

Una bomba estalló en un restaurante del centro, provocando un caos en las calles. A bomb went off in a downtown restaurant, causing chaos in the streets.

2. (to break)

a. to burst

Los globos que dejamos en el coche estallaron a causa del sol caliente. *The balloons we left in the car all burst because of the hot sun.*

b. to shatter

El camarero se tropezó y los vasos que llevaba estallaron en mil pedazos. The waiter tripped and the glasses he was carrying shattered into a thousand pieces.

c. to blow out

La ventana estalló cuando pasó el avión demasiado cerca de la casa. *The window blew out when the plane came too close to the house.*

d. to crash (waves)

Me encanta ver cómo las olas estallan en las rocas. I love watching how the waves crash on the rocks.

3. (to develop suddenly)

a. to break out

La Primera Guerra Mundial estalló después del asesinato del archiduque Franz Ferdinand. *World War I broke out after the assassination of the Archduke Franz Ferdinand.*

- 4. (to snap)
- a. to crack

Un látigo estalló cerca de mi oído y casi me dejó sordo. A whip cracked next to my ear and almost left me deaf.

5. (to melt down emotionally)

a. to burst

Cuando recibió la mala noticia, estalló en lagrimas. *When she got the bad news*, *she burst into tears*.

saltar

intransitive verb

1. (to expel oneself into the air)

a. to jump

Saltó del trampolín a la piscina. *He jumped from the diving board into the pool.*

b. to leap

El caballo saltó de un lado del barranco al otro. The horse leapt from one side of the ravine to the other.

c. to hop

La rana saltó de una hoja de nenúfar a otra. The frog hopped from one lily pad to another.

d. to spring

El conejo saltó sobre el tronco. The rabbit sprang over the log.

2. (to be expelled from)

a. to spurt

Saltaban gotas de aceite de la sartén. *Drops of oil were spurting from the frying pan*.

b. to pop out

Tira ligeramente y saltará el corcho. Pull gently and the cork will pop out.

c. to fly

Saltó chispas del cuadro eléctrico cuando el rayo golpeó la casa. *Sparks flew from the breaker when the lightning struck the house.*

d. to break

Mi reloj ya no funcionaba porque había saltado un resorte. *My watch wasn't working because a spring had broken*.

3. (to suddenly activate)

a. to go off

Estábamos dormidos cuando saltó la alarma. We were asleep when the alarm went off.

4. (to burst)

a. to blow

Saltó el plomo y se apagaron las luces. The fuse blew and the lights went out.

b. to shatter (glass)

Se golpeó contra el escaparate y saltó todo el cristal. She was knocked into the display window and all the glass shattered.

c. to blow up

Saltó el carro unos pocos minutos después del choque. The car blew up just a few minutes after the crash.

5. (to become angry)

a. to lose one's temper

Al oír la noticia, saltó y arrojó el libro contra la pared. When he heard the news, he lost his temper and threw the book against the wall.

b. to explode

Mi hermano saltó y empezó a gritarle al carro que lo cerró en la carretera. *My brother exploded and began to yell at the car that cut him off on the highway.*

c. to get angry

No hay por qué saltar por una cosa pequeña así. *There's no reason to get angry about a little thing like that.*

6. (to say suddenly)

a. to blurt out

"¡Pero no es justo!", saltó desesperadamente." But it's not fair!", she blurted out desperately.

b. to come out

Soltó con un comentario ofensivo sin pensar y, en seguida, se arrepintió. *He came out with an offensive remark without thinking and then he immediately regretted it.*

transitive verb

7. (to leap over)

a. to jump

El criminal saltó la valla y se escapó de la cárcel. *The criminal jumped the fence and escaped from prison*.

b. to jump over

La princesa saltó la roca de un brinco y se echó a correr colina abajo. *The princess jumped over the rock in a single bound and took off running down the hill.*

c. to vault

El corredor saltó un obstáculo tras otro. The runner vaulted one hurdle after another.

8. (to omit)

a. to skip

Vuelve un segundo. Creo que saltaste una página. Go back for a second. I think you skipped a page.

b. to miss out

Tuve la mano levantada durante cinco minutos, pero el profesor me saltó y le preguntó a mi compañero. I had my hand up for five minutes, and the teacher missed me out and asked my classmate.

9. (to break)

a. to chip (teeth)

Estaba corriendo cuando tropecé, me comí el suelo y me saltó un diente. I was running when I tripped, did a faceplant and chipped one of my teeth.

saltarse pronominal verb

10. (to omit)

a. to skip

Estos días estoy trabajando tanto que acabo saltándome comidas a veces. *These days I work so much that I sometimes end up skipping meals*.

b. to miss

Te has saltado mi clase tres veces esta semana. ¿Pasa algo? You've missed my class three times this week. Is something wrong?

11. (legal)

a. to break

La empresa tuvo muchos problemas después de saltarse algunos reglamentos. *The company had a lot of problems after breaking some regulations*.

12. (to ignore)

a. to jump

¿Por qué te saltaste el semáforo? Fue muy peligroso. Why did you jump the lights? It was a really dangerous thing to do.

13. (to be expelled)

a. to pop off

Se le saltó un botón de su jersey cuando se lo quitó. A button popped off her sweater when she took it off.

b. to come off

La cremallera de mi chaqueta se me habrá saltado en la secadora. *The zipper of my jacket must have come off in the dryer.*

desperdiciar

transitive verb

- 1. (to throw away)
- a. to waste

Para no desperdiciar papel, enviamos las circulares por correo electrónico. *In order to not waste paper, we send the memos via email.*

b. to squander

Desperdició la herencia en el casino. *She squandered her inheritance at the casino*.

- 2. (to lose)
- a. to waste

Me arrepiento de haber desperdiciado la mejor oportunidad laboral de mi vida. *I regret wasting the best work opportunity I've ever had.*

b. to miss

No puedes desperdiciar la ocasión de asistir a ese congreso. *You can't miss the opportunity to attend that conference*.

convencer

transitive verb

- 1. (to coax)
- a. to convince

Estoy tratando de convencer a mi madre que me deje ir al concierto. *I'm trying to convince my mother to let me go to the concert*.

b. to persuade

Convenceré a mi hermano para que me lleve a salir con él esta noche. I will persuade my brother into taking me out with him tonight.

- 2. (to satisfy)
- a. no direct translation

Me encantó el libro pero el final no me convenció. I loved the book, but the ending wasn't very good.

Decidieron eliminar los camarones del menú porque no parecía convencer a los clientes. *They decided to remove shrimp from the menu because customers didn't seem to like them.*

convencerse

reflexive verb

- 3. (to coax oneself)
- a. to convince oneself

Me tengo que convencer que renunciar de este trabajo será bueno para mi salud. I have to convince myself that quitting this job will be good for my health.

intentar

transitive verb

- 1. (to make an effort to do something)
- a. <u>to try</u>

Cualquiera puede intentar hacer su propio jardín en casa. *Anybody can try to make their own home garden*.

b. to attempt

No intentes cambiar el foco sin una escalera. *Don't attempt to change the lightbulb without a ladder.* girar

transitive verb

- 1. (to rotate)
- a. to turn

Tienes que girar la llave de manera suave. *You have to turn the key smoothly.*

b. <u>to spin</u>

Rachel giró el dreidel. *Rachel spun the dreidel*.

- 2. (finance)
- a. to transfer

Mi madre me giró \$300.My mother transferred \$300 to me.

b. to draw

El paciente giró un cheque para pagar la cita. *The patient drew a check to pay for the appointment*.

3. (to give) (Latin America)

a. to issue

Los generales ya giraron órdenes. The generals have already issued orders.

<u>intransitive verb</u>

- 4. (to center on)
- a. to revolve around

La conferencia gira alrededor de la globalización. *The conference revolves around globalization*.

5. (to rotate)

a. to turn

El engranaje gira en el sentido de las agujas del reloj. *The qear turns clockwise*.

b. to spin

La moneda giró y cayó. The coin spun and fell flat.

c. to revolve

El universo no gira alrededor de ti. The universe doesn't revolve around you.

d. to go around

No deja de girar el carrusel. *The carousel won't stop going around*.

6. (to make a turn)

a. to turn

Gira a la derecha en el semáforo. Turn right at the traffic light.

7. (to turn one's body)

a. to turn around

¡Todavía no gires! No he terminado de envolver tu regalo.*Don't turn around yet! I haven't finished wrapping your present.*

girarse

reflexive verb

8. (to turn one's body)

a. to turn around

¡Gírate y no mires atrás! Turn around and don't look back!

temer

transitive verb

1. (to dread)

a. to fear

"Yo no le temo a la muerte," dijo el temerario motociclista. "I don't fear death," said the daredevil motorcyclist.

b. to be afraid of

Mi hermanito le teme a la oscuridad porque cree en los fantasmas. My little brother is afraid of the dark because he believes in ghosts.

2. (to suspect)

a. to be afraid

Temo que vas a tener que hacer otro pastel. Este se quemó*I'm afraid you'll have to make a new cake. This one is burnt*.

intransitive verb

3. (to dread)

a. to be afraid

No temas, hijo. Solo fue una pesadilla. *Don't be afraid, son. It was just a nightmare.*

temerse

pronominal verb

- 4. (to regret)
- a. to be afraid

Me temo que no puedes entrar. I'm afraid you can't come in.

b. to fear

Me temo que tiene razón sobre el resultado del partido. I fear he is right about the score of the game.

suceder

intransitive verb

- 1. (to occur)
- a. to happen

¿Qué sucedió con el gnomo del jardín? What happened to the garden gnome?

b. to go on

¿Qué sucedió en aquella fiesta? What went on at that party?

transitive verb

- 2. (to follow)
- a. to succeed

Obama sucedió a Bush como presidente. *Obama succeeded Bush as president*.

b. to follow

Una noche de celebración desenfrenada sucedió a la solemnidad de la graduación. A night of unbridled celebration followed the graduation ceremony.

sucederse

pronominal verb

- 3. (events)
- a. to follow one after another

Se sucedieron muchos eventos trascendentales en España durante el siglo XV. Many monumental events followed one after another in Spain during the 15th century.

partir

transitive verb

- 1. (to slice)
- a. to cut

Es hora de partir el pastel. It's time to cut the cake.

- 2. (to divide)
- a. to split

El río parte la ciudad en dos. *The river splits the city in two*.

- 3. (to fracture)
- a. to break

Se fue sin explicación y me partió el corazón. She left without explanation and broke my heart.

Le dijeron que si no pagaba la deuda, le iban a partir las piernas. *They told him that if he didn't pay the debt, they were going to break his legs.*

4. (to remove from a shell)

a. to crack

A los niños les encanta usar el cascanueces para partir las nueces. *The kids love to use the nutcracker to crack the nuts*.

intransitive verb

- 5. (to depart)
- a. to leave

Partimos hacia Roma a las 7 pm. We leave for Rome at 7 pm.

b. to set off

Mañana temprano parto hacia California por coche. *I'm setting off for California by car early tomorrow.*

6. (to begin; used with "de")

a. to start

Partiremos de la teoría más básica. We'll start with the most basic theory.

partirse

pronominal verb

- 7. (to fracture)
- a. to break

Se partió el brazo en el choque. She broke her arm in the crash.

- 8. (to cut open)
- a. to split

Me resbalé en la regadera y me partí el labio. *I slipped in the shower and split my lip.* cortar

transitive verb

- 1. (to remove using a sharp tool)
- a. to cut

Mi abuela siempre me cortaba el cabello. My grandmother always used to cut my hair.

b. to cut off

¿Quieres que te corte un pedazo de queso manchego? Do you want me to cut off a piece of Manchego cheese for you?

c. to carve (meat)

Vengan, ya es hora de cortar el pavo. Come on, it's time to carve the turkey.

d. to slice

El panadero cortó el pan con un cuchillo eléctrico. The baker sliced the bread with an electric knife.

e. to cut out

A ese niño le encanta cortar las fotos de las revistas de su mamá. *That boy loves to cut out pictures from his mom's magazines*.

f. to amputate (formal) (limb)

Los doctores se vieron forzados a cortarle la pierna al paciente. *The doctors were forced to amputate the patient's leg.*

- 2. (to divide into pieces)
- a. to chop

Voy a cortar las verduras para la sopa. *I'm going to chop the vegetables for the soup*.

b. to cut up

Debes cortar estas tarjetas de crédito antes de tirarlas. *You should cut up these credit cards before you throw them away.*

- 3. (to saw down)
- a. to cut down

Paul Bunyan cortó el árbol con su hacha. Paul Bunyan cut down the tree with this axe.

- 4. (cards)
- a. to cut

Si alguien quiere cortar las cartas, podemos empezar a jugar. If someone wants to cut the cards, we can start to play.

- 5. (figurative) (to divide)
- a. to slice through (figurative)

El ninja cortó el aire con sus chacos. *The ninja sliced through the air with his nunchucks*.

- 6. (to dilute)
- a. to cut

¿Puedes cortar el vino con un poco de agua? Can you cut the wine with a little water?

- 7. (to disconnect)
- a. to cut off

Les cortaron la luz porque tenían seis meses sin pagar el recibo. *They cut off their electricity because they hadn't paid the bill in six months*.

- 8. (to discontinue)
- a. to break off

Los dos países cortaron relaciones diplomáticas tras el incidente. The two countries cut off diplomatic relations after the incident.

9. (to staunch)

a. to stop

Ponte esta venda en el brazo para cortar el flujo de sangre a la herida. *Tie this bandage around your arm to stop the flow of blood to the wound.*

10. (to block)

a. to cut off

Ibamos manejando por la carretera cuando nos cortó un loco en una camioneta. We were driving on the highway when a crazy guy in a truck cut us off.

b. to close off

Cortaron el acceso al centro debido a la feria. They closed off access to downtown because of the festival.

11. (computing)

a. to cut

Corta esa imagen y pégala en un documento. Cut that image and paste it in a document.

12. (to edit out)

a. to cut

Esta escena con la jirafa no me gusta nada; mejor la cortamos. I don't like this scene with the giraffe at all; let's cut it.

13. (weather)

a. to chap

El viento me cortó la cara. The wind chapped my face.

intransitive verb

14. (to be capable of cutting)

a. to cut

Este cuchillo ya no corta; no tiene filo. This knife doesn't cut anymore; it's too dull.

15. (computing)

a. to cut

¿Cuál es atajo de teclado para cortar en Mac? What's the shortcut key to cut on a Mac?

16. (film and television)

a. to cut

El director dijo que cortáramos, muchachos. The director said to cut, guys.

17. (weather)

a. to bite

¡Cómo corta el viento en Chicago! The wind in Chicago really bites!

18. (to end a romantic relationship)

a. to break up

Sara y su novio cortaron porque Sara le puso los cuernos. *Sara and her boyfriend broke up because Sara cheated on him.*

b. to split up

Los papás de Harry cortaron cuando tenía dos años. *Harry's parents split up when he was two years old*.

19. (to take a shortcut through; used with "por")

a. to cut through

Vamos a cortar por el estacionamiento del supermercado. *Let's cut through the grocery store parking lot*.

20. (to break a telephone connection)

a. to hang up

¿Por qué cortó tu hermano? Why did your brother hang up?

cortarse

reflexive verb

21. (to hurt oneself)

a. to cut oneself

Me corté con un cuchillo mientras cortaba una manzana. I cut myself with a knife while I was cutting up an apple.

reciprocal verb

22. (to hurt one another)

a. to cut each other

Los pandilleros se cortaron durante la pelea. *The gang members cut each other during the fight.* pronominal verb

23. (to split)

a. to get chapped

Se me cortaron los labios por el frío. My lips got chapped because of the cold.

24. (to get interrupted)

a. to get cut off

Se cortó la línea; ahorita la vuelvo a marcar. *The connection got cut off; I'll call her back in a bit.* 25. (culinary)

a. to curdle

La crema poblana se va a cortar si la calientas demasiado. *The cream of poblana chili pepper will curdle if you heat it too much.*

26. (colloquial) (to become shy)

a. to clam up (colloquial)

No te cortes ahora, hijo. Tienes que exigir tus derechos. *Don't clam up now, son. You have to fight for your rights*.

b. to lose one's nerve (colloquial)

Aureliano se cortó al momento de pedir la mano de su novia. *Aureliano lost his nerve as he was about to ask his girlfriend to marry him.*

separar

transitive verb

1. (to set apart)

a. to separate

La revolución separó el partido en dos facciones. *The revolution separated the party into two factions*.

2. (to break into parts)

a. to divide

Separé la clase en grupos de cuatro alumnos cada uno. I divided the class into groups of four students each.

3. (to move away)

a. to space out

Separa los cuadros de esa pared; están puestos muy cerca. *Space out the painting on that wall; they are too close to each other.*

4. (to lay aside)

a. to put aside

Sepárame un plato con ensalada en lugar de pollo, por favor. *Put aside a dish with salad instead of chicken for me, please.*

5. (to delimit)

a. to separate

El Río de la Plata separa Argentina de Uruguay. The River Plate separates Argentina from Uruguay.

b. to divide

Una cerca separa mi propiedad de la de mi vecino. *A fence divides my property from that of my neighbor's*.

6. (to fire somebody)

a. to remove

Lo separaron al gerente de la empresa por acaso sexual. *The manager of the company was removed for sexual harassment.*

b. to dismiss (in formal contexts)

La junta resolvió separar al contador de su cargo. *The board decided to dismiss the accountant from his position*.

separarse

pronominal verb

7. (to end a relationship)

a. to split up

Mark y Cindy se separaron por problemas de dinero. *Mark and Cindy split up over money issues*.

b. <u>to separate</u>

Mis padres se separaron, pero todavía cenan juntos una vez al mes. *My parents separated, but they still have dinner together once a month.*

8. (to go in different directions)

a. to split up

Los viajantes se dieron la mano y se separaron cuando llegaron a la frontera de la ciudad. *The travelers shook hands and split up after they reached the edge of the city.*

9. (to detach)

a. no direct translation

Durante una tormenta, una rama se separó del árbol y cayó encima de mi automóvil. A branch of the tree was ripped off during a storm and landed on my car.

Un ala se separó del transbordador especial al entrar la atmósfera de la tierra. A wing came off the space shuttle upon entering the Earth's atmosphere.

calmar

transitive verb

1. (to pacify)

a. to calm

Una caminata por el bosque es de lo mejor para calmar los nervios. A walk in the woods is great to calm your nerves.

b. to calm down

Haz algo para calmar a tu perro; está asustando a mi gato. *Please do something to calm your dog down*; *he's scaring my cat*.

2. (to alleviate)

a. to relieve

El doctor me recetó analgésicos para calmar el dolor de espalda. *The doctor prescribed painkillers to relieve my back pain*.

b. to soothe

¿Qué puedo hacer para calmar las encías inflamadas de mi bebé? What can I do to soothe my baby's inflamed gums?

c. to quench (thirst)

Quisiera un vaso de agua fría para calmar esta sed que tengo. I would love a glass of cold water to quench my thirst.

calmarse

pronominal verb

3. (to become calm)

a. to calm down

Si te calmas y hablas más despacio, tal vez entienda lo que tratas de decirme. *If you calm down and speak slowly, I may understand what you are trying to say.*

4. (weather)

a. to calm down

No podemos salir a navegar hasta que se calme el mar. *We can't go sailing until the sea has calmed down*.

b. to calm

Espero que se calmen pronto el viento y las olas. I hope the wind and waves will calm soon.

c. to quiet down (United States)

La tormenta esta comenzando a calmarse; ya dejó de tronar. *The storm is beginning to quiet down; it's no longer thundering.*

5. (to get better)

a. to ease

Gracias por las pastillas; me parece que el dolor empieza a calmarse. *Thanks for the pills; I think the pain is beginning to ease.*

mentir

intransitive verb

1. (to tell a falsehood)

a. to lie

Mintió y dijo que le gustaba mi corte de cabello. He lied and said that he liked my haircut.

liarse

pronominal verb

1. (to get disconcerted)

a. to confuse

Dijiste que no me amabas y ahora dices que sí. ¡Me estás liando! You said you didn't love me and now you say you do. You're confusing me!

b. to get muddled up

Mi madre se lía con el celular porque no sabe usar el teclado táctil. My mother gets muddled up with her cell phone because she can't use the touch keyboard.

2. (to commence) (Spain)

a. to begin

Me lié a escribir postales sin darme cuenta de que no tenía sellos suficientes. I began to write postcards without realizing I did not have enough stamps.

b. to start

Desde que te liaste a leer libros en francés has aprendido mucho. Ever since you started reading books in French you have learned a lot.

3. (colloquial) (to get embroiled)

a. to get mixed up

Laura no se quiere liar en los problemas de la familia de su marido. Laura does not want to get mixed up with the problems of her husband's family.

b. to get involved

Si me lío en este asunto voy a salir perdiendo. *If I get involved in this matter I will end up losing.*

4. (to have something) (Spain)

a. to have an affair

Sara y Mario se liaron en verano y ahora son novios. Sara and Mario had an affair in summer and now they are together.

liar

transitive verb

5. (to prepare)

a. to roll

Suelo fumar cigarros que lío yo mismo porque las cajetillas son más caras. I usually smoke cigarettes that I roll myself because the packs are more expensive.

6. (to bind)

a. to tie up

Asegúrate de liar bien el fardo antes de enviarlo. *Make sure you tie up the bundle properly before sendina it.*

7. (to cover)

a. to wrap

Lié los vasos con un suéter para que no se rompieran durante la mudanza. I wrapped the glasses in a sweater so that they would not break during the move.

b. to wrap up

El asesino lió la manta al cadaver y luego lo tiró al mar. *The killer wrapped the corpse up in a blanket and then threw it into the sea.*

8. (to make difficult)

a. to complicate

Las mentiras de los acusados liaron la labor de búsqueda del desaparecido de la policía. *The defendant's lies complicated the police's search effort for the missing person.*

9. (to disconcert)

a. to confuse

Marta lió a Miguel con sus pistas y por eso él dijo la respuesta incorrecta. *Marta confused Miguel with her hints and so he gave the wrong answer.*

envolver

transitive verb

1. (to cover)

a. to wrap

Envolvimos los regalos con papel navideño. *We wrapped the presents with Christmas wrapping paper.*

b. to wrap up

La herida estaba envuelta con vendas. *The wound was wrapped up in bandages*.

2. (to be all around)

a. to surround

El pericardio es una membrana que envuelve el corazón. *The pericardium is a membrane that surrounds the heart*.

b. to envelop (formal)

La noche envolvía el tren y no se veía nada por la ventanilla. *The night enveloped the train and you couldn't see anything through the window.*

c. to shroud (formal)

La niebla envolvía el puerto de la ciudad. The town's harbor was shrouded in fog.

d. to cloak (formal)

La historia de la desaparición del cuadro está envuelta en misterio. *The story of the disappearance of the picture is cloaked in mystery.*

3. (to express indirectly)

a. to imply

La declaración del sospechoso envuelve una amenaza a las víctimas. *The suspect's statement implies a threat for the victims*.

b. to contain

Sus bromas siempre envuelven un crítica. *His jokes always contain a critique*.

4. (to engage; used with "en")

a. to involve

La policía cree que Lanata está envuelto en algún negocio turbio. *The police think Lanata is involved in some dirty business*.

b. to get involved in

Carmen siempre me envuelve en sus problemas y terminamos peléandonos. *Carmen always gets me involved in her problems and we end up arguing.*

5. (to roll)

a. to wind

Para hacer un pompón, comienza por envolver la lana alrededor de tus dedos. *To make a pompom, start by winding the wool around your fingers*.

envolverse

pronominal verb

6. (to cover oneself)

a. to wrap oneself up

Me envolví en una manta y me quedé dormido. *I wrapped myself up in a blanket and fell asleep*.

7. (to get engaged; used with "en")

a. to become involved in

Lo envolvieron en el caso por estar en el sitio equivocado a la hora equivocada. *He became involved in the case by being in the wrong place at the wrong time.*

atar

transitive verb

1. (to bind)

a. to tie

Sally ató los libros con una cuerda para hacerlos más fáciles de cargar. Sally tied the books together with twine to make them easier to carry.

b. to tie up

Ató las flores y las cargó en la espalda. She tied up the flowers and carried them on her back.

c. to tie down

Ataron sus muebles en la parte trasera de la camioneta. *They tied down their furniture in the back of the truck*,

d. to tether (livestock)

Gary ató su caballo a un poste. Gary tethered his horse to a post.

2. (to impede)

a. to tie down

Tiene ganas de ver el mundo, pero su familia lo ata. *He wants to see the world, but his family ties him down*.

atarse

pronominal verb

3. (to fasten)

a. to tie

Hay varias maneras creativas de atarse los zapatos. *There are several creative ways to tie your shoes*.

b. to tie up

Se ató el cabello con una cinta azul. *She tied up her hair with a blue ribbon*.

4. (to be impeded by)

a. to be tied to

No quiero atarme todavía a las responsabilidades de tener una familia. I don't want to be tied to the responsibilities of having a family yet.

desear

transitive verb

1. (to long for)

a. to want

Sólo deseo hacerte feliz. *I just want to make you happy.*

b. to wish

El director desea hablar con usted. *The director wishes to speak to you.*

c. to desire

Los discursos del presidente dejan mucho que desear. *The president's speeches leave a lot to be desired*.

d. no direct translation

"¿Qué desea?" preguntó el mayordomo. "How can I help you?" asked the butler.

¿Desea algo de tomar? Would you like something to drink?

2. (to express a desire for)

a. to wish

Les deseé muchos años de felicidad. *I wished them many years of happiness*.

- 3. (to desire sexually)
- a. to want

"Te deseo", dijo el rompecorazones de la película. "I want you," said the heartbreaker in the movie. escoger

transitive verb

- 1. (to pick)
- a. to choose

No sabía qué plato escoger en el restaurante. I didn't know which dish to choose at the restaurant.

- 2. (in voting)
- a. to elect

Escogieron su representante en la reunión del viernes. *They elected their representative at the Friday meeting*.

poseer

transitive verb

- 1. (to have possession)
- a. to have

Posee una mente brillante, pero carece de autodisciplina. She has a brilliant mind but lacks self-discipline.

b. to own

Poseo tres coches pero sólo suelo manejar uno. I own three cars but I usually only drive one.

c. to hold

Poseo un máster en recursos humanos. *I hold a Master's degree in human resources*.

- 2. (to dominate)
- a. to possess

Fue poseído de rabia después de perder el apuesto de un millón de dólares. He was possessed by rage after losing the million-dollar wager.

- 3. (a record)
- a. to hold

El gato himalayo, Tinker Toy, posee el récord de ser el gato más pequeño del mundo. *The Himalayan cat, Tinker Toy, holds the record for being the world's smallest cat.*

- 4. (vulgar) (sexually)
- a. to possess
- b. to have (vulgar)

viajar

<u>intransitive verb</u>

- 1. (to go to other places)
- a. to travel

Mi novio y yo vamos a viajar a Ecuador este invierno. *My boyfriend and I are going to travel to Ecuador this winter.*

- 2. (to circulate)
- a. to run

El metro viaja hasta las dos de la mañana los sábados. *The metro runs until two in the morning on Saturdays*.

apoyar

transitive verb

- 1. (to uphold)
- a. to support

Me gustaría apoyar esta medida, pero tengo unas dudas que quiero resolver. *I would like to support this policy, but I have a few questions I want answered.*

b. to back

¿No sabías que el gobierno es apoyado por una potencia extranjera? *You didn't know that the government is backed by a foreign power?*

- 2. (to lay)
- a. to rest

No apoyes la espalda contra ese árbol porque está lleno de hormigas. *Don't rest your back against that tree because it's full of ants.*

b. to lean

Puedes apoyar el espejo contra la pared mientras busco un clavo. *You can lean the mirror against the wall while I look for a nail.*

c. to put

Es mala educación poner los codos sobre la mesa. *Putting your elbows on the table is bad manners*.

3. (to ground)

a. to base

Explícame otra vez en qué datos apoyas tu teoría de la energía. *Explain to me again what data you base your theory of energy on.*

4. (to confirm)

a. to support

Realmente creo que los resultados de tus experimentos no apoyan tu hipótesis. *I really don't think the results of your experiments support your hypothesis*.

5. (colloquial) (to touch sexually) (River Plate)

a. <u>to feel up</u>

Un tipo en el metro trató de apoyarme hasta que le pegué un codazo. A guy on the subway tried to feel me up until I elbowed him.

apoyarse

pronominal verb

6. (to rest on or against)

a. to lean

No te apoyes en la pared; la vas a ensuciar. *Don't lean on the wall; you're going to get it dirty.*

7. (to seek support; used with "en")

a. to rely on

Te apoyas demasiado en Eddy; me gustaría que intentaras ser más independiente. *You rely too much on Eddy; I'd like you to try to be more independent.*

b. to depend on

Te puedes apoyar en mí, papá. ¡No te decepcionaré! *You can depend on me, dad. I won't let you down!*

8. (to be grounded in; used with "en")

a. to be based on

Está conclusión se apoya en las siguientes cifras. *This conclusion is based on the following figures*. resolver

transitive verb

1. (to find a solution for)

a. to solve

No sé cómo resolver el problema. *I don't know how to solve the problem*.

2. (to determine)

a. to decide

El tribunal resolvió el asunto de forma únanime. *The tribunal decided the matter unanimously*.

b. to settle

Los soldados echaron a cara o cruz para resolver la cuestión de quién tomaría la primera guardia. The soldiers tossed a coin to settle the issue of who would take the first watch.

c. to resolve

El condado va a resolver la disputa de propiedad entre los vecinos. *The county will resolve the property dispute between the neighbors*.

intransitive verb

3. (to decide)

a. to rule

El juez resolvió a favor de la empleada. *The judge ruled in favor of the employee*.

resolverse

pronominal verb

4. (to make a decision)

a. to decide

Se resolvieron por viajar alrededor del mundo en la luna de miel. *They decided to travel around the world on their honeymoon*.

b. to make up one's mind

Cuando salió de la cárcel, se resolvió a nunca volver a cometer ningún delito. When he got out of jail, he made up his mind to never commit another crime.

c. to resolve

Se resolvió a hacer ejercicio todos los días por el resto de la vida. *He resolved to exercise every day for the rest of his life*.

5. (to work out)

a. to be resolved

El asunto se resolvió sin ningún esfuerzo de mi parte. *The matter was resolved without any effort on my part*.

borrar

transitive verb

1. (to make disappear)

a. to delete

¿Deseas borrar el archivo? Do you want to delete the file?

b. to erase

Tengo que borrar todos los mensajes de mi teléfono. I have to erase all the messages on my phone.

c. to remove

No me hizo falta jabón para borrar la marca. *I didn't need soap to remove the mark*.

d. to wipe off

El viento borró el camino. The wind wiped off the path.

e. to rub out

Borra la marca de lápiz con la goma. Rub out the pencil mark with the rubber.

f. to rub off

Borra la pizarra con el borrador. *Rub off the blackboard with the eraser.*

g. to wipe

Borra la mancha con un paño húmedo. Wipe the stain with a damp cloth.

2. (to forget)

a. to blot out

Por mucho que lo intentara, no era capaz de borrar el recuerdo.*No matter how hard she tried, she wasn't able to blot out the memory.*

3. (to unsubscribe)

a. to take off

Como no tengo tiempo de ir, por favor, bórrame de la lista del gimnasio. Since I don't have time to go, please take me off the gym membership list.

b. to take out

Borré a los niños de la clase de canto. I took the kids out of singing class.

borrarse

pronominal verb

4. (to vanish)

a. to fade

La tinta se borró del papel con el tiempo. *The ink faded from the paper with age*.

b. to disappear

Todas las dudas se borraron cuando lo vio sonriéndole. *All doubts disappeared when she saw him smiling at her.*

5. (to unsubscribe)

a. to cancel one's membership

Se borró del club porque se mudó a otra ciudad. *She canceled her membership to the club because she moved to another city.*

tragar

transitive verb

- 1. (to ingest)
- a. to swallow

Tengo la garganta inflamada y me cuesta tragar alimentos sólidos. *My throat's sore and I'm finding it very difficult to swallow solid food.*

- 2. (to absorb)
- a. to soak up

El suelo del campo está tan seco que traga el agua rápidamente. The soil in the field is so dry that it soaks up water really quickly.

- 3. (colloquial) (to bear)
- a. to stand

No trago a mi cuñado; parece que se cree superior a los demás. *I can't stand my brother-in-law; he seems to think he's better than everyone else.*

- 4. (colloquial) (to use up)
- a. to guzzle (colloquial)

Estos coches tan viejos tragan mucho combustible. These old cars really guzzle fuel.

b. to be heavy on

¡No veas cómo traga batería este portátil! You can see how heavy on the battery this laptop is!

c. to use

Dígame una cosa: ¿estas vitrocerámicas tragan mucha electricidad? Can you tell me something? Do these ceramic hobs use a lot of electricity?

intransitive verb

- 5. (to gulp)
- a. to swallow

A mi abuelo le molesta la garganta al tragar. My grandfather's throat hurts when he swallows.

- 6. (colloquial) (to eat)
- a. to put away food (colloquial)

Carlitos traga muchísimo y no engorda nada, ¡no sé dónde lo mete! *Carlitos can really put away food but never puts on weight; I don't know where he puts it!*

b. to put it away (colloquial)

Si tragas así, te vas a poner como un elefante. If you put it away like that, you're going to end up looking like an elephant.

- 7. (colloquial) (to consume gasoline)
- a. to guzzle gas (colloquial) (United States)

¿Te vas a comprar un deportivo? ¡Si eso traga una barbaridad! *Are you going to buy a sports car? They really guzzle gas!*

b. to guzzle petrol (colloquial) (United Kingdom)

Esta furgoneta traga mucho. Siempre hay que llenar el depósito. *This van guzzles petrol. It always needs filling up.*

- 8. (colloquial) (to agree)
- a. to give in

Si el resto de la familia quiere vender la casa, supongo que María tendrá que tragar. *If the rest of the family wants to sell the house, I suppose María will have to give in.*

- 9. (colloquial) (to bear; used with "con")
- a. to put up with

Supongo que tendremos que tragar con esta situación por inconveniente que sea. I suppose we shall just have to put up with this situation, however inconvenient it may be. tragarse

pronominal verb

10. (to ingest)

a. to swallow

José se traga la comida sin masticar; un día se va a poner enfermo. *José swallows his food without chewing*; one of these days he'll make himself ill.

11. (to absorb)

a. to soak up (through the pores)

Tengo la piel tan seca que se traga la crema en cuestión de segundos. *My skin is so dry that it soaks up cream in a matter of seconds*.

b. to swallow up (making disappear)

Se levantó tormenta en el mar y las olas se tragaron la embarcación. *There was a storm out at sea and the waves swallowed up the boat.*

c. to engulf (covering completely)

El mar se traga la playa cada vez que hay marea alta. *The sea engulfs the beach when there's a high tide*.

12. (to contain)

a. to choke back

Después de la riña, Sergio tuvo que tragarse sus lágrimas para que no lo viéramos llorar. *After he was told off, Sergio had to choke back his tears so we wouldn't see him crying.*

b. to swallow

La profesora tuvo que tragarse su orgullo y reconocer que se había equivocado. *The teacher had to swallow her pride and admit that she'd been wrong.*

13. (colloquial) (to believe)

a. to swallow

¿Se ha tragado tu madre lo de la excursión escolar? - Sí, a pies juntillas. *Did your mother swallow what you said about the school trip? - Yes, completely.*

b. to fall for

El otro día me engañaste al decirme que ibais al teatro, así que hoy no me lo trago. You deceived me the other day when you told me you were going to the theater, so I'm not going to fall for that again.

14. (colloquial) (to consume)

a. to swallow

¡La máquina expendedora se ha tragado mi moneda y no me da la bebida! *The vending machine swallowed my coin but won't give me my drink!*

15. (colloquial) (to bear)

a. to put up with

Juan tiene que tragarse las quejas constantes de su suegro, que vive con ellos. *Juan has to put up with constant complaints from his father-in-law, who lives with them.*

b. to sit through (as a captive audience)

Tuve que acompañar a mi hija al concierto de ese grupo de chicos, y me lo tragué enterito. I had to take my daughter to that boy band concert and sit through the whole thing.

c. to listen to (as a captive audience)

Siempre acabo tragándome los problemas de los demás cuando ya tengo bastante con los míos. *I always end up listening to other people's problems when I've already got enough of my own.*

16. (colloquial) (to bump into)

a. to wrap oneself around (colloquial)

Casi me trago un buzón de correos por ir mirando el celular. *I almost wrapped myself around a mailbox because I was looking at my cellphone.*

b. to plow into

Iba conduciendo borracho y se tragó una farola. *He plowed into a lamppost while driving when drunk*.

reciprocal verb

17. (to bear each other)

a. to stand each other

Nuestros gatos no se tragan: cada vez que los juntamos, se bufan el uno al otro. *Our cats can't stand each other: every time we put them together, they hiss at each other.*

acobardar

transitive verb

- 1. (to unnerve)
- a. to intimidate

El boxeador alto y musculoso acobardaba a sus rivales. *The tall and muscular boxer intimidated his rivals*.

b. to make someone lose their nerve

Iba a decir algo, pero la mirada feroz de Alfredo me acobardó. *I was going to say something, but Alfredo's fierce look made me lose my nerve*.

acobardarse

pronominal verb

- 2. (to get scared)
- a. to get scared

No me acobardé cuando el ladrón sacó un arma. *I didn't get scared when the thief pulled a gun*.

b. to get frightened

Muchos soldados se acobardaron cuando escucharon los cañones. *Many soldiers got frightened when they heard the cannons.*

- 3. (to lose one's courage)
- a. to lose one's nerve

Uno de los candidatos se acobardó y no participó del debate presidencial. *One of the candidates lost his nerve and didn't participate in the presidential debate.*

b. to chicken out (colloquial)

Todo la pandilla entró a robar el banco excepto Arnaldo, quien se había acobardado. *The whole gang went in to rob the bank except Arnaldo, who had chickened out.*

luchar

intransitive verb

- 1. (to combat)
- a. to fight

Estamos luchando por la libertad de nuestros paisanos. We're fighting for the freedom of our countrymen.

- 2. (to strive)
- a. to struggle

Lucho por sobrevivir, pero sé que superaré esta crisis.*I'm struggling to survive, but I know I'll get through this crisis*.

- 3. (sports)
- a. to wrestle

El luchador luchó en los Juegos Olímpicos. The wrestler wrestled in the Olympics.

empapar

transitive verb

- 1. (to coat)
- a. to soak

Para paliar la fiebre, empapé gasas en agua helada y me las puse en la frente. *To lower a fever, I soaked the compress in ice water and put it on my forehead.*

- 2. (to get completely wet)
- a. to drench

La lluvia empapó el vestido que tenía tendido. *The rain drenched the dress I had hung up*.

b. to soak

Me tiré el café encima y me empapé el pantalón que acababa de estrenar. I spilled the coffee on me and soaked my brand new trousers.

c. to saturate

El aguacero empapó la tierra del jardín con agua de lluvia fresca. *The downpour saturated the soil in the garden with fresh rainwater.*

3. (to absorb)

a. to soak up

El papel absorbente empapó la leche que derramé en la mesa. *The absorbent paper soaked up the milk I spilled onto the table*.

empaparse

pronominal verb

4. (to get completely wet)

a. to get soaked

Me empapé porque empezó a diluviar y no tenía paraguas. I got soaked because it started raining hard and I didn't have an umbrella with me.

b. to get drenched

El fontanero se empapó porque se rompió la tubería mientras la arreglaba. *The plumber got drenched because the pipe he was fixing broke*.

5. (to acquire knowledge)

a. to get steeped in

Desde que está embarazada, se ha empapado de todos los libros sobre bebés. *Since she has been pregnant, she's got steeped in all the baby books.*

aferrar

transitive verb

1. (to take hold of)

a. to grasp

Babe Ruth aferró el bate y pegó la pelota. *Babe Ruth grasped the bat and then hit the ball*.

b. to grab

Hay que aferrar el toro con las dos manos para que no se te escape. *You have to grab the bull with both hands so it doesn't get away.*

c. to seize

Los agentes de migración aferraron la maleta de la señora y a ella la metieron en un cuarto. *The immigration agents seized the woman's suitcase and put her into a room.*

2. (nautical)

a. to anchor

Los marineros aferraron el barco al muelle. The sailors anchored the boat to the dock.

intransitive verb

3. (nautical)

a. to hit bottom

Cuando el ancla aferró, los marineros se bajaron saltando del nave. When the anchor hit bottom, the sailors jumped off the ship.

aferrarse

<u>pronominal verb</u>

4. (to hold onto tenaciously; used with "a")

a. to cling to

El koala bebé se aferró a su mamá mientras trepaba el árbol. *The baby koala clung to his mother while she climbed the tree*.

b. to hang onto

El padre se aferró a su hijo para que no se fuera por la borda en la tormenta. *The father hung onto his son to keep him from going overboard in the storm.*

5. (figurative) (hold onto tenaciously; used with "a")

a. to cling to

No te aferres a ese sueño si ya no te hace feliz. Don't cling to that dream if it no longer makes you happy.

oler

transitive verb

1. (to perceive the smell of)

a. to smell

Huelo el humo en la ropa de mi esposo cuando fuma. I smell the smoke on my husband's clothes when he smokes.

intransitive verb

2. (to have a scent)

a. to smell

Huele a gas en este cuarto. It smells like gas in this room.

Este jabón huele muy rico. This soap smells very nice.

3. (colloquial) (to seem)

a. no direct translation

A mi papá le huele que el vecino se está robando sus periódicos. *My father suspects that the neighbor is stealing his newspapers*.

Este acuerdo me huele a corrupción. This agreement smacks of corruption.

olerse

pronominal verb

4. (colloquial) (to imagine to be true)

a. to suspect

Ya me olía que algo estaba mal. I suspected that something was wrong.

golpear

transitive verb

1. (to strike)

a. to hit

El jugador golpeó fuerte la pelota. *The player hit the ball hard*.

b. to bang

No golpees el cubo de la basura. Don't banq the trash can.

c. to punch

Lo golpeó en el estómago. He punched him in the stomach.

d. to bang on

El abogado golpeó la mesa durante el juicio. *The lawyer banged on the table during the trial*.

2. (to receive a blow)

a. to hit

El pueblo fue golpeado con otra mala noticia ayer. The town was hit by another piece of bad news vesterday.

intransitive verb

3. (to strike; with "contra")

a. to beat (with "against")

Las ramas del árbol golpearon contra la puerta. *The branches of the tree beat against the door.* golpearse

reflexive verb

4. (to strike oneself)

a. to hit

Me golpeé el pie contra la reja tratando de darle una patada al balón. I hit my foot against the fence trying to kick the ball.

b. to bang oneself

Se golpeó contra la ventana al caerse. *She banged herself against the window when she fell.* vencer

transitive verb

1. (to vanguish)

a. to defeat

Harry venció a Lord Voldemort utilizando las tres reliquias de la muerte. *Harry defeated Lord Voldemort using all three of the deathly hallows*.

b. to beat

Tienes que desarrollar tu juego de apertura para vencer a un maestro de ajedrez. *You must develop your opening game to beat a chess master.*

c. to conquer

Como dijo Julio César: "Vine, vi y vencí". *Like Julius Caesar said: "I came, I saw, and I conquered.*"

2. (to control feelings or fear)

a. to overcome

Vencí mi cansancio para quedarme despierta hasta la medianoche. *I overcame my sleepiness to stay awake until midnight*.

b. to conquer

Saltó del avión para vencer su miedo de las alturas. He jumped out of the plane to conquer his fear of heights.

intransitive verb

3. (to triumph)

a. to win

¡Juntos venceremos la Copa Mundial! Together we will win the World Cup!

b. to be victorious

"¡Venceremos!", gritaron los soldados al asaltar el campo de batalla."We will be victorious!", shouted the soldiers as they stormed the battlefield.

4. (to cease to be valid)

a. to expire

Mi pasaporte vence el año que viene. My passport expires next year.

vencerse

pronominal verb

5. (to collapse)

a. to give way

Esta viga se está venciendo bajo el peso del edificio. *This beam is giving way under the weight of the building*.

6. (to cease to be valid)

a. to expire

Mi licencia se vence este fin de semana así que mañana voy para renovarlo. *My license expires this weekend so tomorrow I'm going in to renew it.*

probar

transitive verb

1. (to trial)

a. to test

Se tiene que probar este producto antes de venderlo. *This product needs to be tested before selling it.*

b. to try

¿Ya probaste la tarjeta a ver si funciona? Did you try the card to see if it works?

2. (culinary)

a. to taste

Déjame probar la sopa. *Let me taste the soup*.

b. to try

Nunca había probado cuy hasta ahora. *I had never tried guinea pig until now.*

3. (to demonstrate)

a. to prove

Solo el tiempo probará que estás equivocado. *Only time can prove you that you're wrong.* probarse

<u>reflexive verb</u>

- 4. (clothing)
- a. to try on

¿Por qué no te pruebas el vestido antes de comprarlo? Why don't you try the dress on before buying it?

meter

transitive verb

- 1. (to place)
- a. to put

Jorge metió el brazo por la verja para alcanzar la fruta. *Jorge stuck his arm through the railings to reach the fruit*.

b. to stick

El niñito metió un cuchillo en la tostadora y se sorprendió con lo que pasó. *The little boy stuck a knife in the toaster and was shocked by what happened*.

c. to fit

¿Crees que se puede meter tantas personas en el coche? Do you think you can fit that many people in the car?

d. to get

¿Pudiste meter todo al coche? Were you able to get everything in the car?

- 2. (sports)
- a. to score

Nuestro equipo metió el único gol faltando tres segundos en el partido. *Our team scored the only goal of the match with three seconds to go.*

- 3. (to implicate)
- a. to bring into

No quiero que me metas en las broncas del comité. I don't want you to bring me into the committee's problems.

b. to involve

No hubieras metido a tu hijo en este negocio. You shouldn't have involved your son in this business.

c. to get someone into

Su hermano lo metió a las drogas. His brother got him into drugs.

d. to drag into

Nunca pedí que me metieras en tu lío. *I never asked you to drag me into your mess*.

- 4. (sewing)
- a. to take in

Como perdí peso, tengo que meter la cintura de los pantalones. Since I've lost weight, I need to take in the waist of my pants.

b. <u>to take up</u>

Como la falda te queda un poco larga, vamos a meter la bastilla. Since your skirt is a little long, we're going to take up the hem.

- 5. (automobiles)
- a. to go into

Mete la segunda para tomar la curva. *Go into second to take the curve*.

b. <u>to put</u>

Mete reversa y lentamente quita el pie del freno. Put it in reverse and slowly take your foot off the brake.

- 6. (to employ)
- a. to get someone a job

Mi tío me metió en su empresa. My uncle got me a job at his company.

- 7. (to use on)
- a. to take to

No me gustó como me quedó el dibujo, así que le metí las tijeras. *I didn't like how my drawing turned out*, so *I took the scissors to it*.

- 8. (colloquial) (to make understand)
- a. to get something into someone's head (colloquial)

No sé como meterle a mi hijo que tiene que estudiar. I don't know how to get it into my son's head that he has to study.

9. (to apply)

a. to give

El boxeador le metió un golpe tan duro a su contrincante que se cayó. *The boxer gave his opponent such a hard punch that he fell over.*

10. (to cause)

a. to give

Me metió un susto cuando se explotó el transformador en la calle. It gave me a fright when the transformer exploded in the street.

b. to make

No me metas prisa. Don't make me rush.

meterse

pronominal verb

11. (to enter)

a. to go in

Empezó a llover y se metieron en la casa. It started raining and they went in the house.

b. to go down

Nos metimos por un callejón sin salida. We went down a blind alley.

c. to get into

Estoy tan cansada que tengo ganas de meterme en la cama. I'm so tired I just want to get into bed.

12. (to be placed)

a. to get to

¿Dónde se habrán metido esas llaves? Where can those keys have got to?

13. (to take part in)

a. to get involved

Imelda se metió a la política cuando su familia perdió todo por un político corrupto. *Imelda got involved in politics when her family lost everything because of a corrupt politician.*

b. to get into

Después su primer viaje al mar a los 12 años, Rose se metió al buceo. *After her first trip to the sea at age 12, Rose got into diving.*

14. (to intervene)

a. to interfere

Rafa siempre se mete en donde no debe. Rafa's always interfering where he's not wanted.

b. to meddle

¿No tienes nada mejor que hacer que meterte en nuestro proyecto? Don't you have anything better to do than meddle in our project?

c. to stick one's nose into

No te metas en las cosas que no tienen nada que ver contigo. *Don't stick your nose into things that have nothing to do with you.*

d. to pick on

Deja de meterte con los niños más chicos. *Stop picking on the smaller children*.

15. (to devote oneself to)

a. to become

Decidió meterse a doctor como su tío. He decided to become a doctor like his uncle.

b. to get a job as

Federico se metió a mesero. *Federico got a job as a waiter*.

16. (to take) (Latin America)

a. to do

Se arruinó la vida cuando empezó a meterse cocaína. *He ruined his life when he started doing cocaine*.

derrotar

transitive verb

- 1. (to vanquish)
- a. to defeat (an army or team)

No resultó difícil derrotar a un ejército ya derrotado por el frío extremo. It wasn't difficult to defeat an army already defeated by the extreme cold.

b. to beat (a team)

Nuestro equipo derrotó a su contrincante con 3-0. *Our team beat its opponent 3-0.* apestar

intransitive verb

1. (to smell bad)

a. to stink

Tus medias y zapatillas apestan. Lávalas, por favor. *Your socks and your sneakers stink. Please wash them.*

b. to reek

Abre las ventanas. El cuarto apesta a humedad. *Open the windows. The room reeks of mustiness.* transitive verb

- 2. (to make smell bad)
- a. to stink out

¡Tu pescado me está apestando toda la comida en el refrigerador! *Your fish is stinking out all my food in the fridge!*

- 3. (to transmit the plague)
- a. to infect with the plague

Sáquenlo de aquí o apestará a los demás pacientes. *Take him away or he'll infect the other patients with the plague*.

apestarse

pronominal verb

- 4. (botany)
- a. to be blighted

Las plantas se apestaron y murieron. *The plants became blighted and died.*

- 5. (to contract the plague)
- a. to catch the plague

Los cadáveres de las personas que se habían apestado eran incinerados. *The corpses of the people who caught the plaque were burned*.

6. (to contract a disease) (South America)

a. to catch

Mi hija se apestó en la escuela cuando empezó el invierno. *My daughter caught a cold in school when winter began*.

- 7. (colloquial) (to be unsuccessful) (Mexico)
- a. to fall through

El plan de fuga de los prisioneros se apestó y fueron capturados. *The prisoners' escape plan fell through and they were captured.*

agarrar

transitive verb

- 1. (to grasp with the hands)
- a. <u>to grab</u>

Lo agarró de la mano y siguieron por el camino de baldosas amarillas. *She grabbed him by the hand, and they continued down the yellow-brick road.*

b. to take

Agarra unas galletas si quieres. Take some cookies if you want.

c. to take hold of

El caballero agarró la espada y remató al dragón. The knight took hold of the sword and finished off the dragon.

d. to grip (with force)

Hay que agarrar bien el mango del martillo. You have to really grip the handle of the hammer.

e. <u>to grasp</u> (with force)

Extendió la mano para agarrar el Santo Grial. She reached out to grasp the Holy Grail.

f. to seize (by force)

La policía agarró las armas que encontraron en la casa. *The police seized the arms they found in the house*.

g. <u>to catch</u> (a projectile)

¡Agarra la pelota! Catch the ball!

h. to hold on to

Agarra esta bolsa por un segundo. *Hold on to this bag for a second.*

i. to hold

Agarraba una espada y me dijo que le entregara todo el oro que tuviera. *He was holding a sword and told him to give him all the gold I had.*

2. (to capture)

a. to catch

La gente del pueblo montaron en sus caballos y se marcharon para agarrar al ladrón. *The townspeople got on their horses and left to catch the thief.*

3. (to take possession of)

a. to get hold of

Si podemos agarrar el tesoro, seremos ricos. *If we can get hold of the treasure, we'll be rich.*

4. (to understand)

a. to get

Hablo bien español, pero a veces no agarro los chistes que cuenta la gente. I speak Spanish well, but sometimes I don't get the jokes that people tell.

5. (colloquial) (an illness)

a. to catch

He agarrado un resfriado muy malo. I've caught a really bad cold.

6. (to surprise)

a. to catch

El profesor le agarró con una chuleta en la manga. The teacher caught him with a cheat-sheet in his sleeve.

intransitive verb

7. (to grasp with the hands)

a. to hold on

Agarra bien para que no se caiga. *Hold on tightly so that it doesn't fall.*

8. (to go) (Latin America)

a. <u>to take</u>

Agarra por la primera calle y sube desde allí. *Take the first right, and then go up from there.*

b. to head

La familia agarró para el campo para pasar un día tranquilo allí. *The family headed for the country to spend a relaxing day there*.

c. to up (colloquial) (used with another verb)

Si no tratas un poco mejor a tu novia, va a agarrar e irse. If you don't treat your girlfriend better, she's going to up and leave.

9. (botany)

a. to take root

La planta no agarra si la tierra está demasiado suelta. *The plant won't take root if the earth is too loose.*

10. (traction)

a. to grip

No me gustan tanto esas llantas porque no agarran en las curvas. I don't like these tires as much because they don't grip on the curves.

11. (color)

a. to take

No sé qué pasa. El tinte no agarra. I don't know what's wrong. The ink isn't taking.

12. (to do something abruptly) (Latin America)

a. to up (used with another verb)

Si no la tratas un poco mejor, va a agarrar e irse. If you don't treat her better, she's going to up and leave.

agarrarse

pronominal verb

13. (to clutch)

a. to hold on

El marinero se agarró al mástil con toda su fuerza. The sailor held on to the mast with all his might.

b. to grip

El gato se cayó después de agarrar la rama que se rompió. *The cat fell after it gripped the broken branch*.

14. (to become adhered to)

a. to stick

Los huevos se agarraron a la sartén porque no le pusiste aceite. *The eggs stuck to the pan because you didn't use oil.*

15. (to get into a fight) (Latin America)

a. to have a fight

Esos dos muchachos van a agarrarse si alguien no los separa. *Those two guys are going to have a fight if someone doesn't separate them.*

16. (to give as pretext)

a. no direct translation

Se agarró a los deberes para no tener que lavar los platos. She used her homework as an excuse to not wash the dishes.

Te agarras a tu herida para evitar las tareas en casa. *You use your injury to get out of chores around the house.*

17. (colloquial) (to become)

a. no direct translation

Anoche salimos a la disco y nos agarramos una borrachera. *Last night we went out to a club and got good and drunk*.

Tu madre se agarrará un cabreo cuando se entere de esto. *Your mother is going to be pissed when she finds out about this.*

devolver

transitive verb

1. (to restore)

a. to give back

¿Podrías devolver estos libros a la bibliotecaria? Could you give these books back to the librarian?

b. to return

Como no le gustaron los zapatos, los devolvió. As he didn't like the shoes, he returned them.

c. to take back

¿Has devuelto la película al videoclub? Have you taken the movie back to the video store?

d. to send back

Devolvieron al prisionero a la cárcel tras haberse escapado. *The prisoner was sent back to prison after having escaped*.

2. (economics)

a. to give back

Me tienen que devolver dos dólares porque pagué diez y valía ocho. They have to give me back two dollars because I paid ten, and it cost eight.

b. to refund

Si el vendedor no le devuelve el dinero, puede presentar una demanda. If the vendor does not refund your money, you can file a complaint.

c. to return

Devolvieron el cheque porque no había suficientes fondos. They returned the check because there were insufficient funds.

3. (to compensate)

a. to return

En cuanto pueda, le devuelvo el favor. As soon as I can, I will return the favor.

4. (to vomit)

a. to throw up

Miles tiene gripa; por eso está devolviendo todo lo que come. *Miles has got the flu; that's why he's throwing up everything he eats.*

b. to bring up

El perro estaba enfermo y devolvió la comida que había comido. *The dog was sick and brought up the food he'd eaten*.

intransitive verb

5. (to vomit)

a. to be sick

Creo que voy a devolver. I think I'm going to be sick.

b. to throw up

Varias personas devolvieron en el barco. Several people threw up on the boat.

devolverse

pronominal verb

6. (to go back) (Latin America)

a. to turn back

Se devolvió por el mismo camino. *She turned back along the same road.*

echar

transitive verb

1. (to propel)

a. to throw

Esta comida ya está caducada. Échala en la basura. *This food is spoiled*. *Throw it in the garbage*.

b. <u>to cast</u>

Un pescador echó el sedal desde el muelle para pescar. A fisherman cast a line from the pier to fish.

- 2. (to add)
- a. to put

¿Cuánta gasolina le echas al coche? How much gas do you put in the car?

3. (to oust)

a. to throw out

Lo echaron del bar por no pagar su cuenta. He was thrown out of the bar for not paying his tab.

b. to expel

Echaron al estudiante de la universidad por razones disciplinarias. *The student was expelled from the university for disciplinary reasons*.

- 4. (to serve)
- a. to pour

¿Serías tan amable de echarme más vino? Please be so good as to pour me some more wine.

- 5. (to release)
- a. to give off

El guiso está echando un aroma delicioso que me está dando hambre. *The stew is giving off a delicious aroma that is making me hungry.*

b. to emit

El tubo de escape de un coche echa gases cuando está parado en funcionamiento. *The exhaust pipe of the car emits gases when it is idle.*

6. (to produce)

a. to sprout

En primavera, los árboles de mi jardín echan hojas nuevas. *In the spring, the trees of my garden sprout new leaves*.

7. (to give)

a. to give

Papá le echó la bronca a mi hermano por mentir. Dad gave my brother a dressing-down for lying.

8. (to send)

a. to mail (United States)

Voy a la oficina de correos para comprar sellos para echar esta carta. *I'm going to the post office to buy stamps to mail this letter.*

b. <u>to post</u> (United Kingdom)

¿Cuánto cuesta echar este paquete a Alemania? How much does it cost to post this parcel to Germany?

9. (to estimate)

a. to reckon

¿Cuánto tiempo tiene que cocer el pollo? - Échale dos horas. How long does the chicken need to cook? - I reckon two hours.

b. to think

Le echaba a tu hermana menos años que a ti. I thought your sister was younger than you.

10. (indicating an action)

a. no direct translation

¿Puedes echarme una mano con las bolsas de la compra? Can you give me a hand with the shopping bags?

Anoche, mis amigos y yo nos echamos unas risas en la cena. *Last night, my friends and I shared a good laugh over dinner.*

11. (to move)

a. to push

Echa la mesa a un lado para hacer más sitio para la fiesta. *Push the table aside to make more room for the party.*

12. (to lay off)

a. to fire

Me echaron del trabajo por no cumplir con mis responsabilidades. *I was fired from a job for not fulfilling my duties*.

b. to sack (United Kingdom)

Lo echaron porque nunca completaba sus proyectos. *They sacked him because he never completed his projects*.

intransitive verb

13. (to start)

a. no direct translation

Mi hijo se echó a llorar cuando la enfermera le clavó la aguja en el brazo. *My son began to cry when the nurse stuck the needle in his arm.*

El ladrón se echó a correr cuando vio que la policía se acercaba a él. *The thief started running when he saw the police coming toward him.*

echarse

reflexive verb

14. (to propel oneself)

a. to throw oneself

Intentó suicidarse echándose al agua desde el puente. He tried to commit suicide throwing himself into the water from the bridge.

15. (to recline)

a. to lie down

Solo tienes que echarte y disfrutar del masaje. Just lie down and enjoy your massage.

16. (to apply)

a. to put

Me eché protector solar antes de ir a la playa, pero me he quemé. I put on sunscreen before going to the beach, but I got a sunburn.

fenecer

intransitive verb

1. (formal) (to lose one's life)

a. to pass away

En la novela que acabo de leer, la heroína fenece a temprana edad. *In the novel I've just finished reading, the heroine passes away at a young age.*

b. to die

El viejo temía fenecer en la pobreza. The old man feared dying in poverty.

2. (to cease)

a. to come to an end

El proyecto feneció prácticamente antes de que comenzara. *The project came to an end virtually before it even started.*

enseñar

transitive verb

1. (to educate)

a. to teach

Mi padre me enseñó a pescar. My father taught me how to fish.

2. (to indicate)

a. to show

Ana me enseñó su casa nueva. Ana showed me her new house.

3. (to give as an example)

a. to teach

Perder su trabajo le enseñó a ser más trabajador. *Losing his job taught him to be more hardworking.* volar

intransitive verb

1. (to move through the air)

a. to fly

El águila extendió majestuosamente sus alas y voló por el aire. *The eagle spread its wings majestically and flew through the air.*

2. (to go fast)

a. to fly (time)

Disfruta de estos momentos porque el tiempo vuela y los niños crecen muy rápido. *Enjoy these moments because time flies and children grow up quickly.*

b. to travel fast (news)

Ya sé que te han dado un aumento, ¡las buenas noticias vuelan! *I already know they gave you a raise*; *good news travels fast!*

3. (to do quickly)

a. to rush

Desayuné volando para no perder el autobús a la oficina. I rushed to have breakfast so as not to miss the bus to the office.

- 4. (to go away)
- a. to vanish

El dinero de la herencia voló en el mes después de nuestro viaje a Disney. *The inheritance money vanished in the month after our trip to Disney World.*

b. to disappear

La oportunidad de trabajo voló ante mis ojos cuando no me decidí a tiempo. *The job opportunity disappeared before my eyes when I didn't decide on time.*

5. (architecture)

a. to project

La cornisa del edificio volará desde la pared proporcionando sombra a su alrededor. *The cornice of the building will project from the wall providing shade to its surroundings.*

transitive verb

6. (to blast)

a. to explode

El terrorista trató de volar una bomba en una estación pero la policía lo detuvo. *The terrorist tried to explode a bomb at a station but he was stopped by the police*.

b. to blow up

Han volado la antigua central eléctrica para construir una autopista. *The old power plant has been blown up to build a highway.*

7. (to make fly)

a. to fly

Si no hace viento, no podrás volar la cometa. *If it isn't windy, you won't be able to fly your kite.*

8. (to steal) (Latin America)

a. to swipe (colloquial)

Alguien le voló el bolso en el mercado. Someone swiped her purse at the market.

volarse

pronominal verb

9. (to go flying)

a. to blow away

Dejé las entradas en la mesa y se me han volado con una ráfaga de viento. I left the tickets on the table and they blew away in a gust of wind.

b. to fly away

Está triste porque se le voló el globo cuando mamá abrió la ventana. *She's sad because her balloon flew away when mom opened the window.*

c. to fly off

Los papeles se volaron del escritorio cuando abrió la ventana. The papers flew off the desk when she opened the window.

reflexive verb

10. (to escape)

a. to elope

Su novio se le voló con su mejor amiga. *Her fiancé eloped with her best friend*.

b. to play hooky (United States)

Ana se voló las clases para ir con su novio al cine. *Ana played hooky from high school to go to the movies with her boyfriend.*

11. (to turn to vapor) (Mexico)

a. to evaporate

Puedes añadir vino a tus salsas porque el alcohol se vuela al cocinarse. *You can add wine to your sauces since the alcohol evaporates during cooking.*

12. (to go mad) (Latin America)

a. to lose one's temper

Mi hermano se voló cuando averiguó que su mujer lo engañaba. My brother lost his temper when he found out his wife was cheating on him.

clamar

- 1. (to demand)
- a. to cry out for

Los aldeanos clamaban la ejecución del asesino. *The villagers cried out for the execution of the murderer.*

b. to clamor for (United States)

Los familiares de la víctima claman justicia. The relatives of the victim clamor for justice.

c. to clamour for (United Kingdom)

Los feministas claman derechos igualitarios. Feminists clamour for equal rights.

intransitive verb

- 2. (to call out)
- a. to cry out

El soldado herido clamaba, pero el médico no aparecía. *The wounded soldier cried out, but the medic didn't show up.*

- 3. (to argue against; used with "contra")
- a. to protest

Los obreros clamaron contra el recorte de sueldo. The workers protested against the pay cut.

b. to cry out

Los manifestantes clamaban contra el abuso de poder de la policía. *The protesters cried out against the police's abuse of power.*

c. to clamor (United States)

El cuerpo docente clamó contra el despido del profesor Rojas. *The faculty clamored against the dismissal of professor Rojas*.

d. to clamour (United Kingdom)

Clamamos contra las injusticias cometidas contra las minorías. *We clamoured against the injustices committed against minorities.*

perseguir

transitive verb

- 1. (to run after)
- a. to pursue

La policía persiguió al criminal por tres días antes de capturarlo. *The police pursued the criminal for three days before capturing him.*

b. to follow

El agente persiguió al vehículo sospechoso por seis cuadras. *The agent followed the suspicious vehicle for six blocks*.

c. to chase

El león perseguirá la gacela hasta que se canse. The lion will chase the gazelle until it gets tired.

- 2. (to try to accomplish)
- a. to pursue

Ella siempre ha perseguido una carrera de una actriz. *She has always pursued a career as an actress*.

- 3. (to pester)
- a. to harass

Suele perseguir a la gente hasta que consigue lo que quiere. He tends to harass people until he gets what he wants.

- 4. (to oppress)
- a. to persecute

Durante la inquisición del siglo XVI, se persiguió fuertemente a los judíos. *During the inquisition of the 16th century, Jews were heavily persecuted*.

quebrantar

- 1. (to smash)
- a. to break

Han detenido a un chico por quebrantar la ventanas de un carro. *A guy has been arrested for breaking a car window.*

b. to crack

Miguel quebrantó el armario para demostrar que tenía suficiente fuerza. *Miguel cracked the cupboard to show he was strong enough*.

c. to shatter

Varios vándalos quebrantaron unas farolas anoche. Several hooligans shattered some streetlights last night.

2. (to fail to fulfill)

a. to break

El maltratador quebrantó la orden de alojamiento y la policía le detuvo. *The batterer broke the protective order so police arrested him.*

3. (to debilitate)

a. to break

No ganar el primer premio quebrantó el espíritu del corredor. *Failing to win first prize broke the runner's spirit*.

b. to weaken

Discutía diariamente con mi pareja y eso quebrantó nuestra relación. *I argued every day with my partner and that weakened our relationship.*

c. to destroy

La infidelidad quebrantó la confianza entre Ana y Juan. *The infidelity destroyed the trust between Ana and Juan.*

4. (to harm)

a. to break

El atentado en la ciudad quebrantó su imagen de lugar pacífico. The attack in the city broke its picture of a peaceful place.

5. (to desecrate)

a. to break into

Dos delincuentes quebrantaron un banco para robar. Two criminals broke into a bank to steal.

b. to violate (formal) (something sacred)

El acusado quebrantó varias tumbas en busca de joyas. *The defendant violated several tombs searching for jewels*.

quebrantarse

pronominal verb

6. (to break)

a. to crack

El jarrón se quebrantó con un balonazo. The vase cracked with the hit of the ball.

7. (to decline)

a. to break down

Tras el divorcio, Julia se quebrantó de tristeza. *After the divorce*, *Julie broke down in sadness*.

b. to deteriorate

La salud de mi abuelo se quebranta cada vez más por culpa de la enfermedad. *My grandfather's health deteriorates more and more because of his illness.*

c. to be broken

La mujer se quebrantó tras la muerte de su marido. *The woman was broken when her husband died.* detener

transitive verb

1. (to halt)

a. to stop

El accidente detuvo la circulación de tráfico por completo. *The accident stopped the flow of traffic completely.*

2. (to detain)

a. to arrest

La policía detuvo al criminal tan pronto como lo encontraron. *The police arrested the criminal as soon as they found him.*

3. (to hold up)

a. to delay

Un ladrón detuvo a la policía mientras el otro se escapó con el dinero. *One robber delayed the police* while the other got away with the money.

detenerse

reflexive verb

4. (to cease movement)

a. to stop

Ellos se detuvieron en seco cuando escucharon la sirena. *They stopped in their tracks when they heard the siren*.

privar

transitive verb

- 1. (to dispossess; used with "de")
- a. to deprive of

El acusado fue privado injustamente de su libertad. The accused was unjustly deprived of his liberty.

b. to take away

No hay que privar a nadie de sus derechos. We must not take away anybody's rights.

2. (to fire; used with "de")

a. to dismiss from

No esperaba que me privaran de mi puesto. *I wasn't expecting to be dismissed from my job.*

3. (to prohibit; used with "de")

a. to forbid

Los médicos privaron al paciente del tabaco y del consumo de alcohol. *The doctors forbade the patient to smoke and consume alcohol.*

4. (to leave unconscious)

a. to knock out

El boxeador privó a su contrincante con el último golpe. *The boxer knocked out his opponent with his last punch*.

intransitive verb

5. (to prevail)

a. to be popular

En las bodas privan los vestidos largos. Long dresses are popular at weddings.

6. (to be trendy)

a. to be in

Este año privan las barbas. Beards are in this year.

b. to be in fashion

Estos son los colores que privarán este verano. *These are the colors that will be in fashion this summer.*

7. (colloquial) (to please) (Ecuador) (Spain)

a. to really like

Me priva escuchar ópera. *I really like listening to opera*.

b. to love

A Valeria le privan las almendras. Valeria loves almonds.

8. (slang) (to drink) (Spain)

a. to booze (colloquial)

Santiago no paró de privar anoche. Santiago didn't stop boozing last night.

b. to drink

A mi tío le va privar en un bar que está cerca de casa. Allí lo encontraremos. *My uncle likes drinking in a bar that's near his home. We'll find him there.*

privarse

pronominal verb

9. (to abstain; used with "de")

a. to deprive oneself of

No te prives de todo lo que te gusta. ¡Disfruta de la vida! Don't deprive yourself of everything you like. Enjoy life!

b. to give up

Decidí privarme de ciertos alimentos para mantenerme en forma. *I decided to give up certain foods in order to stay fit.*

c. to go without

No me di cuenta de que mi hermana se privaba de comer para alimentar a su familia. *I didn't realize that my sister was going without food to feed her family.*

d. to want for

Como ves, los animales de este parque zoológico no se privan de nada .*As you can see, the animals at this zoo want for nothing.*

10. (to lose consciousness)

a. to be knocked out

El niño se privó por el golpe. The boy was knocked out by the blow.

11. (to sleep) (Central America)

a. to fall asleep

Llegando del viaje, se acostó en el sofá y se privó. On ariving home from the trip, he lay down on the sofa and fell asleep.

mezguinar

transitive verb

1. (general)

a. to be stingy with

No le mezquines elogios a tu hijo. ¡Se los merece! *Don't be stingy with praise for your son. He deserves it!*

b. to skimp on

Mis vecinos no mezquinaron ningún gasto en la celebración del cumpleaños de su hija. *My neighbors didn't skimp on the cost of their daughter's birthday celebrations.*

transitive verb

destruir

1. (to ravage)

a. to destroy

Los niños destruyeron el castillo de arena. *The kids destroyed the sand castle*.

b. to demolish

Vamos a destruir estas dos casas y construir una nueva más grande. We are going to demolish these two houses and build a bigger one.

2. (to end)

a. to wreck

Las discusiones políticas destruyeron su amistad. *Political arguments wrecked their friendship*.

b. to destroy

El huracán destruyó sus planes de vacaciones. *The hurricane destroyed their vacation plans*.

c. to demolish

Dr. Banderas destruyó la hipótesis del Dr. Magallanes. *Dr. Banderas demolished Dr. Magallanes' hypothesis*.

d. to dash

La explosión esta mañana destruyó cualquier esperanza de una resolución pronta al conflicto. *The explosion this morning dashed any hopes of a quick resolution to the conflict.*

e. to shatter

El helicóptero se estrelló y destrozó la esperanza de John de ser rescatado. *The helicopter crashed and shattered John's hope of being rescued*.

f. to ruin

La foto comprometedora destruyó su candidatura. *The compromising photo ruined su candidacy*. tronar

<u>impersonal verb</u>

- 1. (weather)
- a. to thunder

Toda la noche estuvo tronando. *It was thundering all night*.

intransitive verb

- 2. (to resound)
- a. to thunder

Los cañones tronaban sin cesar. The guns thundered incessantly.

b. to boom

Escuché los tambores del desfile tronando. I heard the parade drums booming.

- 3. (to explode) (Central America) (Mexico)
- a. to go off (rocket)

Parece que un cohete tronó entre la muchedumbre y se desató el pánico. A rocket seemingly went off in the crowd, which was thrown into a panic.

b. to burst (balloon)

El globo tronó al tocar el calefactor. The balloon burst when it touched the heater.

- 4. (to shout)
- a. to roar
- "¿Qué quieres decir?", tronó mi padre."What do you mean?," roared my father.
- b. to thunder

Mi jefe tronó: "¡Eres un incompetente!". My boss thundered: "You're completely incompetent!"

5. (to express disapproval; used with "contra")

a. to rage

Ana tronaba contra todos en la oficina. *Ana raged against everyone at the office.*

b. to rant

La señora Cruz tronaba contra la corrupción de los partidos más importantes. *Mrs Cruz was ranting about corruption in the major political parties*.

c. to rail

El cura seguía tronando contra quienes cometen adulterio. *The priest was still railing against people who commit adultery.*

d. to complain bitterly

Una de las víctimas tronaba contra la policía por hacer mal su trabajo. *One of the victims complained bitterly about the police for not doing their job properly.*

6. (colloquial) (to fail)

a. to be ruined

Muchos tronaron cuando el banco quebró. Many were ruined when the bank went bust.

b. <u>to go bankrupt</u> (officially)

Los socios tronaron por descuidar el negocio. *The partners went bankrupt through neglect of their business*.

- 7. (colloquial) (to fight)
- a. to fall out

Valeria tronó con el vecino por la música estrepitosa que pone. *Valeria fell out with her neighbor over the loud music he plays*.

- 8. (colloquial) (to be unsuccesful) (El Salvador) (Mexico)
- a. to fail

Mario tronó en su primer salto. Mario failed in his first jump.

9. (colloquial) (to end a relationship) (El Salvador) (Mexico)

a. <u>to break up</u>

Gaby está triste porque tronó con su novio. *Gaby's sad because she broke up with her boyfriend*.

b. to split up

Ricardo es inconsolable desde que tronó con su novia. *Ricardo has been inconsolable since he split up with his girlfriend*.

transitive verb

10. (to cause to burst) (Central America) (Mexico)

a. to pop (balloon)

¿Por qué tronaste el globo? Why did you pop the balloon?

b. <u>to burst</u> (balloon or bubble)

A mi hermano le encanta tronar globos. *My brother loves bursting balloons*.

11. (to explode) (Central America) (Mexico)

a. to set off (fireworks)

Tom tronó los fuegos artificiales a la medianoche. Tom set off the fireworks at midnight.

12. (colloquial) (to not pass) (Central America) (Cuba) (Mexico)

a. to fail

Troné el examen de física otra vez. *I failed the physics exam again*.

b. to flunk (colloquial)

Si te truenan en más de dos materias te suspenden del colegio. If they flunk you in more than two subjects you get suspended from school.

13. (colloquial) (to execute) (Central America) (Mexico)

a. to shoot

Los criminales tronaron a su rehén. *The criminals shot their hostage*.

14. (colloquial) (to dismiss) (Cuba) (El Salvador) (Mexico)

a. <u>to fire</u>

Hugo, el jefe de recursos humanos, tronó a tres trabajadores. *Hugo, the head of human resources, fired three employees*.

tronarse

pronominal verb

15. (to crack) (Chile) (Nicaragua)

a. to snap (fingers)

Algunos creen que tronarse los dedos puede causar artritis. Some people think that snapping your fingers may cause arthritis.

16. (colloquial) (to have intercourse with) (El Salvador) (Mexico)

a. to have sex with

Luis se tronó a la señora de la tienda. *Luis had sex with the lady at the store*.

reflexive verb

17. (colloquial) (to kill oneself) (El Salvador)

a. to shoot oneself

Pensó en tronarse al ver el daño que había causado. He thought about shooting himself when he saw the damage he'd caused.

burlar

transitive verb

1. (to dodge)

a. to evade

El prisionero consiguió burlar a todos los guardias y se fugó. *The inmate managed to evade all of the quards and escaped*.

b. to get past

Hoy vamos a aprender 10 maneras de burlar a un portero. *Today we're going to learn 10 ways get past a goalie*.

- 2. (to cheat)
- a. to deceive

Me encanta el capítulo que habla de los tres magos que burlaron a la muerte. I love the chapter that talks about the three wizards that deceived death.

burlarse

pronominal verb

3. (to ridicule; used with "de")

a. to mock

El sketch se burla del gobierno corrupto de nuestro país. *The skit mocks the corrupt government of our country.*

b. to tease

Lorenzo es un matón al que le encanta burlarse de sus compañeros de clase. *Lorenzo is a bully who loves to tease his classmates*.

c. to make fun of

¡No te burles de mí!Don't make fun of me!

4. (to fool around)

a. to joke

No lo tomes en serio; solo está burlándose. Don't take him seriously; he's just joking.

5. (to scorn; used with "de")

a. to flout

El gobierno se está burlando de las leyes con estas medidas. *The administration is flouting the law with these policies*.

marchar

intransitive verb

1. (to part)

a. to walk

Los manifestantes marcharon hacia el malecón. The demonstrators walked toward the boardwalk.

b. to go

¿Qué tal si marchamos al campo este fin de semana? How about we go to the countryside this weekend?

c. to leave

Mis amigos marcharon del restaurante a las 8 pm. My friends left the restaurant at 8 pm.

2. (to function)

a. to work

Mi auto ya marcha bien después de la afinación. *My car is working well now after the tune-up*.

b. to go

Todo está marchando bien en la empresa. *Everything is going well at the company*.

3. (military)

a. to march

Los soldados marcharon de Alemania a Bélgica al comienzo de la Primera Guerra Mundial. *The soldiers marched from Germany to Belgium at the beginning of World War I.*

marcharse

<u>pronominal verb</u>

4. (to part)

a. to go

Después de ir a Grecia, nos marchamos a Italia. After going to Greece, we went to Italy.

b. to leave

Felicia ya se marchó a la escuela. *Felicia already left for school*.

parar

transitive verb

1. (to halt)

a. to stop

¡Paren el tráfico! Alguien está tirado en la calle. Stop the traffic! Someone's lying in the road.

2. (to block a shot)

a. to save

Fabianski paró el balón, evitando un gol de Muller. *Fabianski saved the ball, blocking a goal by Muller*.

b. to stop

El portero paró el tiro libre y ganó el partido. *The goalkeeper stopped the free kick and won the game*.

c. to intercept

García lanzó el balón y Hernández lo paró. García kicked the ball and Hernandez intercepted it.

3. (to avoid a blow)

a. to block

Es tan importante parar como golpear. Blocking is as important as punching.

b. to ward off

El boxeador logró parar varios golpes, pero al final su contrincante lo tumbó. *The boxer managed to ward off several blows, but in the end his opponent knocked him down.*

c. to parry

Estamos aprendiendo a parar en las clases de esgrima. We're learning how to parry in our fencing classes.

4. (to erect) (Latin America)

a. to stand up

Páren el muñeco en la mesa para terminar de arreglarle el vestido. Stand the doll up on the table so I can finish fixing its dress.

b. to raise

Paren el librero allí cerca de esa pared, por favor. *Raise the bookshelf over there by that wall, please.* intransitive verb

5. (to halt)

a. to stop

¿Sabe si el número 20 para aquí cerca? Do you know if the number 20 stops nearby?

6. (to cease)

a. to stop

¡Por favor para de cantar! ¿No ves que estoy estudiando? *Please stop singing! Can't you see I'm studying?*

7. (to reach a final goal or circumstance)

a. to end up

¿Adónde fuiste a parar la otra noche? Where did you end up the other night?

b. to happen

¿Dónde habrá ido a parar Sofía después de la graduación? I wonder what happened to Sofia after graduation?

c. to become

No sé a dónde va a parar con ese mal genio que tiene. I don't know what's going to become of her with that bad temper.

d. to get to

¿En dónde habrá parado el perro? Where can the dog have got to?

8. (to strike) (Latin America)

a. to go on strike

El sindicato ha dicho que paren el martes. The union said to go on strike on Tuesday.

9. (to lodge)

a. to stay

La pareja dijo que planean parar en Madrid por tres noches. *The couple said they plan to stay in Madrid for three nights*.

10. (colloquial) (to spend time with: used with "con") (South America)

a. to hang out (colloquial)

Miguel dijo que iba a parar con Ronaldo este viernes. *Miguel said he was going to hang out with Ronaldo this Friday.*

pararse

reflexive verb

11. (to halt)

a. to stop

Siempre se para a saludarnos cuando nos ve. *She always stops to say hello when she sees us.*

12. (to rise) (Latin America)

a. to stand up

El público se paró cuando terminó el pianista. *The audience stood up when the pianist finished*.

b. to get up (from bed) (Central America) (Mexico)

Siempre se para tarde los fines de semana. *He always gets up late on weekends*.

pronominal verb

13. (to stick up)

a. to stand on end

Se te parará el pelo con esa película. That movie will make your hair stand on end.

14. (to quit working)

a. to stop

El carro se paró porque le falta aceite al motor. The car stopped because the motor needs oil.

brindar

intransitive verb

1. (to make a toast)

a. to toast

Después del discurso del padrino de boda, los invitados brindaron por los recién casados. *After the best man's speech, the guests toasted to the newlyweds*.

b. to drink a toast

Quiero brindar por esta nueva oportunidad. *I'd like to drink a toast to this new opportunity*.

transitive verb

2. (to give freely)

a. to offer

Mis padres me brindaron su casa de vacaciones para el fin de semana. *My parents offered me their vacation home for the weekend*.

b. to give

Mi tío me brindó un nuevo libro para leer. My uncle gave me a new book to read.

c. to afford

El curso brinda a los estudiantes varias herramientas para mejorar su inglés. *The course affords learners various tools to improve their English*.

3. (bullfighting)

a. to dedicate

Te voy a brindar un toro, mi amor. - Mejor perdona al toro y cómprame unas flores. *I'm going to dedicate a bull to you, my love. - Spare the bull and buy me some flowers.*

brindarse

pronominal verb

4. (to volunteer)

a. to offer

El profesor se brinda a ayudar a los alumnos después de clase. *The professor offers to help students after class*.

asediar

- 1. (military)
- a. to lay siege to

Las tropas asediaron el poblado y doblegaron a sus habitantes. *The troops laid siege to the village and forced the inhabitants to submit.*

b. to besiege

Los enemigos estaban listos para asediar el castillo del rey. *The enemies were ready to besiege the king's castle.*

2. (to irritate)

a. to bother

La policía detuvo al hombre que asediaba a la actriz famosa. *The police arrested the man who was bothering the famous actress*.

b. to pester

Me harté de que el cliente me asediara con preguntas íntimas y lo eché del bar. I got sick and tired of the customer pestering me with intimate questions and I kicked him out of the bar.

transitive verb

1. (to ascend)

a. to go up

subir

Subir el monte es duro. *Going up the hill is tough*.

b. to come up (moving closer)

Los veo venir subiendo la cuesta. I can see them coming up the hill.

c. to climb

Los prisioneros subieron el muro y escaparon. *The prisoners climbed the wall and escaped*.

2. (to increase)

a. to raise

Subieron los impuestos en mi país. They raised the taxes in my country.

3. (to raise up)

a. to lift

Tira de la cuerda para subir la caja. *Pull up on the rope to lift the box*.

intransitive verb

4. (general)

a. to go up (moving away)

¿Por qué no subes a ver a Alex en su habitación? Why don't you go up and see Alex in his room?

b. to come up (moving closer)

¿Subes o te quedas viendo la televisión? Are you coming up or are you watching TV a little longer?

5. (to board)

a. to get on (bus/plane/train)

Si no subes al autobús ahora lo perderás. If you don't get on the shuttle now you'll miss it.

b. <u>to get in</u> (car)

Sube al coche y conduce. *Get in the car and drive*.

subirse

pronominal verb

6. (to get conceited)

a. to go to somebody's head

Que no se te suban esos halagos a la cabeza. Don't let that flattery go to your head.

7. (to get drunk)

a. to go to somebody's head

Teniendo en cuenta que soy muy bajito, la cerveza se me subió muy rápido. *Considering that I'm pretty small, the beer went to my head pretty fast.*

cargar

- 1. (to make full)
- a. to load

Apúrense a cargar el carro para poder comenzar nuestras vacaciones. *Hurry up and load the car so we can begin our vacation*.

b. to fill

Mónica cargó el tanque antes de salir de la ciudad de vacaciones con su familia. *Monica filled the tank before leaving town on vacation with her family.*

2. (firearms)

a. to load

Ronaldo cargó su pistola y apuntó al blanco. Ronaldo loaded his gun and pointed it at the target.

3. (electronics)

a. to charge

Asegúrate de cargar tu celular antes de salir. Make sure to charge your cellphone before heading out.

4. (to have with)

a. to carry

Acúerdate de cargar tu pasaporte cuando viajes a Asia. *Remember to carry your passport when you travel to Asia.*

5. (to use) (Latin America)

a. to wear

¿Desde cuándo cargas lentes Felipe? - Desde que cumplí 40. Since when do you wear glasses Felipe? - Since I turned 40.

6. (finance)

a. to charge

Voy a cargar todos los regalos en mi tarjeta de crédito. I'm going to charge all my gifts on my credit card.

7. (to accuse)

a. to blame

Quieren cargarle la culpa a Claudia, pero el verdadero responsable es Ricardo. *They want to blame Claudia, but the real culprit is Ricardo.*

8. (to fill to excess)

a. to overdo

Cargaste la salsa teriyaki de azúcar. You overdid the sugar in your teriyaki sauce.

9. (to influence)

a. to fill

Cargaste su cabeza de ilusiones. Nunca podrás cumplir todo eso. *You filled his head with illusions. You'll never be able to achieve all of that.*

10. (computing)

a. to load

¿Te ayudo a cargar el nuevo sistema operativo en tu computadora? *Shall I help you load the new operating system on your computer?*

11. (to charge with responsibility)

a. to burden

El papá de Alex le cargó mucha responsabilidad desde la muerte de su madre. *Alex's dad burdened him with a lot of responsibilities after his mother's death.*

12. (colloquial) (to fail)

a. to flunk

El profesor cargó media clase el semestre pasado. The teacher flunked half his class last semester.

13. (dice)

a. to load

No te preocupes. Voy a ganar porque cargué los dados. *Don't worry. I'm going to win because I loaded the dice.*

intransitive verb

14. (to bring)

a. to carry

El botones cargó con nuestro equipaje y nos condujo a la habitación. *The bellboy carried our luggage, and guided us to our room.*

15. (to take on)

a. to bear

Dora empezó a cargar con todos los gastos cuando su esposo estaba desempleado. *Dora began to bear all the expenses when her husband was unemployed.*

b. to take

Tomás cargó con la culpa del accidente para que no llevaran a su esposa a la cárcel. *Tomas took the blame for the accident so they wouldn't put his wife in jail.*

16. (to attack)

a. to charge

El toro rompió la barrera y cargó contra la multitud. *The bull broke the barrier and charged at the crowd*.

17. (architecture)

a. to be supported by

El dintel se carga en dos pilares de mármol. The lintel is supported by two marble pillars.

b. to rest on

El puente se carga en una docena de pilares masivos para apoyar el peso del tráfico. *The bridge rests on a dozen massive pillars to support the weight of the traffic.*

cargarse

pronominal verb

18. (computing)

a. to load

Tengo una conexión lenta y se va a tardar un rato para cargarse. *I have a slow connection and it will take a while to load*.

19. (electronics)

a. to charge

Las pilas se cargaron por completo durante la noche. *The batteries fully charged overnight*.

b. to become charged

Las partículas de gas de la termósfera se cargan de energía del sol. *Gas particles in the thermosphere become charged by energy from the sun*.

20. (to make full)

a. to fill up

El tanque se carga en unos dos o tres minutos. The tank fills up in two or three minutes.

21. (colloquial) (to kill)

a. to bump off (colloquial)

El pozolero se cargaba a sus víctimas metiéndolas en barriles de ácido. *The pozolero bumped off his victims by putting them in barrels of acid.*

22. (to bother)

a. to bug

Ese político no es más que un fanfarrón que goza cargarle a la gente decente. *That politician is nothing more than a show-off who enjoys bugging decent people.*

b. to get on someone's nerves

Me carga que hayan escogido a un pedante para dar la oratoria de la graduación. *It gets on my nerves that they chose a pedant to give the graduation speech.*

23. (to be burdened by)

a. to fill

El salón de póker se cargó del humo de habanos. The poker salon filled with the smoke of cigars.

b. to shoulder

Rebecca se cargó con los quehaceres domésticos desde que su mamá se enfermó. *Rebecca shouldered the household chores since her mother became ill*.

c. to have

Se cargó de hijos, y no hacía nada más que lavar, planchar y cocinar. *She had several children, and did nothing more than wash, iron, and cook.*

24. (to destroy)

a. to break

El perro estaba jugando y se cargó el juguete. *The dog was playing and broke the toy.*

b. to ruin

Estuvo mal el alcalde anterior, pero por lo menos no se cargó el pueblo como el actual. *The last mayor was bad, but at least he didn't ruin the town like the current one.*

c. to smash

Se cargó el jarrón que estaba en la mesa cuando empezó a temblar la Tierra. *The vase that was on the table smashed when the Earth started to shake.*

25. (colloquial) (to fail)

a. to flunk (colloquial)

La clase de química orgánica es tan difícil que casi todos se cargan. *The organic chemistry class is so hard that almost everyone flunks*.

b. to fail

¿Cómo que te cargaste en la clase de arte? What do you mean you failed art class? descargar

transitive verb

1. (to remove goods)

a. to unload

Les tomó una hora descargar el camión. It took them an hour to unload the truck.

2. (computing)

a. to download

¿Ya descargaste los archivos que te mandé? Have you downloaded the files I sent you?

3. (to strike a blow)

a. to deal

Le descargó un puñetazo en la cara. He dealt him a punch in the face.

4. (to shoot a weapon)

a. to fire

Los soldados descargaron sus fusiles. The soldiers fired their rifles.

5. (to remove bullets)

a. to unload

Descargue sus armas de fuego y manténgalas en lugar seguro. *Unload your firearms and keep them in a safe place*.

6. (a battery)

a. to run down

Si lo dejas encendido, vas a descargar la batería. If you leave it switched on, you'll run down the battery.

7. (feelings)

a. <u>to vent</u>

Descargaba su frustración con sus hijos. She vented her frustration on her children.

8. (to release)

a. to relieve

Hay que contratar a otra persona para que me descargue de trabajo. *We need to take on another person to relieve me of some of the work.*

9. (to absolve)

a. to clear

La descargaron de toda culpa. She was cleared of all blame.

intransitive verb

10. (storm)

a. to break

Volvamos a casa antes de que descargue la tormenta. *Let's go home before the storm breaks*. descargarse

pronominal verb

11. (battery)

a. to run down

Deja que se descargue la batería por completo. *Let the battery run down completely*.

12. (computing)

a. to download

El programa tardó casi una hora en descargarse. The program took almost an hour to download.

13. (storm)

a. to break

Ayer se descargó una tormenta que inundó la ciudad. A storm broke yesterday that flooded the city.

14. (to let off steam; used with "con")

a. to vent with (United States)

Sara se descargó con todos sus amigos. Sara vented with all her friends.

b. to unburden oneself to

Él necesita a alguien con quien descargarse. He needs someone to unburden himself to.

15. (to avoid; used with "de")

a. to get out of

Es un intento de descargarse de sus responsabilidades. It's an attempt to get out of his responsibilities.

pelear

intransitive verb

1. (to brawl)

a. to fight

Niños, por favor, dejen de pelear. Children, please stop fighting.

2. (figurative)

a. to argue

Ellos no se llevan muy bien, siempre están peleando sobre algo. *They don't get along very well, they're always arguing about something.*

b. to fight

Mis papás peleaban por años antes de divorciarse. *My parents fought for years before getting a divorce*.

3. (to strive)

a. to struggle

Está peleando constantemente para mantener a su familia. *He is constantly struggling to support his family.*

4. (to contend with)

a. to compete

Los dos finalistas pelearon para la gloria en el concurso de comer perros calientes. *The two finalists competed for glory in the hot dog eating contest.*

pelearse

reciprocal verb

5. (to physically fight)

a. to fight

Los boxeadores se pelearon una media hora en el campeonato mundial. *The boxers fought each other for half an hour in the world championship.*

rodear

- 1. (to put around)
- a. to surround

Estaban rodeados por el enemigo y tuvieron que rendirse. They were surrounded by the enemy and had to surrender.

b. to encircle

Rodea el número correcto con lápiz o esfero. *Encircle the correct number with a pencil or pen.*

2. (to go around) (Latin America)

a. to round up

El perro rodeó el ganado en el corral. *The dog rounded up the cattle in the pen.*

rodearse

reflexive verb

3. (to be accompanied)

a. to surround oneself

Se rodeó de su familia antes de fallecer. He surrounded himself with his family before passing away. correr

intransitive verb

1. (to move fast)

a. to run

Me he pasado el día corriendo detrás de los niños. I have spent the whole day running around after the kids.

Corro 12 kilómetros cada día. I run 12 kilometers every day.

2. (to flow)

a. to run

El río corre de norte a sur. *The river runs from north to south.*

3. (to spread)

a. to go around

El chisme corrió por el pueblo. *The gossip went around the village*.

4. (to pass)

a. to go by

Las horas corrieron como minutos. The hours went by like minutes.

transitive verb

5. (to change position)

a. to move

Tuve que correr la mesa para tener más espacio. I had to move the table to have more space.

6. (to risk)

a. to run

No corras riesgos innecesarios, ponte en manos de un profesional. *Don't run unnecessary risks*. *Put yourself in the hands of a professional*.

7. (to get rid of someone) (Latin America)

a. to run out

Corrieron al ladrón de la casa. *They ran the thief out of the house*.

correrse

reflexive verb

8. (to smudge)

a. to run

Cuando llueve se me corre el maquillaje. When it rains my makeup runs.

pronominal verb

- 9. (to have an orgasm) (Spain)
- a. to come (colloquial)

Algunas personas tardan más que otras para correrse. *Some people take longer than others to come.* martillar

- 1. (to hit with a hammer)
- a. to hammer

Los obreros están martillando el tejado para poner tejas nuevas. *The workers are hammering the roof to put new tiles in.*

2. (to worry)

a. to torment

La conciencia martillaba al conductor que había atropellado accidentalmente a un peatón. *The driver who had accidentally run over a pedestrian was tormented by his conscience.*

pasear

intransitive verb

- 1. (to go around)
- a. to go for a walk (on foot)

Me encanta ir a pasear por la playa. I love going for a walk on the beach.

b. to go for a drive (by car)

Paseamos por la costa en mi carro nuevo. We went for a drive along the coast in my new car.

c. to go for a ride (via vehicle or animal)

Paseo en bici cada domingo por la mañana. I go for a ride on my bike every Sunday morning.

transitive verb

- 2. (to take for a walk)
- a. to walk

Pasea a su perro por el parque por la noche. *She walks her dog around the park at night.*

- 3. (to exhibit)
- a. to show off

Mi hermana paseó su nuevo atuendo en la fiesta. *My sister showed off her new outfit at the party.* pasearse

pronominal verb

- 4. (to go around)
- a. to go for a walk

Cuando necesito pensar, voy a las montañas a pasearme. When I need to think, I go to the mountains for a walk.

b. to walk

Se paseó todo el día por el centro comercial. *She walked around the mall all day long.* encargar

transitive verb

- 1. (to purchase, to request)
- a. to order

Los pantalones estaban agotados, pero encargué un par de todos modos. *The pants were out of stock, but I ordered a pair anyway.*

b. to commission (art)

Ella le encargó un retrato al artista. She commissioned a portrait from the artist.

- 2. (to entrust someone with something)
- a. to put someone in charge of

El jefe le encargó a ella el proyecto. The boss put her in charge of the project.

b. to entrust something to someone

Mi hermana me encarga sus hijos. My sister entrusts her kids to me.

c. to charge someone with

Le encargaron conseguir un restaurante para la fiesta. *They charged him with finding a restaurant for the party.*

d. to task someone with

Les encargo a ustedes limpiar esta casa. I'm tasking you with cleaning this house.

encargarse

reflexive verb

- 3. (to assume responsibility)
- a. to handle

Descuida. Yo me encargaré de eso. Don't worry. I'll handle that.

b. to take care of

Bob se encarga de limpiar las ventanas. *Bob takes care of cleaning the windows*.

c. to see to

Encárgate de los huéspedes. See to the guests.

ganar

transitive verb

1. (to obtain a prize or victory)

a. to win

Gané la lotería dos veces jugando con los mismos números. I won the lottery twice by playing the same set of numbers.

2. (to obtain income)

a. to earn

Mi hermana ganó \$50 vendiendo limonada en la acera en nuestro vecindario. My sister earned \$50 selling lemonade on the curb in our neighborhood.

b. to make

¿Cuánto dinero ganaste por vender tu casa? How much money did you make by selling your house?

3. (to defeat)

a. to beat

Por fin gané mi papá en una partida de ajedrez. *I finally beat my dad in a game of chess*.

4. (to seize)

a. to capture

El ejército ganó el castillo. The army captured the castle.

5. (to get to)

a. to reach

Ganó la línea de meta en segunda posición. He reached the finish line in second place.

6. (to have more of)

a. to save (space or time)

Ganarías espacio si sacaras este sillón viejo de la sala. *You'd save some space if you got that old sofa out of the living room*.

7. (to acquire)

a. to gain

He ganado mucho por hablar con un experto como usted. I have gained a lot by talking with an expert like you.

intransitive verb

8. (to be victorious)

a. to win

¡Gané! ¿Qué tal te caigo ahora?I won! How do you like me now?

9. (to obtain income)

a. to make

Mi esposo no gana suficientemente en su trabajo. My husband doesn't make enough in his job.

10. (to increase)

a. to benefit

La fundación ganará con su generosa donación. The foundation will benefit with your generous donation.

ganarse

pronominal verb

11. (to secure)

a. to earn

Se ganó el amor del pueblo con sus discursos. *She earned the love of the people with her speeches*. descarrilar

- 1. (to leave the rail)
- a. to derail

El conductor no pudo hacer nada para evitar que el tren descarrilara. *The driver couldn't do anything to stop the train from derailing.*

b. to be derailed

Parece que el tren descarriló por culpa de un obstáculo en la vía. *Apparently, the train was derailed because of an obstacle on the tracks*.

descarrilarse

pronominal verb

- 2. (to leave the rail)
- a. to be derailed

El tren podría descarrilarse si viaja a esa velocidad tan alta. *The train could be derailed if it travels at such high speed*.

- 3. (figurative) (to lose one's way) (Latin America)
- a. to go off the rails (colloquial)

Ese muchacho andaba con malas compañías y se descarriló. *That kid got in with the wrong crowd and went off the rails*.

descarriar

transitive verb

- 1 (en camino) [+persona] to misdirect; [+animal] to separate from the herd; single out
- 2 (en proyecto, vida) to lead astray

pronominal verb

descarriarse

- 1 (perder el camino) [+persona] to lose one's way; [+animal] to stray
- 2 (desviarse de lo correcto) to go astray

penar

transitive verb

- 1. (legal)
- a. to punish

En este país, el aborto no está penado por la ley. In this country, abortion is not punished by law.

- 2. (to visit in the form of a ghost) (Andes)
- a. to haunt

Las almas de los pacientes penan el hospital abandonado. *The souls of the patients haunt the abandoned hospital*.

intransitive verb

- 3. (to be in pain)
- a. to suffer

Cuando se quebró la pierna, penaba por el futuro de su hija como bailarina. He suffered over his daughter's future as a ballerina when she broke her leg.

- 4. (to agonize over)
- a. to pine

Mi mamá penaba por mí cuando me enviaron a la guerra. My mother pined for me when I was sent to war.

- 5. (to appear in the form of a ghost) (Andes)
- a. to be in torment

Después de la medianoche, se pueden ver a los fantasmas que penan por el manicomio. *After midnight, you can see the ghosts who are in torment around the asylum.*

penarse

pronominal verb

- 6. (to experience grief)
- a. to grieve

Toda la facultad y los estudiantes se penaron por el profesor que los había conmovido tanto a todos. *All of the faculty and students grieved for the professor who had touched them all deeply.*

b. to mourn

Mis hermanos y yo nos penamos la pérdida de nuestro padre en el funeral. *My siblings and I mourned the loss of our father at the funeral.*

desterrar

transitive verb

1. (to deport)

a. to banish

El rey desterró al caballero cuando descubrió que estaba enamorado de la reina. *The king banished the knight when he discovered that he was in love with the queen.*

b. to exile (literary)

El escritor fue desterrado por tener ideas diferentes a las del régimen. The writer was exiled for having different ideas than those of the regime.

2. (to forget)

a. to dismiss

La psicóloga me dijo que desterrara la idea de que todo el mundo me mira. *The psychologist told me to dismiss the idea that everyone looks at me.*

b. to banish (literary)

Julián desterró el temor a ser rechazado al conocer a Ana. *Julián banished his fear of rejection once he met Ana*.

3. (agriculture)

a. to remove the soil from

Si quieres que las malas hierbas no vuelvan a crecer, destierra la planta. If you want to stop weeds from growing, remove the soil from the plant.

despedir

transitive verb

1. (to see off)

a. to say goodbye

Despidió a su amiga para irse a clase. She said goodbye to her friend to head to class.

2. (to be dismissed from a job)

a. to fire

Despidieron al empleado acusado de acoso sexual. They fired the employee accused of sexual harassment.

b. to lav off

Despidieron a miles de trabajadores durante la crisis financiera. *Thousands of employees were laid off during the financial crisis.*

3. (to emit)

a. to give off

El hedor que despedía era como el de una tumba. *The stench he gave off was like that of a tomb.* despedirse

pronominal verb

4. (to see off)

a. to say goodbye

Se despidió de sus amigos antes de mudarse a Perú. He said goodbye to his friends before moving to Perú.

hundir

transitive verb

1. (to submerge)

a. to sink

El submarino disparó un torpedo y hundió el barco. The submarine fired a torpedo and sunk the ship.

- 2. (to bring down)
- a. to destroy

Una campaña de mentiras hundió mi campaña electoral. *A campaign of lies destroyed my election campaign*.

b. to ruin

Si sales con eso puesto, vas a hundir tu reputación. If you go out in that, you will ruin your reputation.

c. to sink

Si él logra llegar a la presidencia, hundirá el país con deudas. If he becomes president, he'll sink the country into debt.

3. (to go down into)

a. to plunge

El asesino hundió el cuchillo en el cuello de la víctima. The murderer plunged the knife into the victim's neck.

b. to sink

Llenó los vasos con hielo y tequila. Hundió una cuchara en el vaso y empezó a mezclar. He filled the glasses with ice and tequila. He sunk a spoon in the glass and started mixing.

hundirse

pronominal verb

- 4. (to submerge)
- a. to sink

El barco golpeó un banco de arena y se hundió. *The boat hit a shoal and sank*.

5. (to fall down)

a. to collapse

La torre se hundió por el temblor. *The tower collapsed in the earthquake*.

b. to cave in

El segundo piso se hundió por peso excesivo. The second floor caved in under excessive weight.

6. (to go down)

a. to subside

El edificio se hundió cuatro metros en la tierra fangosa. *The building has subsided four meters into the muddy ground*.

7. (to be ruined)

a. to go under

Después de luchar durante años, el negocio finalmente se hundió. *After struggling for years, the business finally went under.*

b. to collapse

Su negocio se hundió debido a las manifestaciones. *His business collapsed due to the demonstrations*.

c. to go to the wall (United Kingdom)

La empresa se hundió porque los contadores estaban dirigiéndolo todo. *The company went to the wall because the accountants were running the show.*

8. (to become sad)

a. to get depressed

Se hundió al enterarse de la muerte de su abuela. *She got depressed when she heard about her grandmother's death.*

coser

transitive verb

1. (to stitch together)

a. to sew

Mi novio puede coser un saco de dormir dentro de tres días. *My boyfriend can sew a sleeping bag in under three days*.

2. (medicine)

a. to stitch

El doctor cosió la herida abierta sin anestesia. *The doctor stitched the open wound without anesthesia*.

intransitive verb

3. (to stitch together)

a. to sew

Cose para ganarse la vida. She sews to earn her living.

besar

transitive verb

1. (to give a kiss)

a. to kiss

Besó a su mujer antes de irse a trabajar. He kissed his wife before leaving for work.

2. (to touch lightly)

a. to graze

No choqué; solo besé el parachoques del otro carro. *I didn't crash into the other car*; *I just grazed its bumper*.

besarse

reciprocal verb

3. (to give a kiss)

a. to kiss each other

Los novios se besaron apasionadamente. *The bride and groom kissed each other passionately.* importar

intransitive verb

1. (to be of importance)

a. to matter

No importa si no puedes venir. It doesn't matter if you can't come.

b. to be important

El costo no importa; pagaré lo que sea necesario para salvar a mi hijo. *The cost isn't important; I'll pay whatever necessary to save my son.*

2. (to be bothered)

a. to care

No me importa lo que digan. I don't care what people say.

b. to mind

No me importa trabajar los sábados si el pago es bueno. I don't mind working on Saturdays if the pay is good.

3. (to be interested)

a. to care

Parece que ni te importa saber lo que opino. *It looks like you don't even care about what I think.*

transitive verb

4. (commerce)

a. to import

Importamos mucha gasolina en este país. We import a lot of gasoline in this country.

5. (computing)

a. to import

Necesito importar mis contactos a Outlook. *I need to import my contacts into Outlook*.

6. (to add up)

a. to amount to

La factura importa \$1000. *The bill amounts to \$1000*.

b. to come to

¿Cuánto importan dos kilos de cebolla? How much do two kilos of onions come to? extrañar

- 1. (to feel the absence of)
- a. to miss

Extraño mucho a mi familia cuando estoy de viaje. *I miss my family a lot when I'm traveling*.

- 2. (to amaze)
- a. to surprise

Me extraña que no haya venido a trabajar. It surprises me that she didn't come to work.

- 3. (legal)
- a. to banish

Extrañaron al traidor a otro territorio. *They banished the traitor to another country*.

extrañarse

pronominal verb

- 4. (to be amazed)
- a. to be surprised

Me extrañé de que no se acordara de mi cumpleaños. I was surprised that she didn't remember my birthday.

desaparecer

intransitive verb

- 1. (to vanish)
- a. to disappear

¡No lo perdí; desapareció! *I didn't lose it; it disappeared!*

b. to go missing

La policía encontró a un adolescente que desapareció el año pasado. *The police found a teenager who went missing last year.*

- 2. (to cease to exist)
- a. to disappear

El tigre de Tasmania desapareció en los años treinta. *The last Tasmanian tiger disappeared in the* 1930s.

transitive verb

- 3. (to kidnap) (Latin America)
- a. to disappear

Todavía no han arrestado a los soldados que desaparecieron a los alumnos. *They still haven't arrested the soldiers who disappeared the students*.

bajar

intransitive verb

- 1. (to descend)
- a. to go down

Baje a recepción y pregunte al conserje. *Go down to reception and ask the concierge*.

b. to come down

¿Podrías bajar al sótano? Could you come down to the basement?

- 2. (to decrease)
- a. to fall

Ha bajado el precio de los tomates. *Tomato prices have fallen*.

b. to go down

La fiebre no le bajará sin medicación. His fever won't go down without medication.

c. to drop

Las exportaciones bajaron debido al crac bursátil. *Exports have dropped due to the stock market crash*.

- 3. (to descend from a vehicle)
- a. to get off

Baja en la siguiente estación y ya estás en el centro. *Get off at the next station, and you are downtown*.

b. to get out

Baja en cuanto me pare en el semáforo. *Get out as soon as I stop at the lights*.

transitive verb

4. (to descend)

a. to go down

Bajen la escalera con cuidado, hay un escalón roto. Be careful going down the stairs, one of the steps is broken.

b. to come down

¡Ten cuidado al bajar las escaleras, abuelo!Be careful when coming down the stairs, Grandpa!

5. (to bring down)

a. to get down

¿Me puede bajar la bolsa del compartimento? Could you get my bag down from the compartment?

b. to take down

¿Me bajarías ese libro de la estantería? Would you take that book down from the shelf for me?

c. to lower

Por favor baje las persianas; hay demasiada luz. Please lower the blinds; there is too much light.

6. (to incline downwards)

a. to drop

Cuando se lo dije, bajó la mirada avergonzado. When I told him, he dropped his eyes in shame.

7. (to decrease)

a. to lower

Tenemos que bajar nuestros gastos para ahorrar para la boda. *We have to lower our expenses to save for the wedding.*

b. to turn down

Si no bajan la música, nos vamos a otro bar. If they don't turn the music down, we'll go to another bar.

c. to bring down

La manera más eficaz de bajar la fiebre es darse un baño con agua fría. *The most effective way to bring down a fever is taking a cool bath.*

d. to reduce

El ejercicio bajará tus niveles de colesterol. *Exercise will reduce your cholesterol levels*.

8. (computing)

a. to download

Cuando bajas películas de manera ilegal, estás cometiendo un delito. *You are committing a crime when you download movies illegally.*

baiarse

pronominal verb

9. (to descend from a vehicle)

a. to get off

Me bajo en la próxima parada. *I'll get off at the next stop*.

b. to get out

Tengan cuidado al bajarse del deportivo. *Be careful when you get out of the sportscar*.

10. (to stoop)

a. to bend down

Tengo una cita con el ortopeda porque cuando me bajo, me duelen las rodillas. I have an appointment with the orthopedist because when I bend down, my knees hurt.

11. (computing)

a. to download

Se han bajado un montón de música. They have downloaded lots of music.

- 1. (to move behind)
- a. to follow

Sígueme y te enseño el camino a casa. *Follow me and I will show you the way home*.

2. (to understand)

a. to follow

No sigo tu lógica. I don't follow your logic.

3. (to comply)

a. to follow

Debes seguir las reglas y no romperlas. You must follow the rules and not break them.

4. (to study)

a. to take

Sigue algunas clases en línea. She is taking some online classes.

intransitive verb

5. (to resume)

a. to continue

Puedes parar ahora y seguir más tarde. You can stop now and continue later.

6. (to keep going)

a. to carry on

¿Seguimos o prefieres tomar un descanso? Shall we carry on or would you rather have a break?

b. to go on

No podemos seguir así. Hay que hacer algo. We can't go on like this. We have to do something.

c. no direct translation

¿Tu hermana sigue acusándote de haberle robado la pulsera?*Is your sister still accusing you of stealing her bracelet?*

Seguimos bailando hasta no poder más. We kept dancing until we couldn't go on anymore.

7. (to remain in)

a. to still be in

Mi hijo sigue en Londres por el trabajo. My son is still in London for work.

8. (to keep talking)

a. to go on

¡Siga, por favor!Please, go on!

9. (to keep walking)

a. to carry on

Sigan por el malecón unos cinco minutos y verán el restaurante a la derecha. *Carry on along the boardwalk for five minutes and you'll see the restaurant on your right.*

b. to keep going

Sigue todo recto hasta el banco y luego doble a la izquierda. *Keep going straight ahead as far as the bank and then turn left.*

10. (to persist)

a. no direct translation

Seguimos sin saber si van a venir a la boda o no. We still don't know if they're coming to the wedding or not.

Mejor que aplacemos la salida porque sigue nevando. *We'd better delay our departure because it is still snowing.*

seguirse

pronominal verb

11. (to do in sequence)

a. to follow

Hay ciertas medidas que deben seguirse para poder hacerse socio del club. Several steps need to be followed before you can become a member of the club.

12. (to deduce)

a. to follow

Por tus malas notas se sigue que no has estudiado en absoluto. From your bad grades, it follows that you have not studied at all.

responder

intransitive verb

- 1. (to give an answer)
- a. to answer

¿Por qué no respondiste cuando te llamé? Why didn't you answer when I called you?

b. to reply

Le escribí una postal y me respondió con una carta de diez páginas. *I wrote him a postcard and he replied to me with ten-page letter.*

c. to give a reply

Respondiste de manera que debió haber terminado la conversación, pero no puedo dejarla así. *You gave a reply that should have ended the conversation, but I can't let it end like that.*

2. (to react)

a. to respond

Los perros respondieron gruñéndole a los gatos. The dogs responded by growling at the cats.

b. to respond to

Los huéspedes del hotel respondieron a la alarma evacuando. *The hotel guests responded to the alarm by evacuating.*

- 3. (to answer impertinently)
- a. to talk back (United States)

Cuando te digo que te cepilles los dientes, no necesito que me respondas. When I tell you to brush your teeth, I don't need you to talk back to me.

- 4. (to take responsibility for)
- a. to vouch for

Yo no puedo responder por Raúl. *I can't vouch for Raul*.

b. to take responsibility

Ella responde de que los volantes se repartan a tiempo. *She takes responsibility for getting the flyers handed out on time.*

- 5. (to correspond to)
- a. no direct translation

Sus fotografías responden al tema de la exhibición. *Her photographs are in keeping with the theme of the exhibit.*

La multa que se cobró responde a los daños hechos. *The fine charged is appropriate for the damage done.*

transitive verb

- 6. (to answer a question)
- a. to answer

El estudiante respondió a la pregunta del maestro. *The student answered the teacher's question*.

- 7. (to answer the phone or a letter)
- a. to answer

Mi papá no me respondió la llamada, así que tuve que irme caminando a la casa. *My dad didn't answer my call, so I had to walk home.*

b. to reply to

Leticia respondió a mi carta puntualmente. *Leticia promptly replied to my letter*.

c. to respond to (formal)

Manuel respondió al escrito del comité. *Manuel responded to the letter from the committee*. pretender

transitive verb

- 1. (to want)
- a. to intend

¿Qué resultados pretendes encontrar con esta investigación? What results do you intend to find with this investigation?

b. to expect

¿Pretendías que te pasara las respuestas del examen? Did you expect me to slip you the answers of the exam?

2. (to affirm) (Latin America)

a. to claim

No puedes pretender que no hay desigualdad salarial entre los hombres y las mujeres. *You cannot claim that there is no wage inequality between men and women.*

3. (to court a woman)

a. to woo

En mi cultura, los hombres aún pretenden a las mujeres con ramos de rosas. *In my culture, men still woo women with bouquets of roses*.

cansar

transitive verb

- 1. (to cause fatigue)
- a. to tire

Desvelarme muy tarde me cansa. Staying up too late tires me.

2. (to bother)

a. to annoy

Ese estudiante, con su lista infinita de dudas, cansa a todo el mundo. *That student, with his endless list of questions, annoys everyone.*

3. (to deplete the soil)

a. to exhaust

Vas a cansar la tierra si no rotas los cultivos. You will exhaust the soil if you don't rotate your crops.

<u>intransitive verb</u>

4. (causing fatigue)

a. to be tiring

Trabajar en la construcción cansa. Construction work is tiring.

cansarse

pronominal verb

5. (to fatigue)

a. to get tired

Al principio se cansaba mucho cuando corría, pero ya no. At first she got tired when she ran, but not anymore.

6. (to lose interest)

a. to get bored

Me canso. ¡Vamos a hacer algo más divertido!*I'm getting bored. Let's do something more fun!* domar

transitive verb

1. (to train)

a. to tame

En el circo aprendimos lo difícil que es domar un león.*In the circus we learned how hard it is to tame a lion*.

b. to break in (horses)

Para que un caballo compita en una carrera, primero tienes que domarlo. *You have to break your horse in first if you want him to compete in a horserace*.

2. (to moderate)

a. to control

El psicólogo me aconsejó domar mis emociones para no ser tan vulnerable. *The psychologist advised me to control my emotions so that I am not so vulnerable.*

b. to master

Debe domar su ego porque parece ser una persona muy soberbia. He should master his ego because he seems like a very arrogant person.

3. (to soften)

a. to break in

Hasta que no domes los zapatos no te dejarán de hacer daño. *Until you don't break your shoes in, they won't stop hurting you.*

quemar

transitive verb

1. (to scorch)

a. to burn

Quemaron madera seca en la chimenea para calentar el local. They burned dry wood in the fireplace to heat the place up.

b. to set fire to

Fogatas desatendidas pueden quemar los bosques circundantes. *Unattended forest fires can set fire to the surrounding woods*.

c. to scald

Me quemé los pies con agua hirviendo del jacuzzi. I scalded my feet in the boiling water of the jacuzzi.

d. to blow (electricity)

La tormenta quemó el fusible. The storm blew the fuse.

2. (to work off)

a. to burn

He debido de quemar 100 calorías corriendo. I must have burned 100 calories running.

3. (computing)

a. to burn

Estoy quemando un CD con música para nuestro viaje largo en carro. *I'm burning a CD with music for our long car ride*.

intransitive verb

4. (to scorch)

a. to be boiling hot

Acabo de sacar la tetera de la estufa y quema. *I just took the teapot off the stove top and it's boiling hot.*

quemarse

reflexive verb

5. (to get hurt)

a. to burn oneself

Me quemé con el queso caliente. I burned myself on the melted cheese.

b. to get burned (United States)

Me quemé mientras me bronceaba en el techo. I got burned while tanning on the roof.

c. to get burnt (United Kingdom)

Se quemó con todo el vapor en el spa. *She got burnt by all of the steam at the spa*.

6. (to tire of)

a. to burn out

Después de cinco horas tomando el examen, me empecé a quemar. *After five horas taking the test, I started to burn out.*

pronominal verb

7. (to lose favor) (Uruguay)

a. to go down in flames

La carrera del famoso se quemó después del escándalo con la niñera. *The celebrity's career went down in flames after the scandal with the nanny.*

b. to crash and burn

Mi próximo movimiento es tan riesgoso que voy a ganar o quemarme. *My next move is so risky that I will either win or crash and burn.*

esconder

- 1. (to keep out of view)
- a. to hide

Escondió su regalo debajo de la cama. He hid his gift under the bed.

b. to conceal

Una forma de esconder las arrugas es usando maquillaje. *One way to conceal wrinkles is to use make-up*.

esconderse

reflexive verb

- 2. (to keep oneself out of view)
- a. to hide oneself

No puedes esconderte del mundo. You can't hide yourself from the world.

b. to conceal oneself

Traté de esconderme detrás de un arbusto. I tried to conceal myself behind a bush.

- 3. (to be hidden)
- a. to hide

Quisiera saber qué se esconde detrás de esa fachada de respetabilidad. *I'd like to know what hides beneath that facade of respectability*.

dormir

intransitive verb

- 1. (to rest)
- a. to sleep

Hay que dormir por lo menos seis horas cada noche. *One should sleep at least six hours a night.*

- 2. (to pass the night)
- a. to spend the night

Dormí en casa de mi abuela. I spent the night at my grandmother's house.

b. to stay the night

Dormimos en casa de mis suegros el Día de Acción de Gracias. *We stayed the night at my in-laws' on Thanksgiving.*

- 3. (to have sex; used with "juntos")
- a. to sleep together

Creo que Marco y Ana durmieron juntos anoche. *I think Marco and Ana slept together last night*.

- 4. (to be forgotten)
- a. to lie idle

Sus ahorros no han crecido porque ha dejado la cuenta dormir. *His savings haven't grown because he let the account lie idle.*

transitive verb

- 5. (to make sleepy) (United States)
- a. to put to sleep

Duermo a mis niños con un cuento. I put my children to sleep with a story.

b. to get off to sleep

Voy a dormir los niños y luego regreso. I'm going to get the children off to sleep and then I'll be back.

c. to send to sleep (due to boredom)

Ese profesor duerme a sus estudiantes con su voz monótona. *That professor sends his students to sleep with his monotonous voice.*

- 6. (to anesthetize)
- a. to put to sleep

Durmieron a mi perro para limpiarle los dientes. They put my dog to sleep in order to clean his teeth.

b. to put under

Lo durmió el cirujano antes de la operación. *The surgeon put him under before the operation*.

7. (to euthanize; used with "a")

a. to put to sleep

Mi hermano tuvo que dormir a su perro porque tenía cáncer. *My brother had to put his dog to sleep because it had cancer.*

dormirse

reflexive verb

8. (to go to sleep)

a. to fall asleep

Me dormí a las 6 de la mañana. I fell asleep at 6 in the morning.

El programa era tan aburrido que me dormí. *The program was so boring that I fell asleep.*

b. to go to sleep

No pude dormirme anoche porque estaba preocupado por el examen de hoy. I couldn't go to sleep last night because I was worried about today's exam.

9. (to wake up late)

a. to oversleep

Se durmió porque no oyó el despertador. *She overslept because she didn't hear the alarm.*

10. (to go numb)

a. to go to sleep

No puedo ponerme en pie porque se me durmió la pierna. *I can't stand up because my leg has gone to sleep*.

11. (to get distracted)

a. no direct translation

No te duermas o no acabarás a tiempo. Don't slack off or you won't finish in time.

Por dormirse se perdió la clave para ganar el premio. He missed the clue to win the prize because he didn't stay on his toes.

amontonar

transitive verb

1. (to put in a pile)

a. to pile up

El bibliotecario amontonó unos libros para colocarlos en los estantes. *The librarian piled the books up to placed them on the shelves*.

b. to pile

El ladrón amontonó los fajos de billetes en el suelo para contarlos. *The thief piled the bundles of bills on the floor to count them.*

c. to heap

Todos los años Papá Noel amontona los regalos bajo el árbol de Navidad. *Every year Santa Claus heaps the presents under the Christmas tree*.

2. (to amass)

a. to accumulate

Mi padre tiene la mala costumbre de amontonar trastos en el ático. *My father has the bad habit of accumulating junk in the attic.*

amonton arse

pronominal verb

3. (to collect)

a. to pile up

La basura se amontona en la calle porque los basureros están de huelga. *Rubbish piles up on the street because the garbage collectors have gone on strike*.

b. to accumulate

Los casos se amontonaron sobre la mesa del juez durante su ausencia. *The cases accumulated on the judge's table during his absence.*

- 4. (to form a crowd)
- a. to gather together

Decenas de jóvenes se amontonaron para entrar a la mejor discoteca de la ciudad. *Dozens of young people gathered together to get into the best club in town*.

b. to crowd together

Los fans se amontonaron a las puertas del estadio antes del concierto. Fans crowded together at the doors of the arena before the concert.

guardar

transitive verb

1. (to place)

a. to put away

Guarden los crayones y lávense las manos. Put the crayons away and wash your hands.

b. to put

No sé dónde he guardado las llaves. I don't know where I've put my keys.

2. (to conserve)

a. to keep

Catalina guarda las joyas en una caja fuerte. Catalina keeps her jewels in a safe.

b. to hang on to

Roberto todavía guarda un mechón de su primer corte de cabello. *Roberto is still hanging on to a lock from his first haircut*.

c. to store

Guardo agua y comida extra para el caso de una emergencia. I store extra food and water in case there's an emergency.

3. (to reserve)

a. to save

Guárdenme un poco de arroz para la cena. Save me some rice for dinner.

b. <u>to keep</u>

Vendré a pagar el cuadro mañana. ¿Puedes guardarmelo hasta entonces? I'll be back to pay for the painting tomorrow. Can you keep it for me until then?

c. to hold

¿Me guardas el lugar en la fila? Se me olvidó la leche. Will you hold my place in line? I forgot the milk.

d. to put aside

Dile a tu maestra que nos guarde cinco boletos para la obra navideña. *Tell your teacher to put aside five tickets for the Christmas play for us.*

4. (computing)

a. save

Guardé los documentos después de los cambios. I saved the files after the changes.

5. (to maintain)

a. to keep

¿Puedes guardar un secreto? Can you keep a secret?

b. to have

Guardo bonitos recuerdos de los veranos en el lago con toda la familia. I have nice memories of summers at the lake with the whole family.

c to bear

Ya te he perdonado. No te guardo rencor. I've already forgiven you. I bear you no grudge.

6. (to watch over)

a. to guard

Hay seis policías que guardan la entrada del palacio de justicia. *There are six police officers guarding the entrance to the courthouse.*

b. to protect

Los muros que guardan esta torre son romanos. *The walls that protect this tower are Roman*.

- 7. (to comply)
- a. <u>to observe</u>

Mi abuela siempre guardaba el sábado como un día sagrado. My grandmother always kept the Sabbath as a holy day.

8. (to demonstrate)

a. to show

Hay que guardar respeto para tus mayores. *You should show respect for your elders.* guardarse

pronominal verb

9. (to place)

a. to put

Me guardé unos caramelos en el bolso. I put some candy in my handbag.

10. (to retain)

a. to keep

¡Guárdate tus consejos si vas a ser tan negativo! *Keep your advice to yourself if you're going to be so negative!*

b. to save

Te puedes guardar tus opiniones porque a nadie aquí les interesan. *You can save your opinions because no one here is interested.*

11. (to assure)

a. to be careful not to

Guárdense de no ir por esas calles de noche. Be careful not to walk down those streets at night.

b. to make sure not to

Guárdate de no olvidar tu chamarra cuando sales en el frío. *Make sure you don't forget your jacket when you go out in the cold.*

12. (to watch out for)

a. to protect oneself from

Guárdate de las amistades falsas. Protect yourself from false friends.

pintar

transitive verb

1. (with paint)

a. to paint

Mi cuñada pintó la pared de blanco. My sister-in-law painted the wall white.

2. (to draw)

a. to draw

Mi hija suele pintar cachorros usando una plantilla. *My daughter usually draws puppies using a template*.

3. (to smudge)

a. to get

Todavía está mojada. Ten cuidado que no te pinte. *It's still wet. Be careful you don't get any on you.* Se rompió mi pluma y me pintó la manos totalmente de azul. *My pen broke and got blue ink all over my hands*.

4. (to describe)

a. to make something out

Lo pintó muy emocionado pero en realidad la película nos puso a dormir. *He made it out to be so exciting, but really the movie just put us to sleep.*

<u>intransitive verb</u>

5. (with paint)

a. to paint

A Yolanda le encanta pintar. Yolanda loves to paint.

6. (to write)

a. to write

¿Qué quieres que haga con una pluma que no pinta? What do you want me to do with this pen that doesn't write?

- 7. (to appear)
- a. to look

La ceremonia pinta bien. *The ceremony is looking good*.

- 8. (to relate)
- a. to fit in (colloquial)

¿Dónde pinta el director en todo este escándalo? Where does the principal fit into this whole scandal?

pintarse

reflexive verb

- 9. (to make oneself up)
- a. to put one's makeup on

Se pinta todos los días antes de ir a trabajar. She puts her makeup on every day before work.

pronominal verb

10. (to leave) (Mexico)

a. to leave

Hay que pintarnos a las 3:00 pm si vamos a llegar a tiempo. We need to leave at 3:00 pm if we are going to arrive on time.

verter

transitive verb

- 1. (into or out of a container)
- a. to pour

¿Puedes verter un poco de vino en mi copa? Can you pour some wine in my glass?

Vierte el azúcar en el recipiente, por favor. *Pour the sugar in the bowl, please.*

2. (accidentally or uncontrollably)

a. to spill

Vertí el café sobre mi computadora. Espero que se pueda reparar. I spilled coffee on my computer. I hope it can be fixed.

b. to shed (blood, tears)

Se vertió mucha sangre en la batalla. A lot of blood was shed in battle.

- 3. (into another language)
- a. to translate

Tengo que verter este documento de inglés a español. I have to translate this document from English into Spanish.

- 4. (to express)
- a. to tell (a rumor)

Los candidatos han estado vertiendo rumores sobre sus adversarios. *The candidates have been telling rumors about their adversaries*.

b. to voice (an opinion)

No puedes verter tus opiniones delante de la clase así como así. *You can't voice your opinions in front of the class just like that.*

c. to make (an accusation or criticism)

Vertió graves acusaciones contra el Presidente. *He made serious accusations against the President*. intransitive verb

- 5. (a river or a stream)
- a. to flow

El río Amazonas vierte en el océano Atlántico. *The Amazon River flows into the Atlantic Ocean.* añorar

transitive verb

- 1. (general)
- a. to long for

Añoro la época en que era niño y no tenía responsabilidades. I long for the time when I was a kid and had no responsibilities.

b. to yearn for

"Añoro tus caricias, querida", escribió el soldado a su esposa. "I yearn for your touch, my love," wrote the soldier to his wife.

c. to miss (person)

Te añoro y no puedo esperar a que regreses a casa. I miss you and I can't wait for you to come home. empujar

transitive verb

1. (to propel)

a. to push

La mujer iba empujando el carrito de la compra por la acera. *The woman was pushing her shopping cart along the sidewalk*.

b. to shove

El defensor empujó a Sánchez contra un camarógrafo y fue expulsado. *The defender shoved Sánchez against a cameraman and was sent off.*

2. (to pressure; used with "a")

a. to push into

Su mujer lo empujó a cambiar de trabajo. His wife pushed him into changing his job.

b. to force to

La situación nos está empujando a tomar medidas drásticas. *The situation is forcing us to take some drastic measures*.

3. (mechanics)

a. to drive

El vehículo es empujado por un motor a reacción. The vehicle is driven by a jet engine.

intransitive verb

4. (to shove)

a. to push

Tommy empujó para llegar adelante el primero. Tommy pushed to get to the front first.

desguazar

<u>transitive verb</u>

- 1. (automóvil)
- a. to scrap
- 2. (buque)
- a. to break up

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desguazar

transitive verb

- 1 (desmantelar) [+barco] to break up; scrap; [+coche, avión] to scrap
- 2 [+madera] to dress; rough-hew

enterrar

transitive verb

- 1. (to cover with dirt)
- a. to bury

El perro enterró un hueso en el jardín. *The dog buried a bone in the yard*.

- 2. (to entomb)
- a. to bury

Enterraron a su abuelo en un cementerio fuera de la ciudad. *They buried their grandfather in a cemetery outside the city*.

3. (to survive)

a. to outlive

Después de enterrar a todos sus hermanos, Edith se sintió sola. *After outliving all of her siblings, Edith felt lonely.*

4. (to conceal)

a. to cover up

El presidente de la empresa enterró su malversación entre facturas legítimas. *The company president buried his embezzlement among legitimate invoices*.

5. (to put out of mind)

a. to forget

Hay que enterrar el pasado y enfocarnos en construir un nuevo futuro. *Let's forget about the past and focus on building a new future.*

b. to bury

Jaime quiso enterrar su pasado y comenzar de nuevo en una nueva ciudad. *Jaime wanted to bury his past and start over in a new city.*

6. (to stab) (Latin America)

a. to thrust into

Agarró el tenedor y lo enterró en la pechuga de pollo. *He grabbed the fork and thrust it into the chicken breast*.

enterrarse

pronominal verb

7. (to cloister oneself)

a. to cut oneself off from the world

Después de perder el campeonato, se enterró por seis meses. *After losing the championship, he cut himself off from the world for six months*.

condenar

transitive verb

1. (to disapprove of)

a. to condemn

Líderes de todo el mundo han condenado el atentado terrorista. *Leaders from all over the world have condemned the terrorist attack.*

2. (legal)

a. to sentence

El juez condenó al acusado a cuatro años de prisión. *The judge sentenced the defendant to four years in prison*.

b. to convict

Las dos mujeres fueron condenadas por robo con violencia. *The two women were convicted of robbery with assault.*

c. to condemn

Lo condenaron a muerte, pero le conmutaron la pena por cadena perpetua. *He was condemned to death, but his sentence was commuted for life inprisonment.*

d. to order (to pay a compensation)

El tribunal condenó a la empresa al pago de una multa millonaria. *The court ordered the firm to pay a fine of several million*.

3. (religious)

a. to condemn

Caín mata a su hermano Abel y Dios lo condena a una vida nómada. *Cain kills his brother Abel, and God condemns him to a nomadic life.*

b. to damn (to hell)

Fue justamente su ambición la que condenó a Satanás al infierno. It was precisely his ambition that damned Satan to hell.

4. (to oblige)

a. to condemn

Su enfermedad la ha condenado a una vida de dependencia. *Her sickness has condemned her to a life of dependence*.

b. to force

Su pobreza los condena a trabajar desde pequeños. *Their poverty forces them to work since they are little*.

5. (to block off)

a. to seal

Por razones de seguridad, condenaron la puerta trasera. *They sealed the rear door for safety reasons*.

b. to brick up (with bricks)

Condenaron esas ventanas para evitar que entrara el ruido de la calle. *Those windows were bricked up to keep the street noise out.*

condenarse

pronominal verb

6. (religious)

a. to be damned

Murió sin arrepentimiento, condenándose así para la eternidad. He died without repentance, and so he is damned for eternity.

doler

intransitive verb

1. (to cause pain to)

a. to hurt

Después del accidente, me duele al respirar. *After the accident, it hurts when I breathe.*

b. to ache

Me ha dolido la espalda la mañana entera. *My back has been aching all morning long*.

2. (to offend)

a. to hurt

Tu indiferencia me duele. Your indifference hurts me.

dolerse

pronominal verb

3. (to feel remorse; often used with "de")

a. to regret

Se duele de sus acciones rencorosas. *He regrets his spiteful actions*.

soplar

intransitive verb

1. (to expel air)

a. to blow

El lobo soplaba con todas sus fuerzas, pero la casa ni se movía. *The wolf blew with all his strength, but the house wouldn't move.*

2. (to create a current)

a. to blow

El viento soplaba tan fuerte que era casi imposible caminar. *The wind was blowing so hard that it was nearly impossible to walk.*

3. (colloquial) (to share answers on an exam)

a. to whisper (colloquial)

El profesor pilló a dos alumnos soplando durante el examen. *The teacher caught two students whispering during the exam*.

transitive verb

4. (to cause to move)

a. to blow away

Abre la ventana y deja que el aire sople el humo de la cocina. *Open the window, and let the air blow away the smoke from the kitchen.*

b. to blow off

Tuvo que soplar el polvo de la cubierta del libro para leer el título. She had to blow the dust off the book cover to read its title.

c. to blow (glass)

Sopló el vidrio fundido para convertirlo en un bonito jarrón. He blew the molten glass into a beautiful vase.

5. (to put out)

a. to blow out

Ahora tienes que soplar las velas. *Now you have to blow out the candles*.

6. (colloquial) (to share answers on an exam)

a. to whisper (colloquial)

Me sopló todas las respuestas. He whispered all the answers to me.

- 7. (colloquial) (to charge)
- a. to sting (colloquial)

¡Me soplaron \$20 por una porción de pizza y una bebida! *They stung me \$20 for a slice of pizza and a drink!*

- 8. (slang) (to inform on)
- a. to squeal (slang)

Alguien tuvo que soplarle los nombres a la policía. *Somebody must have squealed the names to the police*.

- 9. (slang) (to steal)
- a. to pinch (slang)

Un carterista le sopló la cartera en el autobús. *A pickpocket pinched his wallet on the bus.* soplarse

pronominal verb

10. (colloquial) (to swallow)

a. to wolf down (food)

Estaba muerto de hambre, así que me soplé todas las sobras de la nevera. *I was starving, so I wolfed down all the leftovers in the fridge.*

b. to knock back (drink)

La comida estaba tan salada que me soplé una jarra de cerveza. *The food was so salty that I knocked back a pitcher of beer.*

- 11. (colloquial) (to endure) (Mexico) (Peru) (Spain)
- a. to put up with

Me soplé un bebé llorando durante todo el vuelo. I put up with a crying baby throughout the entire flight.

- 12. (slang) (to inform on)
- a. to squeal (slang)

¿Quién se sopló de nosotros a la maestra? Who squealed on us to the teacher?

acostumbrar

<u>intransitive verb</u>

- 1. (to normally do)
- a. to be used to

Acostumbraba cortarme el cabello con José. *I used to get my hair cut with Jose*.

b. to be in the habit of

Alex acostumbra levantarse tarde. *Alex is in the habit of waking up late.*

c. to be accustomed to

Sebastián acostumbra comer con tortillas en lugar de cubiertos. *Sebastian is accustomed to eating with tortillas instead of silverware.*

d. usually

Acostumbro comprar el periódico todos los días. *I usually buy the newspaper every day*.

transitive verb

2. (to habituate)

a. to get somebody used to something

Antes de sacar la planta de la maceta, debes acostumbrarla al lugar donde se va a plantar. *Before* you take the plant out of the pot, you should get it used to the place where it is going to be planted.

Hay que acostumbrar al bebé a comer comida sólida poco a poco. We need to get the baby used to eating solid food little by little.

acostumbrarse

pronominal verb

3. (to become accustomed to)

a. to get used to

Después de un año de vivir en el desierto, te acostumbras al calor. *After a year of living in the desert, you get used to the heat.*

quebrar

transitive verb

- 1. (to smash)
- a. to break

El bombero quebró la puerta para entrar y rescatar a la niñita. *The fireman broke the door to go inside and rescue the little girl*.

- 2. (legal)
- a. to break

"Sra. Rodríguez, su hija quebró varias leyes este fin de semana," dijo el oficial. "Mrs. Rodriguez, your daughter broke several laws this weekend," said the official.

3. (to make curved)

a. to bend

No creo que vas a poder quebrar ese tubo de plástico. I don't think you're going to be able to bend that plastic tube.

- 4. (colloquial) (to kill) (Central America)
- a. to off (colloquial)

Quebraron al socio por mentir al jefe. They offed the partner for lying to the boss.

intransitive verb

- 5. (to ruin a business)
- a. to go bankrupt

La empresa de mi cuñado casi quebró el año pasado. *My brother's company nearly went bankrupt last year*.

b. to fail

Quebraron muchos negocios después de la crisis económica. *Many businesses failed after the economic crisis*.

quebrarse

pronominal verb

6. (to break)

a. to break

La ventana se cayó del camión y se quebró. The window fell off the truck and broke.

b. to crack

El vaso se me resbaló y se quebró. *The glass slipped out of my hand and cracked*.

cocinar

transitive verb

- 1. (to prepare food)
- a. to cook

Te voy a cocinar una cena muy rica esta noche. *I'm going to cook you a delicious dinner tonight*.

intransitive verb

- 2. (to prepare in secret)
- a. to plot (colloquial)

Creo que la familia está cocinando una intervención. I think the family is plotting an intervention.

transitive verb

1. (to clean)

lavar

a. to wash

Tienes que lavar la fruta antes de comértela. You must wash the fruit before eating it.

b. <u>to launder</u> (clothes, linens)

¿Quieres que te lave esta camisa?Do you want me to launder this shirt for you?

lavarse

reflexive verb

2. (to clean oneself)

a. to wash

Lávate bien las manos antes de tocarte los ojos. Wash your hands thoroughly before touching your eyes.

desgarrar

transitive verb

1. (to break)

a. to tear

Los perros desgarraron el pedazo de carne. The dogs tore the piece of meat.

b. to rip

Desgarré el vestido cuando me lo estaba sacando. I ripped my dress when I took it off.

2. (to upset)

a. to break

Me desgarra el corazón verlo sufrir por un amor no correspondido. It breaks my heart to see him suffering because of unrequited love.

3. (to expectorate) (Latin America)

a. to cough up

Me resfrié y no paro de desgarrar flema. *I caught a cold and I can't stop coughing up phlegm.* desgarrarse

pronominal verb

4. (to be torn apart)

a. to tear

La camisa se desgarró en las costuras, así que fue fácil de arreglar. *The shirt tore at the seams*, so it was easy to repair.

b. to rip

No tires, la tela se desgarra fácilmente. *Don't pull, the fabric rips easily.*

5. (to get injured)

a. to tear

Messi se desgarró un ligamento y se perderá el próximo partido. *Messi tore a ligament and will miss the next game*.

recorrer

transitive verb

1. (to trek across)

a. to travel around

Recorrí el país durante cinco años a pie. I traveled around the country for five years on foot.

b. to traverse

Recorreré las tres montañas en una semana. I will traverse the three mountains in one week.

2. (to travel)

a. to cover

Tenemos que despertarnos muy temprano que hay mucha distancia a recorrer. *We have to wake up early tomorrow since there's a lot of distance to cover.*

b. <u>to do</u>

No recorreremos todo el Camino, sólo hasta la mitad. We won't do the whole Camino, just to the halfway point.

- 3. (to inspect)
- a. to look around

Recorrí el restaurante con la mirada, pero no te vi en el rincón. *I looked around the restaurant but I didn't see you in the corner.*

recorrerse

pronominal verb

4. (to trek across)

a. to travel around

Me voy a recorrer Europa este verano. ¿Quieres venir?I'm going to travel around Europe this summer. Do you want to come?

5. (to travel)

a. to cover

Podemos recorrer los cinco km en media hora en moto. We can cover five km in half an hour by bike.

b. to do

No debes recorrerte todo el trayecto por ti mismo. *You shouldn't do the whole route by yourself.* enamorar

transitive verb

1. (to get someone to fall in love)

a. to make fall in love

Enamoré a mi mujer haciéndome pasar por escritor, y en eso me convertí. I made my wife fall in love with me by pretending to be a writer, and that's what I became.

b. to win the love of

La revista entera estaba dedicada a cómo enamorar al hombre de tus sueños. *The whole magazine was devoted to how to win the love of the man of your dreams.*

c. to win someone's heart

Lo intenté todo para enamorarla, pero fue en vano. I tried everything to win her heart, but it was all in vain.

2. (to like)

a. to fall in love

Esta casa me enamoró desde el primer momento. *I fell in love with this house the moment I saw it.* enamorarse

pronominal verb

3. (to become enamored)

a. to fall in love

Narciso se enamoró de su reflejo en el agua. *Narcissus fell in love with his reflection in the water.* reciprocal verb

4. (to become enamored with one another)

a. to fall in love with each other

Se enamoraron siendo todavía muy jóvenes. *They fell in love with each other when they were still very young.*

ofender

transitive verb

1. (to hurt someone's feelings)

a. to offend

Perdona si te he ofendido, pero me pediste que fuera sincero. *Sorry if I've offended you, but you asked me to be sincere*.

b. to insult

El artista declaró que no fue su intención ofender a las comunidades religiosas. *The artist stated that he did not intend to insult any religious communities*.

2. (to contravene)

a. to offend

Muchos son de la opinión de que sus cuadros ofenden el buen gusto. Many are of the opinion that her paintings offend good taste.

ofenderse

pronominal verb

- 3. (to feel hurt)
- a. to be offended

No te ofendas, pero ahora mismo no me apetece nada hablar. *Don't be offended, but I don't feel like talking right now.*

b. to take offense (United States)

Se ha ofendido por una broma de nada. She has taken offense at a stupid joke.

c. to take offence (United Kingdom)

Se ofendió porque se nos olvidó felicitarlo por su cumpleaños. *He took offence because we forgot to wish him a happy birthday.*

limpiar

transitive verb

- 1. (to make clean)
- a. to clean

Hay que limpiar el baño, está asqueroso. We need to clean the bathroom. It is disgusting.

b. to clean up

¿Puedes limpiar tu cuarto? Can you clean up your room?

c. to wipe off (with cloth)

Hay que limpiar la mesa antes de que vengan los invitados. *The table needs to be wiped off before the guests arrive.*

d. to polish (shoes)

Necesito limpiar mis zapatos antes de la boda. I need to polish my shoes before the wedding.

e. to cleanse (skin)

Esta loción limpia la piel sin secarla. *This lotion cleanses the skin without drying it out.*

2. (to remove)

a. to clear

Limpiaron el patio de nieve. *They cleared the patio of snow.*

intransitive verb

- 3. (to do housework)
- a. to clean

Me pasé el sábado limpiando. I spent Saturday cleaning.

limpiarse

pronominal verb

- 4. (to make clean)
- a. to clean

Límpiate las manos con agua y jabón. Clean your hands with soap and water.

b. to wipe (with cloth)

Límpiate la boca con una servilleta. *Wipe your mouth with a napkin*.

casar

transitive verb

- 1. (to perform marriage)
- a. to marry

El cura casó a la pareja en una bonita ceremonia. *The priest married the couple in a beautiful ceremony.*

- 2. (to give in marriage)
- a. to marry off

Ya han casado a todas sus hijas. They have married off all their daughters.

- 3. (to join)
- a. to fit together

Para completar el puzle, tienes que casar todas las piezas. *To complete the puzzle, you have to fit together all the pieces*.

b. to match up

Procura que casen los dibujos del papel pintado cuando lo pegues. *Be careful to match up the draws in the wallpaper when you stick it.*

intransitive verb

4. (to marry; used with "con")

a. to marry

Casó con una chica de familia humilde. *He married a girl from a humble family*.

5. (to match together)

a. to fit together

Las piezas del armario no casan. *The pieces of the wardrobe don't fit together.*

b. to match up

Los dibujos de la tela tienen que casar antes de coser las dos partes. *The fabric pattern is to match up before sewing the pieces together.*

6. (to be harmonious)

a. to go together

El color del sofá no casa con la pintura de las paredes. *The color of the sofa doesn't go together with the paint of the walls.*

casarse

reciprocal verb

7. (to wed)

a. to get married

Se casaron por lo civil en el ayuntamiento. *They got married in a civil ceremony at the town hall.*

b. to marry

La pareja se casó en secreto. The couple married secretly.

pronominal verb

8. (to wed; used with "con")

a. to marry

Se casó con su novio de siempre. *She married her long-time boyfriend*.

sonreír

intransitive verb

1. (general)

a. to smile

Mi abuela siempre sonríe cuando nos cuenta historias de su niñez. *My grandmother always smiles when she tell us stories about her childhood.*

2. (to favor)

a. to smile on

Parece que la vida me sonríe: al fin he encontrado un trabajo donde me valoran de verdad. It seems that life smiles on me: I have finally found a job where I'm really valued.

sonreírse

<u>pronominal verb</u>

3. (general)

a. to smile

Se sonrió al ver a su hijo reír. She smiled when she saw her son laughing.

exigir

transitive verb

- 1. (to order)
- a. to demand

El mundo exige justicia por los estudiantes de Ayotzinapa. *The world demands justice for the Ayotzinapa students.*

- 2. (to require)
- a. to call for

La paz exige diálogo. Peace calls for dialogue.

- 3. (taxes)
- a. to levy

El gobierno exige los tributos para llevar a cabo las obras públicas. *The government levies taxes in order to carry out public works projects*.

exigirse

pronominal verb

- 4. (to demand)
- a. to be required

Se exige mayor atención a los estudiantes. *Greater attention to students is required*.

insistir

intransitive verb

- 1. (to assert)
- a. to insist

Ella insiste en trabajar aunque esté enferma. She insists on going to work even when she's sick.

- 2. (to repeat)
- a. to go on about

No insistas con la misma queja que siempre. *Don't go on about that same old complaint*.

alegrarse

pronominal verb

- 1. (to rejoice)
- a. to be happy

¡Me alegra tanto tu boda! I'm so happy for your wedding!

b. to be pleased

Me alegro de que hayas podido venir. I'm pleased you could make it.

c. to be glad

Me alegro de que lo preguntes, porque me había olvidado de mencionarlo. *I'm glad you ask*, *since I had forgotten to mention it*.

- 2. (to get drunk)
- a. to get merry (colloquial)

Se alegró con solo un sorbo de vino. She got merry with just one sip of wine.

b. to get tipsy (colloquial)

Una cerveza no es suficiente para alegrarme. *One beer is not enough to get me tipsy.*

alegrar

transitive verb

- 3. (to give joy)
- a. to cheer up

Estamos planeando una fiesta para alegrarla. We're planning a party to cheer her up.

b. to make happy

Enterarme de que está embarazada me alegró muchísimo. *Hearing she's pregnant has made me so happy!*

- 4. (to enliven)
- a. to liven up

La música alegrará la fiesta. The music will liven up the party.

b. to brighten up

Tu sola prensencia me alegra el alma. Your presence brightens up my heart.

enojarse

pronominal verb

- 1. (to get upset)
- a. to get mad

No te enojes con tus hijos; no saben lo que hacen. *Don't get mad at your children; they don't know what they're doing.*

b. to get angry

Ese profesor se enoja muy fácil. Debemos invitarlo a una clase de yoga. *That professor gets angry really quickly. We should invite him to a yoga class*.

enojar

transitive verb

2. (to upset)

a. to anger

La subida de impuestos enojó a los trabajadores autónomos. *The tax raise angered freelance workers*.

b. to annoy

La mala calidad del césped enojó a los futbolistas. The bad quality of the grass annoyed the soccer players.

lamentar

transitive verb

1. (to feel sorry)

a. to regret

Lamento no haber ido a ver a mi abuela antes de su muerte. *I regret not having gone to see my grandmother before her death*.

b. to be sorry about

Lamento lo que le pasó a tu perro. *I'm sorry about what happened to your dog.*

c. to lament (formal)

Lamentamos el fallecimiento de su padre. We lament the passing of your father.

lamentarse

pronominal verb

2. (to express dissatisfaction)

a. to complain

No tiene sentido lamentarse de lo ocurrido. *There's no sense in complaining about what happened*.

b. to grumble

El cascarrabias caminaba por la calle, lamentándose de todo. *The curmudgeon walked down the street, grumbling about everything.*

sorprender

transitive verb

1. (to astonish)

a. to surprise

Sus amigos la sorprendieron con una fiesta de cumpleaños.*Her friends surprised her with a birthday party.*

2. (to catch unawares)

a. to catch

Sorprendí a mi hijo intentando sacar una galleta del tarro de galletas. I caught my son trying to take a cookie out of the cookie jar.

sorprenderse

<u>pronominal verb</u>

3. (to be amazed)

a. to be surprised

Me sorprendí cuando me propuso matrimonio. *I was surprised when he proposed*.

recomendar

transitive verb

1. (to suggest)

a. to recommend

No te recomiendo salir con tu jefe. I would not recommend that you go out with your boss.

b. to advise

El médico me ha recomendado no comer tanto azúcar. *The doctor has advised me not eat so much sugar*.

- 2. (to give a good reference)
- a. to recommend

Mi primo nos recomendó esta película. My cousin recommended this film to us.

sugerir

transitive verb

- 1. (to propose)
- a. to suggest

Sugiero que te vayas a dormir ya; es tarde. I suggest you go to sleep now. It's late.

- 2. (to remind)
- a. to evoke

¿Qué emociones sugieren estos cuadros? What emotions do these pictures evoke?

b. to remind of

La comida que cocinaste me sugiere la cocina auténtica italiana. The meal you cooked reminds me of authentic Italian cuisine.

- 3. (to insinuate)
- a. to hint at

El artículo sugiere la posibilidad de que las elecciones se vuelvan a repetir por sospecha de fraude. The article hints at the possibility that there will be a rerun of the election because of suspected fraud.

mandar

transitive verb

- 1. (to give commands)
- a. to order

Le mandaron que no se moviera ni hiciera nada. He was ordered to stay still and do nothing.

b. to tell

El profesor mandó a los alumnos a estar callados mientras hacían el examen. *The teacher told the students to be quiet during the exam*.

- 2. (to dispatch)
- a. to send

¿Debería mandarle flores para su cumpleaños? Should I send her flowers for her birthday?

3. (to lead)

a. to be in command of

Durante la Segunda Guerra Mundial, mi abuelo mandaba el cuerpo de paracaidistas. *During World War II, my grandfather was in command of the parachute corps.*

b. to be in charge of

¿Quién manda el coro de niños que cantó en el festival? Who is in charge of the children's choir that sang at the festival?

- 4. (to order to go)
- a. to send

Mi mamá me mandó a la panadería a comprar una barra de pan. *My mom sent me to the bakery to buy a loaf of bread*.

b. to send for

Abuela me mandó a venir a pasar la tarde con ella. *Grandma sent for me to come and spend the afternoon with her.*

- 5. (to write a prescription)
- a. to prescribe

El médico le mandó una pastilla para su dolor de cabeza. *The doctor prescribed a pill for his headache*.

- 6. (sports)
- a. to send

El portero mandó el balón al delantero de su equipo. *The goalkeeper sent the ball to his team's center-forward*.

b. to hit

El jugador de tenis mandó la pelota directamente a su adversario. *The tennis player hit the ball right to his opponent*.

7. (to hurl) (Latin America)

a. to throw

Mandó su anillo de bodas al mar después de divorciarse. She threw her wedding ring into the sea after getting divorced.

intransitive verb

8. (to lead)

a. to be in command

Él manda hasta que el capitán lo releve. He is in command until he is relieved by the Captain.

b. to be in charge

El gerente manda en el departamento de ventas de la compañía. The manager is in charge of the sales department of the company.

dudar

transitive verb

1. (to be unsure about)

a. to doubt

Dudamos que mucha gente vaya a asistir al seminario. We doubt that many people will attend the seminar.

intransitive verb

2. (to disbelieve)

a. to doubt

No dudo de su carácter, pero sí de su ética laboral. *I don't doubt his character*, but *I do doubt his work ethic*.

3. (to waver)

a. to hesitate

No dude en comunicarse conmigo en cualquier momento si tiene alguna pregunta. *Don't hesitate to get in touch with me at any time if you have questions.*

describir

transitive verb

1. (to depict)

a. to describe

Las palabras no pueden describir lo que siento en estos momentos. *Words can't describe how I feel right now.*

2. (to move along)

a. <u>to describe</u>

La luna describe una órbita elíptica alrededor de la Tierra. *The moon describes an elliptical orbit around the Earth*.

indicar

transitive verb

1. (to point out)

a. to indicate

La maestra había indicado que la fecha límite era el viernes. *The teacher had indicated that the deadline was Friday.*

b. to gesture (by moving hands or face)

El guía de la catedral les indicó con la mano que hablaran más bajo. *The cathedral's guide gestured with his hand for them to speak in a lower voice.*

2. (to give signs)

a. to show

La gráfica indica una mejora de las ventas. *The graph shows an improvement in sales*.

3. (to give directions)

a. to indicate

Un guardia nos indicó cómo llegar al teatro. A guard indicated to us how to get to the theater.

- 4. (medicine)
- a. to indicate

El doctor indicó reposo para su paciente. *The doctor indicated rest for his patient*.

b. to prescribe

Mi doctor me indicó una medicamento para el dolor de espalda. My doctor prescribed medicine for my back pain.

c. to tell

Hice todo lo que usted me indicó. *I did everything you told me to do*.

mencionar

transitive verb

- 1. (to say)
- a. to mention

El camarero mencionó que la sopa del día era bisque de langosta. *The waiter mentioned that the soup of the day was lobster bisque*.

repetir

transitive verb

- 1. (to redo)
- a. to do again

El perro se comió mis deberes y ahora tengo que repetirlos. *The dog ate my homework and now I have to do it again.*

- 2. (to say again)
- a. to repeat

Solo lo diré una vez así que no me pidan que lo repita. *I'll only say it once so don't ask me to repeat myself*.

- 3. (to imitate)
- a. to repeat

Mi hijo pequeño repite todo lo que su hermano hace. My younger son repeats everything his brother does.

- 4. (to retake)
- a. to repeat

Si tu asistencia no mejora, tendrás que repetir el año. If your attendance does not improve, you will need to repeat the year.

- 5. (portion of food)
- a. to have a second helping

¿Vas a repetir carne? Will you have a second helping of meat?

intransitive verb

- 6. (when eating)
- a. to have an aftertaste

Los pepinos no repiten si los pelas antes de comerlos. *Cucumbers don't have an aftertaste if you remove the skin before eating them*.

7. (of the body) (Mexico)

a. to burp

Su marido siempre repite durante nuestra cena de family. ¡Qué asco! *Her husband always burps during our family dinner. How disgusting!*

repetirse

pronominal verb

8. (to occur again)

a. to recur

Esas fases se repiten cada cinco años por término medio. *These phases recur every five years on average*.

revelar

transitive verb

- 1. (to divulge)
- a. to reveal

Se negó a revelar el secreto de la familia. She refused to reveal the family's secret.

b. to disclose

No reveles información personal a desconocidos. *Don't disclose any personal information to strangers*.

- 2. (to show signs)
- a. to reveal

Su descuidada redacción revelaba falta de profesionalidad. His sloppy writing revealed a lack of professionalism.

b. to show

Sus ojos revelaban pena. *Her eyes showed sorrow*.

- 3. (photography)
- a. to develop

El fotógrafo reveló las fotos que tomó en la boda. *The photographer developed the photos he took at the wedding.*

revelarse

pronominal verb

- 4. (to show oneself)
- a. to reveal oneself

Pablo se reveló como un gran cantante de ópera. *Pablo revealed himself as a great opera singer*.

- 5. (to show itself)
- a. to prove to be

Pronto el Internet se reveló indispensable para la vida moderna. Soon the Internet proved to be indispensable for modern life.

señalar

transitive verb

- 1. (to tag)
- a. to mark

Los libros que señalé con una palomita son los que me faltan por leer. *The books that I marked with a tick are the ones I haven't read yet*.

- 2. (to indicate)
- a. to show

El guía nos señaló la ruta que lleva a la cascada secreta. *The guide showed us the route that leads to the secret waterfall.*

b. to point out

Si me señalas el cuadro que quieres, te lo bajo. If you point out the painting you want, I'll get it down for you.

- 3. (to note)
- a. to point out

Debo señalar que no hay camas suficientes para todos los pacientes. I must point out that there aren't enough beds for all of the patients.

- 4. (to determine)
- a. to set

El gobierno ha señalado el 15 de abril como el último día para pagar impuestos. *The government has set the 15th of April as the last day to pay taxes*.

b. to fix

La directora del colegio ha señalado el 5 de enero como el primer día de clases. *The principal of the school has fixed the 5th of January as the first day of classes.* señalarse

pronominal verb

5. (to be notable)

a. to stand out

La profesora se señala por sus esfuerzos infatigables de animar a sus alumnos. *The professor stands out for her tireless efforts to encourage her students*.

b. to distinguish oneself

Se señaló por su dedicación a los derechos de los animales. He distinguished himself by his commitment to animal rights.

asegurar

transitive verb

1. (to promise)

a. to assure

Te aseguro que nos vamos a divertir en la fiesta. I assure you that we are going to have fun at the party.

b. to guarantee

El alcalde aseguró que los impuestos se reducirían. *The mayor guaranteed that taxes would be lowered*.

2. (to fasten)

a. to secure

Aseguramos la puerta con cuatro cerraduras para estar seguros. *We secured the door with four locks to be safe.*

3. (to provide insurance)

a. to insure

Siempre aseguro mi teléfono celular en caso de que lo pierda. I always insure my cellphone in case I lose it.

asegurarse

<u>reflexive verb</u>

4. (to ensure)

a. to make sure

¿Te aseguraste de que tienes las llaves? Did you make sure you have the keys?

b. to check

Se aseguró de que tuviera suficiente dinero. *He checked that he had enough money.* afirmar

transitive verb

1. (to asseverate)

a. to assert

El presidente afirmó con seguridad que en su país no existe la corrupción. The president asserted confidently that there is no corruption in his country.

b. to declare

El médico afirmó que cuando el paciente llegó al hospital, ya no había nada que pudieran hacer. *The doctor declared that when the patient made it to the hospital, there wasn't anything they could do.*

c. to state

El sospechoso ha afirmado que estaba trabajando a la hora que se cometió el crimen. *The suspect has stated that he was working at the time the crime was committed.*

intransitive verb

2. (with your head)

a. to nod

Le pregunté a mi papá si podía tomar el coche, y me lo afirmó con la cabeza. I asked my dad if I could use the car and he nodded his head.

afirmarse

pronominal verb

3. (to maintain balance)

a. to steady oneself

Me sentí mareado, así que me apoyé con la mano en la pared para afirmarme. I felt dizzy, so I put a hand on the wall to steady myself.

4. (to maintain)

a. to stand by

A pesar de la polémica, la periodista se afirmó en lo que había escrito. *Despite the controversy, the journalist stood by what she had written*.

aludir

intransitive verb

1. (to make an indirect reference; used with "a")

a. to allude to

En este pasaje, el autor alude a la frágil relación que tenía con su padre. In this passage, the author alludes to his fragile relationship with his father.

b. to refer to

Si bien no revelé su nombre, todos sabían que estaba aludiendo a Emilia. *Although I didn't reveal her name, everybody knew I was referring to Emilia.*

2. (to bring up; used with "a")

a. to mention

El presidente no aludió al problema social en su discurso. *The president didn't mention the social problem in his speech.*

notar

transitive verb

1. (to be aware)

a. to notice

Noté que saliste muy temprano de tu casa hoy. *I noticed that you left home very early today*.

2. (to feel)

a. to feel

¿No notas nada en el brazo? Tienes un rasguño grande. *Don't you feel anything on your arm? You have a big scratch*.

3. (to distinguish)

a. to mark

Después de platicar con el abogado, revisé el documento y noté las páginas importantes. *After talking with the lawyer, I reviewed the document and marked the important pages.*

b. to indicate

Permíteme notar cuál es la sección que debes estudiar. *Allow me to indicate which section you should study.*

impersonal verb

4. (to be obvious)

a. to be noticeable

¿Se nota que mis patillas están disparejas? - No, para nada. *Is it noticeable that my sideburns are uneven? - No, not at all.*

b. to be able to tell

Se nota que está muy contenta. You can tell she's very happy.

notarse

<u>reflexive verb</u>

5. (to perceive)

a. to feel

Me noto más alerta en la mañana que por la noche. I feel more alert in the morning than at night. observar

transitive verb

- 1. (to look at)
- a. to watch

El perro observaba la araña con curiosidad. *The dog was curiously watching the spider*.

b. <u>to observe</u>

Observó el eclipse solar con equipo especial. *He observed the solar eclipse with special equipment.*

2. (to perceive)

a. to see

Como puedes observar, hemos avanzado bien con el proyecto. As you can see, we have made good progress with the project.

b. to notice

El enfermero mencionó haber observado un movimiento extraño en los ojos del paciente. *The nurse mentioned having noticed a strange movement of the patient's eyes*.

c. to note

La gerente observó un patrón de conducta inapropiada en el departamento. *The manager noted a pattern of inappropriate behavior in the department.*

d. to observe

El médico observó una mejoría del paciente. The doctor observed an improvement in the patient.

3. (to comment)

a. to point out

Su abuela observó que no había espacio en la casa para cuidar un perro. *Her grandmother pointed out that there wasn't enough room in the house for taking care of a dog.*

b. to remark

Lucinda observó que el tráfico parecía cada vez peor. *Lucinda remarked that the traffic seemed to be getting worse by the day.*

c. to observe

"¡Qué elegante restaurante!", observó Marco. "What an elegant restaurant!," observed Marco.

4. (to respect)

a. to observe

Para vivir en armonía con los demás, hay que observar las leyes. In order to live in harmony with others, the law must be observed.

b. to abide by

El maestro recordó a los alumnos la importancia de observar las normas. *The teacher reminded the students of the importance of abiding by the rules*.

c. to follow

Mi suegra todavía observa la tradición de servir a su esposo antes de sentarse a comer. *My mother-in-law still follows the tradition of serving her husband before sitting down to eat.*

d. no direct translation

Me extrañó el comentario de Gloria, porque hasta ahora había observado una conducta respetuosa.*I* was surprised by Gloria's comment because up until now she had behaved respectfully.

En Ramadán, los musulmanes deben observar el ayuno durante el día. *In Ramadan, muslims must fast during the day while it is light.*

percibir

transitive verb

1. (to detect)

a. to perceive

"Los paladares exigentes percibirán un sabor sutil a moras con este flan," dijo el chef." *Distinguishing palates will perceive a subtle berry flavor in this flan,*" said the chef. Susan percibió que su esposo le estaba escondiendo algo. *Susan perceived her husband was hiding something from her.*

b. to notice

Me corté el pelo, per nadie percibió el cambio. *I cut my hair, but nobody noticed the change.*

c. to sense

Puedes percibir la tensión en el ambiente cuando los dos están en la misma habitación. *You can sense tension in the air when those two are in the same room.*

- 2. (to get paid)
- a. to receive

Aunque vivo en México, percibo mi salario en dólares. *Although I live in Mexico, I receive my salarv in dollars*.

ocurrir

intransitive verb

- 1. (to take place)
- a. to happen

¿Sabes qué ocurrió aquí?Do you know what happened here?

ocurrirse

pronominal verb

2. (to come to mind)

a. to occur to

Se me ocurre que nunca te felicité cuando te casaste. It occurs to me that I never congratulated you when you got married.

b. to have an idea

Se le ocurrió vender en mercados locales. *He had the idea of selling at local markets*.

c. to think of

¿Se te ocurre un título para nuestro proyecto? Can you think of a title for our project? acontecer

intransitive verb

- 1. (to come about)
- a. to take place

Estos trágicos sucesos acontecieron el 3 de octubre de 1998. *These tragic events took place on October 3rd*, 1998.

b. to happen

Vivimos en un mundo cambiante, en el que es difícil vislumbrar lo que va a acontecer. We live in a changing world, where it is difficult to discern what will happen.

c. to occur

El accidente aconteció cuando el vehículo patinó en el hielo. *The accident occurred when the vehicle skidded on the ice*.

masculine noun

- 2. (occurrences)
- a. events

Nos gusta mantenernos informados del acontecer internacional. We like to keep up to date with international events.

averiguar

transitive verb

- 1. (to uncover)
- a. to find out

¿Averiguaste qué era lo que le pasaba? Did you find out what was wrong with him?

b. to discover

Los niños averiguaron dónde sus papás habían escondido los regalos. *The kids had discovered where their parents had hidden the presents.*

averiguarse

reflexive verb

- 2. (to make do) (Mexico)
- a. <u>to get by</u>

Nos vamos a averiguar con los ahorros del año pasado. We will get by with our savings from last year.

enterar

transitive verb

- 1. (to communicate)
- a. to inform

Tenemos que enterar a las autoridades. We have to inform the authorities.

b. to notify

La secretaria le enviará una carta para enterarle. The secretary will send a letter to notify you.

- 2. (to remit) (Chile) (Mexico)
- a. to pay

Ahora ya es posible enterar los impuestos a través de Internet. It is now possible to pay your taxes through the Internet.

- 3. (to make up) (Chile)
- a. to complete

Ya enteré el primer trimestre de la formación. I have already completed my first term of training. enterarse

pronominal verb

- 4. (to discover)
- a. to find out

Me enteraré de la verdad pase lo que pase. I will find out the truth no matter what.

- 5. (to know)
- a. to hear

¿Te has enterado de lo que les pasó estando de vacaciones? *Did you hear about what happened to them while on vacation?*

b. to find out

Acabo de enterarme por mi vecina y he venido tan deprisa como he podido. I just found out from my neighbor and came as quickly as possible.

- 6. (to perceive)
- a. to notice

Ni me enteré de que habías entrado. I didn't even notice you had come in.

- 7. (to comprehend) (Spain)
- a. to understand

¿Te enteraste de lo que dijo? Did you understand what he said?

lanzar

transitive verb

- 1. (to propel)
- a. to throw

Los manifestantes empezaron a lanzar piedras. *The protesters started throwing rocks*.

b. to hurl

Jürgen Schult lanzó el disco 74.08 metros. Jürgen Schult hurled the discus 74.08 meters.

c. to fling

Solíamos lanzar globos de agua a los carros cuando éramos niños. We used to fling water balloons at cars when we were kids.

d. to pitch (baseball)

Nolan Ryan lanzaba con una velocidad tremenda. *Nolan Ryan pitched amazingly fast.*

- 2. (to discharge)
- a. to fire

En cuanto tengamos suficiente presión, lanza los torpedos. As soon as we have enough pressure, fire the torpedoes.

b. to launch

Rusia lanzó un satélite a la atmósfera. Russia launched a satellite into the atmosphere.

c. to drop (bomb)

Los soldados lanzaron una bomba sobre su enemigo. *The soldiers dropped a bomb on their enemy.*

- 3. (to make public)
- a. to launch (product)

Hasbro lanzó su juguete nuevo justo a tiempo para la Navidad. *Hasbro launched its new toy just in time for Christmas*.

b. to release

Thalía lanzó su última canción en el otoño. Thalía released her latest song in the fall.

4. (to express)

a. to hurl

Carlota lanzó unas acusaciones a su tía por no haberle dado lo que pidió. *Carlota hurled accusations at her aunt for not getting her what she asked for.*

b. to let out

El estudiante lanzó un suspiro al terminar el examen. The student let out a sigh when he finished the exam.

c. to launch

El viejito me lanzó una letanía de insultos cuando pisé el césped de su casa. *The old man launched a litany of insults at me when I stepped on his lawn*.

5. (to give a look)

a. to shoot

Juan le lanzó una mirada feroz a su amiga porque lo delató con la maestra. *Juan shot his friend an angry look because she told on him to the teacher.*

b. to give

El barman me lanzó una mirada atrevida cuando le pide un "sexo en la playa". *The bartender gave me a saucy look when I asked for a "sex on the beach"*.

6. (to begin)

a. to launch

La invasión de Normandía se lanzó el 6 de junio de 1944. *The invasion of Normandy was launched on June 6th*, 1944.

intransitive verb

7. (to vomit)

a. to throw up

El jamón me cayó mal; creo que voy a lanzar. *The ham didn't agree with me; I think I'm going to throw up.*

lanzarse

pronominal verb

8. (to throw oneself)

a. to jump into

La clavadista se lanzó al agua. The diver jumped into the water.

9. (to jump at; followed by preposition)

a. <u>to fall upon</u>

Los fanáticos se lanzaron sobre Messi cuando salió del estadio. *The fans fell upon Messi when he exited the stadium*.

b. to leap on

Los niños se lanzaron sobre el castillo inflable en la feria. *The kids leapt on the moon bounce at the fair.*

c. to pounce on

La gata se lanzó sobre el ratón con ganas. *The cat pounced on the rat with gusto*.

10. (to attempt; with "a")

a. to undertake

La empresa se va a lanzar a un nuevo reto este año. *The company is going to undertake a new challenge this year.*

b. to embark upon

La exploradora se lanzó a una nueva aventura. *The explorer embarked upon a new adventure*.

c. to enter

El luchador decidió lanzarse a la política. *The wrestler decided to enter politics*.

comer

transitive verb

- 1. (to ingest food)
- a. to eat

Me gusta comer manzanas. I like to eat apples.

- 2. (to eat for lunch) (Mexico) (Spain)
- a. to have for lunch

Tengo ganas de comer un sándwich de rosbif. *I feel like having a roast beef sandwich for lunch.*

- 3. (to eat for dinner) (Latin America)
- a. to have for dinner

Vamos a comer espagueti con albóndigas. We're going to have spaghetti and meatballs for dinner.

- 4. (to make disappear)
- a. to hide

Ese sombrero te queda demasiado grande. ¡Te come la cara entera! *That hat is too big for you. It hides your entire face!*

b. to swallow up

Siento que estas gafas de sol me comen la cara. I feel like these sunglasses swallow up my face.

- 5. (to consume)
- a. to eat up

El pago de la hipoteca de la casa me come la mayoría del sueldo. The mortgage payment on my house eats up most of my paycheck.

- 6. (chess)
- a. to take

Me comieron todos los peones. *All my pawns were taken*.

intransitive verb

- 7. (to ingest food)
- a. to eat

No quiero comer ahora mismo; no tengo hambre. I don't feel like eating right now. I'm not hungry.

- 8. (to eat lunch) (Mexico) (Spain)
- a. to have lunch

Comieron rápido porque tenían una reunión a la 1 pm. *They had lunch quickly because they had a meeting at 1 pm*.

- 9. (to have a meal in the evening) (Latin America)
- a. to have dinner

Comimos en un restaurante mexicano nuevo. We had dinner at a new Mexican restaurant.

comerse

pronominal verb

10. (to ingest food)

a. to eat

Ella se comió el pastel entero. She ate the entire cake.

- 11. (to wear away)
- a. to eat away
- El óxido se come el metal. Rust eats away metal.
- b. to fade

El sol se comió la pintura del carro. The sun faded the paint on the car.

c. to corrode

La lluvia ácida corroe las estatuas de bronce. Acid rain corrodes bronze statues.

- 12. (to use up)
- a. to eat up

¡Los impuestos se me comen la mayor parte de mi sueldo! *Much of my pay was eaten up by taxes!*

b. to blow through

El chico se comió todos sus dulces de Halloween en una noche. *The boy blew through all his Halloween candy in one night.*

13. (to chew on)

a. to bite

Le pusieron un ungüento para que no se siguiera comiendo las uñas. *They put an ointment on his nails so that he wouldn't bite them.*

14. (to omit)

a. to miss

Te comiste toda la puntuación. *You missed all punctuation*.

b. to swallow

Se comió las palabras cuando estaba hablando con su enamorada. He swallowed his words when he was talking to his crush.

15. (to collide with)

a. to hit

Se comió el techo con la cabeza. He hit his head against the ceiling.

b. to crash into

Nos comimos la puerta del garaje cuando dimos marcha atrás. *We crashed into the garage door when we went in reverse*.

recoger

transitive verb

1. (to lift up)

a. to pick up

Tuve que recoger todas las canicas que se cayeron al suelo. *I had to pick up all the marbles that fell to the floor.*

2. (to collect)

a. to gather

Es importante recoger toda la información necesaria. It is important to gather all the necessary information.

3. (to organize)

a. to clean up

Tenemos que recoger la cocina antes de la fiesta. We have to clean up the kitchen before the party.

4. (to fetch)

a. to pick up

¿Puedes venir a recogerme al aeropuerto el próximo domingo? Would you be able to pick me up at the airport next Sunday?

5. (to put hair up)

a. to put up

She put her hair up for the wedding. *Ella recogió su cabello para la boda*.

6. (to harvest)

a. to pick

¿Cuándo es el mejor momento para recoger fresas? When is the best time to pick strawberries? recogerse

reflexive verb

7. (to retire)

a. to go home (colloquial)

Tengo que recogerme a las 9 pm. *I have to go home at 9 pm*.

reunir

transitive verb

1. (to congregate)

a. to gather

Mi papá nos reunió alrededor de la fogata para relatarnos cuentos. *Dad gathered us around the campfire to tell us stories*.

b. to bring together

La boda reunió a sus dos familias por primera vez. *The wedding brought together their two families for the first time*.

2. (to create a collection)

a. to collect

A él le gusta reunir conchas marinas y meterlas en un frasco. He likes to collect seashells and put them in a jar.

3. (to attain)

a. to meet

Con la donación más reciente hemos reunido nuestro objetivo. *With the most recent donation, we have met our goal.*

b. to fulfill

Sus calificaciones no reúnen el requisito mínimo para entrar al programa. His grades do not fulfill the minimum requirement to enter into the program.

reunirse

reciprocal verb

4. (to get together)

a. to meet

Mi hermano y yo vamos a reunirnos en el café al mediodía. *My brother and I are going to meet at the café at noon*.

manejar

transitive verb

1. (to deal with)

a. to handle

Un cajero de casino maneja mucho dinero. A casino cashier handles a lot of money.

b. to use

Hay que saber cómo manejar los datos para sacarles máximo provecho. *You need to know how to use the data to get the most out of it.*

c. to operate

¿Has aprendido a manejar la nueva maquinaria? *Have you learned how to operate the new machinery?*

2. (to direct)

a. to run

Un conglomerado extranjero ha manejado la empresa desde enero. *A foreign conglomerate has run the company since January*.

b. to manage

Me contrataron para manejar la bodega. They hired me to manage the warehouse.

3. (to manipulate)

a. to manipulate

El director de la empresa maneja a sus empleados como quiere. *The company director manipulates his staff at will*.

4. (automobile) (Latin America)

a. to drive

Mi padre me deja manejar su carro los fines de semana. *My dad lets me drive his car on weekends*. intransitive verb

5. (automobile) (Latin America)

a. to drive

Voy a aprender a manejar este verano. *I'm going to learn to drive this summer.* manejarse

pronominal verb

6. (to handle oneself)

a. to get by

Se maneja muy bien en chino y ruso. *She gets by very well in Chinese and Russian*.

b. to manage

Se maneja perfectamente en su nuevo empleo. *She's managing perfectly well in her new job.*

7. (to act)

a. to behave

Los niños se manejaron muy bien en la excursión. *The children behaved really well on the field trip.* equivocar

transitive verb

- 1. (to mix something up)
- a. to get wrong

Perdón, equivoqué la dirección de email. Sorry, I got the email address wrong.

2. (to cause someone to make an error)

a. to make go wrong

Cállate un momento. Estos cálculos son complicados y me vas a equivocar. *Can you be quiet for a moment? These calculations are complicated, and you're going to make me go wrong.*

b. to make make a mistake

Me fié de esta app y me equivocó. I trusted this app, but it made me make a mistake.

3. (to make a poor choice of)

a. no direct translation

Creo que equivoqué la carrera; mi hermano gana mucho más que yo. I think I chose the wrong career; my brother earns much more than I do.

Me parece que equivoqué la especialidad, y ahora voy a tener problemas para conseguir trabajo. *It looks like I picked the wrong major, and now it will be difficult to get a job.*

equivocarse

pronominal verb

4. (to be in error; often used with "con")

a. to be wrong

No me equivoqué con él; es un hombre muy amable y sincero. *I wasn't wrong about him; he's a very kind, sincere man*.

b. to be mistaken

Creo que te equivocas; mi hija nunca haría tal cosa. *I think you're mistaken; my daughter would never do such a thing.*

5. (to make an error; often used with "con")

a. to make a mistake

Apaga la música; no quiero equivocarme. Can you turn the music off? I don't want to make a mistake.

b. no direct translation

La empresa reconoce que se equivocó con su respuesta. *The company recognizes that it got its response wrong.*

El gobierno se equivocó con esta medida. The government got it wrong with this policy.

6. (to slip up over; used with "de")

a. no direct translation

Mi madre se equivocó de tren y, por consiguiente, no lllegó aquí hasta la una de la madrugada. My mother got on the wrong train and, as a result, didn't get here till one in the morning.

Te equivocaste de mes. El cumpleaños de Fernando es el dos de julio y no el dos de junio. *You got the month wrong. Fernando's birthday is the second of July not the second of June.* confundir

transitive verb

1. (to disconcert)

a. to confuse

La manera en que se formuló la pregunta me confundió. The way that the question was worded confused me.

b. to confound

Cada vez que el consejo saca un documento nuevo, solo confunden más las cosas. *Every time the board puts out a new document, they only confound things more.*

2. (to misconstrue)

a. to confuse

Esa mujer me habló como si fuera un amigo de toda la vida. Creo que me confundía con otro. That woman spoke to me as if I were an old friend. I think she was confusing me with someone else.

b. to mix up

Estaba confundiendo este restaurante con el otro donde fuimos. I was mixing up this restaurant with the other one where we went.

3. (to take aback)

a. to overwhelm

La familia estaba confundida por la generosidad de la comunidad. *The family was overwhelmed by the generosity of the community.*

confundirse

pronominal verb

4. (to be wrong)

a. to make a mistake

El contable estaba tan agobiado de trabajo que se confundió en varias facturas que procesó. *The accountant was so overwhelmed with work that he made a mistake on several bills that he processed.*

b. to get wrong

Es normal confundirse de las palabras mientras se aprende otro idioma. It's normal to get words wrong when learning another language.

5. (to become confused)

a. to get confused

Nos confundimos con las líneas de tren y no hicimos el transbordo. We got confused with the train lines and missed the transfer.

b. to get mixed up

Me confundí en el centro comercial porque hay muchos corredores y partes diferentes. *I got mixed up in the mall because there are so many corridors and different parts*.

6. (to become mixed with)

a. to blend

Todos los colores del cielo se confunden a la puesta del sol. All the colors of the sky blend at sunset.

b. to disappear into

El espía se confundió en la multitud de la manifestación. *The spy disappeared into the crowd of the protest.*

malentender

transitive verb

1. (general)

a. to misunderstand

No malentiendas lo que te digo: no es una crítica sino una sugerencia. *Don't misunderstand what I'm saying: it's not a criticism, but a suggestion.*

lograr

transitive verb

1. (to meet an objective)

a. to reach

No todos logran sus objetivos en la vida. Not everyone reaches their goals in life.

2. (to make something happen)

a. to be able to

Lograron conseguir el carro a un precio mucho más bajo. *They were able to get the car for a much lower price*.

b. to get

Logré sacar un día de playa durante mi viaje de trabajo. *I got to sneak in a beach day on my work trip.*

c. to manage to

¿Lograste cambiar la cita del doctor para el martes? Did you manage to change the doctor's appointment to Tuesday?

3. (to obtain)

a. to attain

Logró primer lugar en la carrera de 100 metros. She attained first place in the 100 meter race.

b. to achieve

Tienes que trabajar fuerte para lograr tus sueños. You have to work hard to achieve your dreams.

4. (to be victorious)

a. to win

Lograron una victoria sin precedentes en el campeonato. *They won an unprecedented victory at the championship.*

lograrse

<u>pronominal verb</u>

5. (to finish something)

a. to complete

No se logró la construcción del nuevo edificio porque no tenían los permisos necesarios. *The construction of the new building wasn't completed because they didn't have the necessary permissions.*

renunciar

intransitive verb

1. (to quit)

a. to resign

El político decidió renunciar después del escándalo. The politician decided to resign after the scandal.

- 2. (to give up; used with "a")
- a. to relinquish (inheritance, throne)

La princesa debió renunciar a reclamar el trono. *The princess had to relinquish all claims to the throne.*

b. to waive (rights)

Al firmar esta exención, acepta renunciar a sus derechos. *By signing this waiver, you agree to waive your rights*.

c. to renounce

Renunciaron a recurrir a la lucha armada. They renounced the armed struggle.

3. (cards) (Spain)

a. to revoke

¡Has renunciado! ¡Tenías diamantes, pero no seguiste la baza! You've revoked! You have diamonds, but you didn't follow the suit!

relucir

intransitive verb

1. (to glisten)

a. to shine

El limpiabotas utilizó un producto que hizo que las botas relucieran. *The shoeblack used a product which made my boots shine.*

b. to gleam

Sacó un puñal que relucía a la luz de la lumbre. *He took out a dagger, which gleamed in the firelight.*

c. to glitter

En esta noche sin nubes las estrellas relucen como diamantes. In this cloudless night the stars glitter like diamonds.

rechazar

transitive verb

- 1. (to refuse to accept)
- a. to reject

El comité rechazó su propuesta. The committee rejected his proposal.

b. to turn down

Rechazaron nuestra oferta por la casa. *They turned down our offer for the house*.

- 2. (to push back)
- a. to repel

Los soldados rechazaron la ofensiva del enemigo. The soldiers repeled the enemy offensive.

b. to drive back

Necesitamos tanques y helicópteros adicionales para rechazar a las fuerzas enemigas. *We need additional tanks and helicopters to drive back the enemy forces*.

- 3. (to declare untrue)
- a. to deny

La empresa ha rechazado las acusaciones de discriminación. *The company has denied accusations of discrimination*.

- 4. (medicine)
- a. to reject

Desafortunadamente, el cuerpo del paciente rechazó el riñón que le donaron. *Unfortunately, the patient's body rejected the donated kidney.*

ayudar

transitive verb

- 1. (to assist)
- a. to help

¿Puedes ayudarme a mover este sofá? Can you help me move this sofa?

<u>intransitive verb</u>

- 2. (to assist)
- a. to help

Si quieres ayudar, puedes barrer las hojas del jardín. *If you want to help, you can sweep the leaves in the garden*.

ayudarse

pronominal verb

- 3. (to make use of something)
- a. to use

Ayúdate de un trozo de pan para llevar la comida al tenedor. *Use a piece of bread to push the food on to your fork*.

b. to make use of

No se pudieron ayudar de la harina que sobró. *They couldn't make use of the flour that was left over.* regresar

intransitive verb

- 1. (to go back)
- a. to return

Regresa con la factura si quieres un crédito de la tienda. Return with the receipt if you want store credit.

b. to come back

Odio que tenga que regresar al trabajo. *I hate that I have to come back to work.*

c. to go back

Solo llevo una semana de vuelta, pero ya quiero regresar a España. I've only been back a week and I already want to go back to Spain.

- 2. (to hand back) (Latin America)
- a. <u>to return</u>

Regresa las llaves a su sitio. Return the keys to their place.

b. to give back

Regrésale las llaves. *Give the keys back to him.*

regresarse

<u>reflexive verb</u>

3. (to be back) (Latin America)

a. to return

Se regresaron después de dos meses de estar perdidos. *They returned after two months of being missing.*

b. to go back

¡Me quiero regresar a Disney World! I want to go back to Disney World.

c. to come back

Se regresó al lugar de su nacimiento. He came back to the place of his birth.

retomar

transitive verb

1. (to restart)

a. to resume

Retomé mis estudios tras un año sabático. I resumed my studies after a sabbatical year.

b. to take up again

El autor retoma la teoría conspirativa en el capítulo doce. *The author takes up his conspiracy theory again in the twelfth chapter.*

c. to pick back up

Dejé de tocar la guitarra en la secundaria, pero la retomé cuando terminé la facultad. *I quit playing guitar in high-school, but I picked it back up after college.*

retar

transitive verb

1. (to dare)

a. to challenge

Me retó a una partida de ajedrez. *She challenged me to a game of chess*.

- 2. (to scold) (Southern Cone)
- a. to tell off (colloquial)

Su hermana le retó cuando la criticó por el vestido que llevaba. His sister told him off when he criticized her for the dress she was wearing.

conferir

transitive verb

1. (to present)

a. to confer

La nueva constitución confería poderes ilimitados al presidente. *The new constitution conferred unlimited power on the president.*

b. to bestow

La academia le confirió el honor de nombrarle autor del año. *The academy bestowed him the honor of naming him author of the year.*

c. to award

El jurado ha conferido el premio de conjunto más elegante a la modelo española. *The jury awarded the prize for the most elegant outfit to the Spanish model*.

2. (to provide)

a. to give

La nueva decoración de la habitación le confiere un ambiente más profesional. *The room's new decor gives it a more professional atmosphere.*

b. to lend

Su uniforme le confería un aire de autoridad. His uniform lent him an air of authority. regar

transitive verb

1. (to drench with water)

a. to water

Yo regaré las rosas en tu ausencia. I will water the roses while you're away.

b. to irrigate

Los aspersores riegan el jardín con agua regenerada. *The sprinklers irrigate the garden with reclaimed water.*

c. to hose down

Tras la tormenta, barrí todas las hojas y regué toda la porquería de mi jardín trasero. *After the storm, I swept all the leaves and hosed down the dirt from my backyard.*

- 2. (geography)
- a. to flow through

El río riega el valle, abasteciendo a las aldeas de alrededor de agua fresca. *The river flows through the valley supplying the surrounding villages with freshwater.*

- 3. (to scatter liquids)
- a. to spill

Regó el vino por toda la mesa. She spilled the wine on the entire table.

- 4. (colloquial) (to fail) (Mexico)
- a. to screw up (colloquial)

¡Ya la regaste! You screwed it up!

- 5. (to sprinkle)
- a. to scatter

Mientras cargaba sus juguetes, tropezó y los regó por el suelo. While carrying his toys, he tripped and scattered them all over the floor.

regarse

reflexive verb

6. (to bathe) (Latin America)

a. to shower

Al regarte con agua caliente, frota tu cuerpo con azúcar para exfoliarte la piel. *When showering with warm water, scrub your body with sugar to exfoliate your skin.*

b. to take a shower

Siempre me riego con agua fría en el verano para refrescarme. I always take cold showers in the summer to feel refreshed.

pronominal verb

7. (to disperse) (Central America)

a. to scatter

Los protestantes se regaron presos del pánico cuando llegó la policía. *The protesters scattered in panic when the police arrived.*

8. (to become cross) (Caribbean)

a. to get angry

Mi novia se regó porque la llamé por el nombre de mi exnovia. *My girlfriend got angry because I called her by my ex-girlfriend's name.*

agotar

transitive verb

- 1. (to fatigue)
- a. to exhaust

Este trabajo de ladrillero me agota. *This brick-laying job exhausts me*.

b. to wear out

Viajar entre Los Ángeles y Sydney una vez por mes me está agotando. *Travelling between Los Angeles and Sydney once a month is wearing me out.*

c. to tire out

Si crees que ir a la escuela te agota, mira a ver una vida sin una educación. *If you think going to school tires you out, try a life without an education.*

2. (to use completely)

a. to use up

Tener la radio prendida todo el día agota las pilas. *Having the radio on all day uses up the batteries*.

b. to run out

Felipe agotó todos los pretextos y se vio obligado a empezar a decir la verdad. *Felipe ran out of pretexts and was forced to start telling the truth.*

c. to exhaust

Si no cambiamos, agotaremos las existencias de petróleo dentro de nuestras vidas. *If we don't change, we will exhaust the supply of petroleum within our lifetime.*

d. to run down

Agotarás la pila del carro si dejas las luces prendidas toda la noche. *You'll run down the car battery if you leave the lights on all night.*

intransitive verb

3. (to be tiring)

a. to be exhausting

Caminar bajo el sol del desierto sí agota. *Walking under the desert sun is truly exhausting.* agotarse

reflexive verb

4. (to become tired)

a. to tire oneself out

Me agoté empacando para las vacaciones. I tired myself out packing for vacation.

b. to get exhausted

Se agotó fisicamente al correr el maratón, pero se cargó de energía espiritual. *She was physically exhausted from running the marathon, but charged with spiritual energy.*

c. to wear oneself out

El chófer se agotó de manejar toda la noche. *The driver wore himself out from driving all night.* pronominal verb

5. (to use up a resource)

a. to run out

Tuvimos más invitados de lo esperado y se nos agotó la comida. *We had more guests than expected and ran out of food.*

b. to sell out

Lo siento, pero se nos agotaron los ponis rositas. *I'm sorry, but we are sold out of pink ponies*.

c. to use up

Después de sacar cientos de fotos, la pila ya se agotó. *After taking hundreds of pictures, the battery is used up.*

amarrar

transitive verb

1. (to fasten)

a. to tie

Le voy a amarrar un moño al regalo de cumpleaños. I'll tie a bow to the birthday present.

b. to tie up

El dueño amarró el perro a un árbol. The owner tied the dog up to a tree.

c. to moor (nautical)

La tripulación amarró el barco en el puerto. *The crew moored the boat to the port*.

2. (to secure)

a. to tie up

La empresa está haciendo lo necesario por amarrar un acuerdo. *The company is doing what is necessary to tie up an agreement.*

amarrarse

pronominal verb

3. (to lace) (Latin America)

a. to tie

Mi hija acaba de aprender a amarrarse las agujetas. *My daughter just learned how to tie her shoelaces*.

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transitive verb

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alimentar

transitive verb

1. (to give food)

a. to feed

¿Alimentaste al bebé? Did you feed the baby?

2. (to give nutrition)

a. to nourish

Nuestro champú nuevo alimentará tu cabello. *Our new shampoo will nourish your hair.*

- 3. (to feed)
- a. to fire (figurative)

La lectura alimenta la imaginación. *Reading fires the imagination*.

b. to fuel (figurative)

Ver el documental alimentó su deseo de ayudar a los animales maltratados. *Seeing the documentary fueled her desire to help mistreated animals*.

4. (to give fuel to)

a. to feed

Sigue alimentado el motor o el tren se detendrá. *Keep feeding the engine or the train will stop.* alimentarse

pronominal verb

5. (to eat)

a. to feed on

Muchos murciélagos se alimentan de frutas. Many bats feed on fruit.

b. to eat

¿De qué te alimentas cuando estás en el bosque? What do you eat when you're in the forest? basar

transitive verb phrase

1. (to be founded on)

a. to base on

La escuela diurna religiosa basa sus lecciones en las historias de la Biblia. *The religious day school bases its lessons on stories from the Bible.*

basarse

pronominal verb

2. (to be supported by)

a. to be based on

Mi hipótesis sobre el asesinato se basa en las pistas encontradas en la escena del crimen. My hypothesis about the murder is based on the clues found at the scene of the crime.

acostar

transitive verb

1. (to set down)

a. to lay down

Acuesta a la paciente y levántale las piernas. Lay the patient down and raise her legs.

- 2. (to put to sleep)
- a. to put to bed

Acosté a los niños y luego me acosté yo. I put the children to bed and then went to bed myself. acostarse

reflexive verb

3. (to go to sleep)

a. to go to bed

Suelo acostarme a las 10, pero hoy llegué a medianoche. *I usually go to bed at 10, but today I got home at midnight.*

4. (to recline)

a. to lie down

Se acostó en la arena y se puso la camisa en la cabeza. *She lay down in the sand and put her shirt over her head.*

interesar

intransitive verb

- 1. (to appeal to)
- a. to interest

¿De verdad crees que esta película les interesa a los alumnos?Do you really think this movie will interest the students?

b. to be of interest

El proyecto seguramente interesará a los inversionistas. *The project will certainly be of interest to the investors*.

2. (to affect)

a. to concern

Las decisiones de la presidente nos interesan a todos. The president's decisions concern us all.

3. (to be useful)

a. to be of interest

Interesaría realizar una investigación más detallada del caso. It would be of interest to conduct further research on the case.

transitive verb

4. (to attract; used with "en")

a. to interest in

El vendedor nos interesó en la casa en venta. The salesman interested us in the house on sale.

b. to get interested in

Tenemos que tratar de interesar a los niños en el deporte. We've got to try to get kids interested in sports.

5. (formal) (to harm)

a. to damage

El choque le interesó uno de los pulmones. The crash damaged one of his lungs.

b. to affect

La caída interesó la columna vertebral de Joaquín. The fall affected Joaquin's spine.

interesarse

pronominal verb

6. (to be attracted to; used with "en")

a. to be interested in

El comité se interesó mucho en mi propuesta. The committee was very interested in my proposal.

b. to take interest in

La maestra espera que, con su dinámica, sus alumnos se interesen en la clase. *The teacher hopes that, with her dynamism, her students take an interest in the class.*

7. (to look into; used with "por")

a. to ask about

Los amigos de Julia se interesaron por su salud. *Julia's friends asked about her health*.

b. to inquire about

Hasta ahora nadie en la empresa se ha interesado por mi bienestar. *Nobody in the company has yet inquired about my welfare.*

8. (to worry)

a. to care

Laura se interesa mucho por ti. Laura cares a lot about you.

planear

transitive verb

1. (to arrange)

a. to plan

Estamos planeando una fiesta de sorpresa para su cumpleaños. *We're planning a surprise party for her birthday*.

Tenemos planeado ir a la playa en agosto. We're planning to go to the beach in August.

intransitive verb

2. (aviation)

a. to glide

La inercia mantuvo el avión planeando sobre la pista. *Inertia kept the plane gliding over the runway.*

- 3. (to stay airborne)
- a. to soar

Solté hilo y vi planear la cometa en el cielo. I let go of some string and watched the kite soar into the sky.

asistir

intransitive verb

- 1. (to be present)
- a. to attend

Ella asiste a un colegio de todo niñas. She attends an all-girl school.

- 2. (to observe)
- a. to witness

Estamos asistiendo al comienzo de una nueva era. We are witnessing the beginning of a new era.

transitive verb

- 3. (to help)
- a. to attend to

La enfermera me asistió porque era una urgencia. The nurse attended to me because it was an emergency.

alquilar

transitive verb

- 1. (to acquire as a rental)
- a. to rent

Vamos a alquilar un apartamento hasta que podamos permitirnos comprar una casa. We are going to rent an apartment until we can afford to buy a house.

- 2. (to lease to someone)
- a. to rent out

Ella es la dueña de cinco propiedades y alquila cuatro de ellas. *She is the owner of five properties and rents out four of them.*

- 3. (to employ temporarily)
- a. to hire

Alquilé un taxi para llevarme al aeropuerto. I hired a taxi to take me to the airport.

pagar

transitive verb

- 1. (general)
- a. to pay

Él está pagando la cuenta. He is paying the bill.

Mi primo me pagó el almuerzo. My cousin paid for my lunch.

b. to pay off (debt)

Yo acabo de pagar mis deudas de la universidad. *I just paid off my college loans*.

c. to repay (debt)

Toma cinco años pagar el préstamo del carro. It takes five years to repay the loan on the car.

- 2. (figurative)
- a. to pay

Me las pagarás por lo que me hiciste. You're going to pay for what you did to me.

intransitive verb

- 3. (money)
- a. to pay

Ya pagué yo. *I already paid*.

firmar

transitive verb

- 1. (to add signature)
- a. to sign

Tengo que ir esta tarde a firmar el contrato de arrendamiento para mi nuevo apartamento. I have to go sign the lease agreement for my new apartment this afternoon.

intransitive verb

- 2. (to add signature)
- a. to sign

Firme al final de la página, por favor. *Please sign at the bottom of the page*.

practicar

transitive verb

- 1. (to train)
- a. to practice (United States)

Pasé tres horas practicando piano. I spent three hours practicing piano.

b. to practise (United Kingdom)

Hay que practicar mucho para mejorar cualquier destreza. *One must practise in order to improve any skill.*

- 2. (sports)
- a. to play

Practicar tenis es un ejercicio estupendo para el cuerpo entero. *Playing tennis is a great workout for the entire body*.

- 3. (medicine)
- a. to perform

Puede que sea preciso practicar un transplante para salvarlo. *It may be necessary to perform a transplant to save him.*

- 4. (religious)
- a. to practice (United States)

Nació católico, pero ahora practica el budismo. *He was born a Catholic, but now he practices Buddhism.*

b. to practise (United Kingdom)

¿Practicas el anglicanismo, Nigel? Do you practise Anglicanism, Nigel? saludar

transitive verb

- 1. (to acknowledge)
- a. to say hello to

La saludé en la tienda. *I said hello to her at the store*.

b. to say hi to

Te vi en el centro comercial ayer pero no me saludaste. *I saw you in the mall yesterday but you didn't say hi to me*.

c. to greet

La maestra saluda a los estudiantes en la puerta. *The teacher greets her students at the door.*

- 2. (military)
- a. to salute

El teniente saludó al comandante. The lieutenant saluted the major.

- 3. (to gesture)
- a. to wave to

La princesa saludó al pueblo desde su coche. The princess waved to the people from her car.

intransitive verb

- 4. (to gesture)
- a. to wave

El presidente saludó antes de comenzar su discurso. *The president waved before beginning his speech*.

- 5. (to exchange greetings)
- a. to say hello

Siempre saluda. *He always says hello*.

saludarse

reciprocal verb

6. (to exchange greetings)

a. to greet one another

Se saludan cada mañana al llegar a trabajar. *They greet one another every morning when they get to work.*

prometer

transitive verb

- 1. (to give one's word)
- a. to promise

Prometo que estaré siempre contigo. I promise that I'll be with you forever.

- 2. (to predict)
- a. to promise

Todos los meteorólogos prometen un día de nieve este jueves. *All of the meteorologists promise a snow day this Thursday.*

b. to assure

Nuestro líder de marketing promete un aumento en ingresos este año. *Our marketing lead assures an increase in revenue this year.*

intransitive verb

- 3. (to have potential)
- a. to be promising

Esta película promete. Ha ganado muchos premios. *This film is promising. It's won lots of awards.* prometerse

pronominal verb

- 4. (in marriage)
- a. to get engaged

Se prometieron el fin de semana pasado y se casarán el mes que viene. They got engaged last weekend and will get married next month.

reflexive verb

- 5. (to give one's word to oneself)
- a. to promise oneself

Se prometió unas vacaciones en Hawaii después de acabar su licencia. *She promised herself a vacation in Hawaii after finishing her degree*.

vender

transitive verb

- 1. (to exchange for money)
- a. to sell

La chica estaba vendiendo naranjas en el mercado. *The girl was selling oranges in the market*. Aquí se venden carros usados. *Used cars are sold here*.

2. (to betray)

a. to sell out (colloquial)

Rehusó vender a su hermano, a pesar de que le estuvieran haciendo chantaje. *He refused to sell out his brother, even though they were blackmailing him.*

venderse

reflexive verb

- 3. (to be bought)
- a. to sell out

Nunca pensé que te venderías a una gran compañía. I never thought that you would sell out to a big company.

abrir

transitive verb

- 1. (to allow access through)
- a. to open

Llamé a la puerta, pero nadie vino a abrirla. I knocked at the door but nobody came to open it.

2. (to unwrap)

a. to open

No había manera de abrir el envoltorio. *There was no way that I could open the packaging*.

3. (to uncover)

a. to open

Ten cuidado al abrir la botella que se había sacudido. *Be careful opening the bottle; it has been shaken up.*

4. (to extend)

a. to open

Agarra el pájaro de manera que no pueda abrir sus alas. Hold the bird so that it can't open its wings.

5. (to draw back)

a. to open

Abre las cortinas que entre la luz del sol. Open the curtains and let the sunshine in.

6. (to activate)

a. to turn on

Dejó el grifo abierto. He left the tap open.

7. (to access)

a. to open

Abre el diccionario y busca tu palabra favorita. *Open the dictionary and look up your favorite word.*

8. (to clear)

a. to open

Abrieron camino en la nieve desde la entrada de su cabaña. *They opened a way through the snow from the door of their cabin.*

9. (to lead)

a. to open

El presidente abrió el debate con un breve discurso. *The president opened the debate with a brief speech.*

10. (to make eager for eating)

a. to whet

Los olores de la cocina le abrieron el apetito. *The cooking smells whetted his appetite*.

intransitive verb

11. (to set up)

a. to open

El museo abre a las 11 de la mañana los domingos. *The museum opens at 11 in the morning on Sundays*.

abrirse

pronominal verb

12. (to share one's feelings)

a. to open up

¿Por qué es tan difícil conseguir que se abra? Why is it so hard to get him to open up?

13. (to be receptive)

a. to be open

Me abro a sugerencias. *I'm open to suggestions*.

14. (to break open)

a. to crack

El hielo se abrió bajo nuestro peso. The ice cracked under our weight.

descubrir

transitive verb

1. (to unearth)

a. to discover

Descubrieron una cueva en la montaña durante la excursión. *They discovered a cave in the mountain during their trip.*

b. to find

Isaac descubrió un tesoro enterrado en el jardín de su abuelo. *Isaac found a buried treasure in his grandfather's garden*.

2. (to uncover)

a. to find out

He descubierto que van a despedir a la secretaria. I've found out that the secretary is going to be fired.

b. to discover

Hugo descubrió que su esposa tuvo un amorío con su socio. *Hugo discovered that his wife had an affair with his partner.*

3. (to make known)

a. to reveal

Eduardo descubrió la identidad del espía. *Eduardo revealed the spy's identity*.

b. to uncover

La policía descubrió el complot de atracar el banco justo a tiempo. *The police uncovered the plot to rob the bank just in time*.

4. (to expose)

a. to uncover

En su cultura no puede descubrir la cara si está en la presencia de hombres que no sean familiares. In her culture, she can't uncover her face if she's in the presence of men who are not relatives.

b. to take the lid off

Descubre la olla antes de que hierva. *Take the lid off the pot before it boils*.

c. to unveil

Descubrieron una estatua en la ceremonia inaugural. *They unveiled a statue at the opening ceremony*.

5. (to disclose)

a. to give away

¡No nos descubran! Estamos preparando una fiesta de sorpresa para Imelda.*Don't give us away! We're organizingg a surprise party for Imelda.*

6. (to make visible)

a. to reveal

La luz de la luna descubrió el contorno de la montaña en la distancia. The moonlight revealed the outline of the mountain in the distance.

descubrirse

reflexive verb

7. (to remove one's hat)

a. to take one's hat off

Me descubro ante usted. I take my hat off to you.

8. (to make visible)

a. to uncover

La novia se descubrió el rostro para besarle al novio. *The bride uncovered her face to kiss the groom.*

b. to bare

Esteban se descubrió la espalda para enseñar su tatuaje. *Estaban bared his back to show his tatoo*.

9. (to reveal the truth)

a. to give oneself away

Mi hermano intentó asustarme, pero se descubrió al reírse. My brother tried to scare me, but he gave himself away by laughing.

permitir

transitive verb

- 1. (to authorize)
- a. to allow

Los perros no se permiten en el restaurante. *Dogs are not allowed in the restaurant*.

b. <u>to permit</u> (formal)

El juez permitió que al acusado se dejara en libertad bajo caución. *The judge permitted the accused to be released on bail.*

- 2. (in questions or suggestions)
- a. no direct translation

¿Me permite pasar? Can I come in?

Si me permite, señora, creo que puedo arreglar la puerta. *If I may, ma'am, I think I can fix the door.*

- 3. (to make possible)
- a. to allow

Esta maquinaria nos permite tener una producción mayor. *This machinery allows us to have a bigger production*.

permitirse

pronominal verb

- 4. (to grant)
- a. to allow oneself

Me permito saltarme la dieta una vez por semana. I allow myself to skip my diet once a week.

- 5. (to have enough money for)
- a. to afford

No puedo permitirme viajar más de una vez al año. I can't afford to travel more than once a year. admitir

transitive verb

- 1. (to let in)
- a. to admit

No fue admitido a la universidad porque no tenía las notas necesarias. *He wasn't admitted to the university because he didn't have high-enough grades*.

b. to accept

El club no admitirá a nuevos miembros hasta próximo aviso. *The club will not be accepting new members until further notice*.

c. to allow

¿Admiten animales en ese restaurante? Are animals allowed in that restaurant?

- 2. (to consider valid)
- a. to accept

No se admiten tarjetas de crédito. *We don't accept credit cards*.

b. to take

No tengo efectivo. ¿Admitiría un cheque? I don't have any cash. Would you take a check?

- 3. (to concede)
- a. to admit

Nunca admitió haberlo matado. *She never admitted to killing him.*

- 4. (to tolerate)
- a. to allow

No te admito que me hables así. *I won't allow you to speak to me like that.*

b. to take

Excusas, no admito ni una. I won't take any excuse at all.

- 5. (medicine)
- a. to admit

Fue admitida en el hospital con una infección grave. *She was admitted to the hospital with a serious infection*.

- 6. (to authorize)
- a. to permit

No se admite la entrada a menores de 18 años. Entry is not permitted to those under 18.

b. to allow

La ingesta diaria admitida es de 40 miligramos por kilo de peso corporal. *The allowed daily intake is 40 miligrams per kilo of body weight.*

7. (to leave space for)

a. no direct translation

A mi parecer, es un tema que no admite discusión. *In my opinion, there can be no arguing around that point.*

La fiesta de este año no admite comparación con ninguna otra. This year's party defies comparison to any other.

8. (to have space for)

a. to hold

El auditorio admite 2,000 personas de pie o 1,000 sentadas. *The auditorium holds 2,000 people standing or 1,000 people sitting.*

discutir

intransitive verb

1. (to fight verbally)

a. to argue

Mi hermano y su esposa discuten todo el tiempo. My brother and his wife argue all the time.

b. to quarrel

Vimos una pareja en la calle discutiendo. *We saw a couple quarreling in the street*.

2. (to talk about)

a. to discuss

La pareja discutió con el sacerdote sobre sus votos. *The couple discussed their vows with the priest.*

3. (to answer back)

a. to talk back

¡No discutas! Solo haz lo que te pido. *Don't talk back! Just do what I tell you.*

transitive verb

4. (to debate)

a. to discuss

Los panelistas discutieron el tema de la violencia en las escuelas. *The panelists discussed the topic of violence in schools*.

5. (to question)

a. to challenge

Los senadores discutieron la decisión que había tomado el presidente. The senators challenged the decision made by the president.

b. to dispute

El general discutió el uso de las armas nucleares. *The general disputed the use of nuclear weapons*. recibir

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existir

intransitive verb

1. (to be real)

a. to exist

Mi hermanito todavía cree que existe el Coco. *My little brother still believes the Boogeyman exists*.

2. (to be found)

a. to be

Existen varios volcanes activos en Hawaii. There are several active volcanoes in Hawaii.

b. to exist

No existe suficiente apoyo para que el movimiento continúe. *Not enough support exists for the movement to continue.*

3. (to be alive)

a. to live

Los tardígrados pueden existir hasta en el espacio profundo. *Tardigrades can live even in deep space*.

b. to exist

El tigre de Tasmania ya no existe. The Tasmanian tiger no longer exists.

sufrir

<u>intransitive verb</u>

1. (to experience pain)

a. to suffer

No puede comer pastel porque sufre de diabetes. *He can't eat cake because he suffers from diabetes*.

Mejor corta comunicación con él, no quieres que sufra más. *You'd better cut off communication with him, you don't want him to suffer anymore.*

transitive verb

2. (to endure)

a. to stand

No puedo sufrir a mi suegra. I can't stand my mother in law.

b. to bear

No puede sufrir que la ignoren. She can bear to be ignored.

- 3. (to experience)
- a. to suffer

Nuestro ejército sufrió el ataque a medianoche. Our army suffered the attack at midnight.

b. to have

Sufrieron un accidente cuando volvían a casa. *They had an accident when they were coming back home*.

c. to undergo (surgery)

Sufrió una operación y ahora tiene que descansar. *He underwent surgery and now she has to rest.* decidir

transitive verb

- 1. (to make a decision)
- a. to decide

Su hija aún no ha decidido qué quiere estudiar. *Their daughter has not yet decided what she wants to study*.

- 2. (to make a choice)
- a. to decide

Decidamos qué vamos a cenar. Let's decide what to have for dinner.

decidirse

pronominal verb

- 3. (to settle)
- a. to make up one's mind

Todo lo que tienes que hacer es decidirte y pasar a la acción. *All you have to do is make up your mind and take action*.

omitir

transitive verb

- 1. (to fail to include or mention)
- a. to omit

¿Por qué omitiste esta información en tu reporte? Why did you omit this information from your report?

b. to leave out

Omitieron unas escenas en la versión para televisión. Some scenes were left out for the TV version.

- 2. (to fail to do)
- a. to omit

Omitió informar a la policía que se iría del país. He omitted to inform the police that he would leave the country.

omitirse

pronominal verb

- 3. (to be excluded)
- a. to be omitted

Estos datos son irrelevantes así que pueden omitirse. This data is irrelevant so it can be omitted.

b. to be left out

Estos ingredientes pueden omitirse en la receta. *These ingredients can be left out from the recipe*. envidiar

transitive verb

- 1. (to be jealous of someone)
- a. to envv

Lo envidio porque lo tiene todo: dinero, novia y un trabajo estupendo. *I envy him because he has everything: money, girlfriend, and a great job.*

b. to be envious of

Todas envidian a Carlota porque es tan atractiva. *Everyone is envious of Carlota because she's so attractive*.

2. (to want)

a. to envy

No envidio la posición tan difícil en la que te encuentras. *I don't envy you the difficult situation you're in*.

b. to covet

No envidio tu riqueza, hermano, porque tengo riquezas de otra índole. *I don't covet your wealth, brother, for I have riches of another nature.*

sonar

intransitive verb

- 1. (to make a sound)
- a. to ring (telephone)

El teléfono estuvo sonando toda la mañana. The telephone was ringing all morning long.

b. to beep (electronic device)

Mi ordenador suena si pulso muchas teclas a la vez. My computer beeps when I hit many keys at the same time.

c. to go off (alarm)

El despertador sonó en medianoche. The alarm went off at midnight.

d. to rumble

No he desayunado y me suenan las tripas. I did not have breakfast and my stomach is rumbling.

- 2. (linguistics)
- a. to be pronounced

La "h" de "hablar" no suena. The "h" in "hablar" is not pronounced.

- 3. (to appear)
- a. to sound

Un día en la playa me suena perfecto. A day on the beach sounds perfect.

Su acento suena raro. His accent sounds funny.

- 4. (to be known)
- a. to look familiar

¿No te suena su cara? Does his face look familiar to you?

b. to ring a bell (colloquial)

¿Te suena el nombre de esa chica? Does her name ring a bell with you?

- 5. (to die) (Southern Cone)
- a. to kick the bucket (informal)

El más viejo del lugar sonó. The oldest man in the village kicked the bucket.

sonarse

reflexive verb

- 6. (body parts)
- a. to blow one's nose

¿Tienes un pañuelo? Tengo que sonarme la nariz. Do you have a tissue? I need to blow my nose.

costar

<u>transitive verb</u>

- 1. (value)
- a. to cost

Ese tratamiento cuesta una fortuna. That treatment costs a fortune.

- 2. (to be difficult)
- a. to be hard

Me costó decirle la verdad, pero sabía que tenía hacerlo. It was hard to tell him the truth, but I knew that I had to do it.

entrenar

transitive verb

- 1. (to teach through practice)
- a. to train

Hace cinco años que entreno perros. I've been training dogs for the past five years.

b. to coach

Los dueños contrataron a Severino para entrenar al equipo. *The owners hired Severino to coach the team.*

- 2. (to learn by repetition)
- a. <u>to practice</u> (United States)

Para entrenar un golpe, hay que empezar a una velocidad baja. *To practice a shot, you need to start at a low speed.*

b. to practise (United Kingdom)

Dedicamos la mitad de la clase a entrenar movimientos específicos de piernas. *We devoted half of the class to practising specific leg moves*.

intransitive verb

- 3. (to practice)
- a. to train

Los soldados tienen que entrenar todas las mañanas. *Soldiers have to train every morning*. entrenarse

pronominal verb

- 4. (to practice)
- a. to train

Me entreno duro para ser el mejor corredor. I train hard to be the best runner.

almorzar

intransitive verb

- 1. (to eat lunch)
- a. to have lunch

Voy a almorzar con mi novio en el restaurante mexicano. I'm going to have lunch with my boyfriend at the Mexican restaurant.

- 2. (to eat a snack) (Spain)
- a. to have a mid-morning snack

Tengo que almorzar para que no me dé una bajada de azúcar. *I need to have a mid-morning snack to prevent low blood sugar*.

aprobar

transitive verb

- 1. (law)
- a. to pass

El congreso aprobó una reforma energética. Congress passed an energy reform.

- 2. (plan, agreement)
- a. to approve

¿La contaduría ya aprobó el presupuesto? Has accounting approved the budget yet?

b. to endorse

El comité de vecindarios aprobó el plan de la ciudad. *The neighborhood committee endorsed the city's plan*.

- 3. (class, exam)
- a. to pass

Hay que estudiar mucho para aprobar ese examen de matemáticas. *You have to study a lot to pass that math test*.

- 4. (behavior)
- a. to approve of

No apruebo la música fuerte de mi vecino a las tres de la mañana. I don't approve of my neighbor's loud music at three in the morning.

intransitive verb

- 5. (class, exam)
- a. to pass

Después de mucho trabajo arduo, por fin aprobé. *After a lot of hard work, I finally passed.*

colgar

transitive verb

- 1. (to be suspended)
- a. to hang

Colgaron la bandera en la ventana con orgullo. They hung the flag in the window with pride.

- 2. (telephone)
- a. to hang up

Colgaron el teléfono al mismo tiempo. *They hung up the phone at the same time*.

- 3. (to abandon)
- a. to give up

Colgó sus estudios para hacerse atleta profesional. *He gave up his studies to become a professional athlete.*

intransitive verb

- 4. (computer) (Spain)
- a. to crash

Si el ordenador se me cuelga de nuevo, lo voy a vender por otro. If the computer crashes again, I'm going to trade it in for another.

colgarse

reflexive verb

- 5. (to suspend oneself from)
- a. to hang

El muchacho se colgó de las barras con la ayuda de su madre. *The boy hung from the monkey bars with the help of his mother.*

6. (to commit suicide by hanging)

a. to hang oneself

Decidió que la mejor manera de acabar con su vida era colgarse. He decided that the best way to end his life was to hang himself.

rogar

transitive verb

- 1. (to implore)
- a. to beg

Te ruego que me ayudes con este asunto. I beg you to help me with this issue.

intransitive verb

- 2. (to offer a prayer)
- a. to pray

Ruego a la Virgen de Guadalupe que escuche mi oración. I pray that the Virgen of Guadalupe hears my prayer.

soñar

transitive verb

- 1. (general)
- a. to dream

Anoche soñé que estaba tomando café con Einstein. *Last night I dreamed I was having coffee with Einstein.*

- 2. (to shake someone up) (Spain)
- a. to have nightmares about

No sabrás cuándo, ni dónde, pero tendré mi venganza. ¡Me vas a soñar! You won't know when, nor where, but I'll have my vengeance. You'll have nightmares about me!

<u>intransitive verb</u>

- 3. (to imagine)
- a. to dream

Sueño con tener una casa grande y mucho dinero. *I dream of having a big house and lots of money.* Ella soñó con el actor famoso. *She dreamed about the famous actor.*

tostar

transitive verb

- 1. (culinary)
- a. to toast (bread)

Para desayunar, tuesto unas rebanadas de pan y después les pongo mantequilla y mermelada. *For breakfast, I toast some slices of bread and then I put butter and jam on them.*

b. to roast (coffee)

Julia prefiere tostar el café en casa en vez de comprarlo tostado en el supermercado. *Julia prefers to roast coffee at home instead of buying it roasted in the supermarket.*

c. to brown (meat)

Este bistec no es suficientemente cocido para mi gusto; tuéstalo cinco minutos más. *This steak is not cooked enough for my liking; brown it another five minutes.*

2. (to suntan)

a. to tan

Ando a la playa en biquini para que el sol tueste mis hombros. I go to the beach in a bikini so that the sun tans my shoulders.

acertar

transitive verb

- 1. (to identify accurately)
- a. to get right

De las 15 preguntas en la prueba, solo acerté cuatro. *Of the 15 questions on the quiz, I only got four right*.

b. to guess correctly

¿Todavía gano algún dinero si acerté cinco de los seis números de la lotería? *Do I still win some money if I guessed five of the six lottery numbers correctly?*

intransitive verb

- 2. (to find the mark)
- a. to hit the target

Probé suerte con el tiro con arco, pero no acerté ni con una sola flecha. I tried my hand at archery but didn't hit the target with a single arrow.

- 3. (to be right)
- a. no direct translation

No acerté al comprarle a mi esposa una aspiradora para nuestro aniversario. It was a mistake to have bought my wife a vacuum cleaner for our anniversary.

Acertaste cuando dijiste que me iría bien en la entrevista. ¡Me ofrecieron el puesto! *You were right when you said the interview would go well. They offered me the position!*

- 4. (to discover)
- a. to find

¿Tuvieron algún problema acertando con la casa? Did you have any trouble finding the house?

- 5. (to be able to)
- a. to manage to

Acerté a conducir el carro hasta casa, aunque nunca antes había conducido un carro de transmisión manual. I managed to drive the car home, although I'd never before driven a manual transmission car.

advertir

transitive verb

- 1. (to forewarn)
- a. to warn

El jefe advirtió al empleado que dejara de causar problemas. *He warned the employee to stop causing problems*.

- 2. (to counsel)
- a. to advise

Nos advirtieron que no lleváramos el caso a juicio. We were advised not to take the case to court.

3. (to detect)

a. to notice

Advirtió un olor extraño en la habitación. She noticed a strange smell in the room.

fregar

transitive verb

1. (to make clean)

a. to wash

¿Has fregado las tazas? Have you washed the cups?

b. to scrub

Friega las cacerolas con el estropajo. Scrub the pans with the scourer.

c. to mop

Ten cuidado; acabo de fregar el suelo. *Be careful; I've just mopped the floor.*

d. to clean

¿Has fregado los cristales de las ventanas? Have you cleaned the windows?

2. (to harass) (Latin America)

a. to annoy

Deja de fregar a mi hermano o tendremos pelea. Stop annoying my brother or there'll be a fight.

b. to pester

Mi ex me fregaba a todas horas mandándome mensajes al celular. My ex used to pester me all the time by sending me text messages.

c. to bother

Sigue fregándome y te llevarás un puñetazo. *If you go on bothering me like this, you're in for a punch.*

3. (to spoil) (Latin America)

a. to ruin

Este resfriado me va a fregar el fin de semana. This cold is going to ruin my weekend.

b. to mess up

Sus padres volvieron antes de tiempo y nos fregaron la noche. *Their parents came back early and messed up the evening for us.*

4. (colloquial) (to murder) (Mexico)

a. to off (colloquial)

Al Chucho lo fregaron saliendo del antro. *They offed Chucho as he was coming out of the club.* intransitive verb

5. (to clean the dirty dishes)

a. to wash the dishes

Me gusta cocinar, pero no fregar. *I like cooking, but not washing the dishes*.

b. to do the dishes

¡Qué postre más rica! ¿Ahora quién va a fregar? What a delicious dessert! Now who's going to do the dishes?

c. to do the washing-up (United Kingdom)

No te olvides de fregar antes de irte. *Don't forget to do the washing up before leaving.*

d. to wash up (United Kingdom)

Yo seco, pero le toca a Eduardo fregar. *I'll dry*, but it's Eduardo's turn to wash up.

6. (to rub)

a. to scrub

Si no quieres fregar, deja los platos en remojo. If you don't want to scrub, leave the dishes to soak.

7. (colloquial) (to cause annoyance) (Latin America)

a. to be a nuisance

Ya está el chico de arriba fregando otra vez con esa música. *Here goes the boy upstairs being a nuisance again with that music.*

8. (colloquial) (to joke)

a. to kid

¡No friegues! ¿De verdad viste a Elvis ayer? *You're kidding! Did you really see Elvis yesterday?* 9. (colloquial) (to achieve) (Mexico)

a. to do

¿A poco llevaron el premio mayor? - Sí, ya fregamos. *Did you really win the grand prize? - Yes, we did it.*

fregarse

pronominal verb

10. (to spoil) (Latin America)

a. to be ruined

El concierto se fregó cuando apareció la policía. The concert was ruined when the police showed up.

b. to be messed up

Se fregaron mis vacaciones; tengo que trabajar esa semana. *My holidays have been messed up; I have to work that week.*

11. (colloquial) (to put up with) (Latin America)

a. to deal with

Me vale que no te gustan las verduras; te friegas y te las comes. I couldn't care less that you don't like vegetables; you'll just have to deal with it and eat them.

12. (to damage) (Latin America)

a. to do in

Me fregué las rodillas esquiando. I did my knees in skiing.

hervir

intransitive verb

1. (to scald)

a. to boil

Cuando hierva el agua, puedes echar las judías verdes. When the water boils, you can toss in the green beans.

2. (to get hot)

a. to boil

Cuando entro a mi carro en el verano, está hirviendo. When I get into my car in the summer, it's boiling.

3. (to be full of)

a. to swarm with

La playa hierve de gente en verano. *The beach swarms with people in summer.*

transitive verb

4. (to scald)

a. to boil

Se me olvidó hervir los huevos para el aperitivo. *I forgot to boil the eggs for the appetizer.* confesar

transitive verb

1. (to say the truth)

a. to confess

Ella confesó su amor por Rodrigo. *She confessed her love for Rodrigo*.

b. to admit

El niño confesó haber roto el florero. The boy admitted to breaking the vase.

c. to own up to

Al menos él confesó sus errores. *At least he owned up to his mistakes*.

2. (religious)

a. to confess

La señora confesó sus pecados antes de misa. The woman confessed her sins before mass.

b. to hear confession

El sacerdote confesó a los pecadores. The priest heard the confessions of the sinners.

intransitive verb

- 3. (to say the truth)
- a. to confess

El culpable finalmente confesó. The guilty man finally confessed.

confesarse

pronominal verb

- 4. (religious)
- a. to confess

Los creyentes se confesaron para poder comulgar. The believers confessed in order to receive communion.

consentir

transitive verb

- 1. (to let)
- a. to allow

Lo siento; mis papás no consienten que me vaya de vacaciones contigo. *I'm sorry; my parents won't allow me to go on vacation with you*.

b. to permit

El ayuntamiento consintió el cambio de uso de suelo. *The city council permitted the change in land use*.

c. to tolerate

No tienes porque consentir que te hablen así. *There's no reason for you to tolerate them speaking to you like that.*

- 2. (to pamper)
- a. to spoil

No debes consentirle tanto a tu hijo. *You shouldn't spoil your son so much.*

3. (to endure)

a. to bear

Ese estante no consiente más carga. That shelf won't bear any more weight.

intransitive verb

- 4. (to concur)
- a. to consent

El hecho de que no te opusiste implica que consientes. *The fact that you didn't object implies that you consent.*

b. to agree

Ahora que todos han consentido, podemos poner el plan en marcha. *Now that everyone has agreed, we can put the plan in action.*

negar

transitive verb

- 1. (to refute)
- a. to deny

La senadora negó haber cometido un crimen. *The senator denied having committed a crime*.

- 2. (to withhold something)
- a. to refuse

El oficial nos negó su ayuda. The official refused to help us.

b. to deny

Nos negaron el uso de la piscina del hotel porque no éramos huéspedes. *They denied us use of the hotel pool because we weren't quests*.

- 3. (to reject)
- a. to disown

Se marchó y negó a su familia. He left and disowned his family.

negarse

pronominal verb

- 4. (to decline; with "a")
- a. to refuse

Él se niega a aceptar que la boda está cancelada. *He refuses to believe that the wedding is cancelled.* convertir

transitive verb

- 1. (to transform; used with "en")
- a. to turn into

Jesús convirtió el agua en vino. Jesus turned water into wine.

b. to convert into

Aquella charla me convirtió en un hombre nuevo. *That talk converted me into a new man*.

c. to change into

El trabajo lo había convertido en un hombre aburrido. *Work had changed him into a boring man.*

d. to make

Vivir juntas las convirtió en buenas amigas. *Living together made them good friends*.

- 2. (religious)
- a. to convert

Los misioneros convirtieron al catolicismo a muchos nativos en África. *The missionaries converted many natives in Africa to Catholicism*.

- 3. (mathematics; used with "en")
- a. to convert into

¿Cómo conviertes yardas en metros? How do you convert yards into meters?

- 4. (sports)
- a. to score (in soccer and basketball)

El jugador convirtió el penal. The player scored the penalty kick.

b. to convert (in American football and rugby)

Convirtió el ensayo y dos puntos más subieron al marcador de su equipo. *He converted the try and scored two extra points for his team.*

convertirse

pronominal verb

- 5. (to transform; used with "en")
- a. to become

Se convirtió en millonario de la noche a la mañana. *He became a millionaire overnight*.

b. to turn into

El pueblecito de pescadores se ha convertido en un lugar turístico. *The small fishing village has turned into a tourist resort.*

6. (religious; used with "a")

a. to convert to

Me convertí al judaísmo para casarme con mi amada. *I converted to Judaism to marry my love*. defender

transitive verb

- 1. (to provide protection)
- a. to defend

Muchos soldados valientes se alistaron al ejército para defender su patria. *Many brave soldiers enlisted in the army to defend their country.*

b. <u>to protect</u>

Mintió para defender la reputación de su familia y evitar un escándalo. *He lied to protect the reputation of his family and to avoid a scandal*.

- 2. (to vindicate)
- a. to defend

La actriz se aprovechó de su fama para defender su causa ante los medios de comunicación. *The actress took advantage of her fame to defend her cause before the media.*

b. to stand up for

Los trabajadores decidieron defender sus derechos y se pusieron en huelga. *The workers decided to stand up for their rights and went on strike*.

3. (to uphold)

a. to defend

Galileo defendió la teoría de Copérnico, pero, al final, se retractó para salvarse la vida. *Galileo defended Copernicus's theory, but in the end he backed off to save his life.*

b. to champion

Ella siempre ha defendido la igualdad de paga para las mujeres en el trabajo. She has always championed equal pay for women in the workplace.

4. (law)

a. to defend

El abogado defendió al acusado en el juicio, aunque sabía que era culpable. The lawyer defended the accused in the trial, even though he knew he was quilty.

defenderse

reflexive verb

5. (to safeguard oneself)

a. to defend oneself

Me defenderé de cualquier acusación que hagan en mi contra. I will defend myself against any accusation made against me.

b. to protect oneself

Para defenderme de las críticas, he decidido dejar mi trabajo. *To protect myself from criticism*, *I have decided to quit my job*.

pronominal verb

6. (to manage)

a. to get by

Es una gran jugadora de ajedrez, pero también se defiende jugando al backgammon. She's a great chess player, but she gets by playing backgammon as well.

bendecir

transitive verb

1. (religious)

a. to bless

El cura bendijo el agua. The priest blessed the water.

2. (to express gratitude)

a. to thank

Bendigo al Señor por todo lo que ha hecho por mí. I thank the Lord for all he's done for me.

b. to bless

Bendigo el día en que la conocí. I bless the day I met her.

3. (to give approval)

a. to bless

El plan de paz ha sido bendecido por los Estados Unidos y la Unión Europea. *The peace plan has been blessed by the US and the European Union*.

impedir

transitive verb

1. (to keep from happening)

a. to prevent

El gorila impide que entre cualquiera al bar. *The bouncer prevents just anyone from entering the bar.*

b. to stop

La tapa impide que se derrame el líquido. *The top stops the liquid from spilling*.

- 2. (to make difficult)
- a. to hinder

Django tenía los dedos anular y meñique paralizados, pero esto no le impidió tocar la guitarra. Django's ring and little fingers were paralyzed, but it didn't hinder his ability to play the quitar.

3. (to obstruct)

a. to block

Esa maleta gigante en el pasillo está impidiendo el paso. That giant suitcase in the hallway is blocking the way.

colegir

transitive verb

1. (to conclude)

a. to infer

Puedo colegir por la nota reprobada del estudiante que no estudió para el examen. I can infer by his failing grade that this student did not study for the exam.

b. to deduce

Todos colegimos que su novio la dejó cuando salió de la cafetería llorando. *We all deduced that her boyfriend broke up with her when she ran out of the coffee shop in tears*.

c. to gather

Dados los síntomas del paciente, el doctor coligió que la gripa era la única opción. *Given the patient's symptoms, the doctor gathered flu was the only option.*

2. (to collect)

a. to gather

Quisiera agradecer a mi asistente, quien coligió todos los datos. Sin su ayuda mi investigación no habría sido posible. I would like to thank my assistant, who gathered all the data. Without his help my research would have been impossible.

maldecir

intransitive verb

1. (to blaspheme)

a. to swear

Deja de maldecir y empieza a pensar en cómo vamos a salir de esta. *Stop swearing and start thinking about how we're going to get out of this one.*

b. to curse (United States)

Mi mamá siempre decía que si me oía maldecir, me lavaría la boca con jabón. My mom used to say she would wash my mouth with soap if she heard me cursing.

2. (to criticize; used with "de")

a. to complain bitterly

Colgó el teléfono y se puso a maldecir de su jefe. He hung up the phone and started to complain bitterly about his boss.

transitive verb

3. (to regret)

a. to curse

Maldigo la hora en que se me ocurrió invitarla a venir. *I curse the moment I invited her to come*. competir

intransitive verb

- 1. (to contend with)
- a. to compete

Más de 150 equipos compiten en el torneo. *Over 150 teams are competing in the tournament.*

2. (to match)

a. to compare to

Nada puede competir con tu belleza. *Nothing compares to your beauty.*

medir

transitive verb

1. (to take the measures of)

a. to measure

Tengo que medir la habitación antes de comprar los muebles. I have to measure my room before buying the furniture.

b. <u>to gauge</u> (pressure or temperature)

El manómetro es un aparato que sirve para medir la presión. *The manometer is a device used to gauge pressure*.

2. (to calculate)

a. to weigh up (actions)

Él sencillamente no mide las consecuencias de sus actos. *He just doesn't weigh up the consequences of his actions*.

b. to weigh (words)

A partir de ahora, tendremos que medir nuestras palabras. *From now on, we'll have to weigh our words*.

copular verb

3. (to be)

a. no direct translation (height)

¿Cuánto mide de alto esa mesa? How high is that table?

Juan medía 2 metros a los quince años. Juan was 2 meters tall when he was fifteen.

b. to measure

El modelo mide tres metros de largo. The model measures three meters long.

c. no direct translation (width)

El cajón mide 60 cm de ancho. The drawer is 60 cm wide.

El asiento mide 90 cm de ancho. The seat is 90 cm wide.

medirse

reflexive verb

4. (to take one's measures)

a. to measure

Mídete la cintura para saber cuántos centímetros has perdido. *Measure your waist to know how many centimeters you have lost*.

corregir

transitive verb

1. (to make right)

a. to correct

La editora corrigió todos los errores que los autores habían hecho. *The editor corrected all of the errors the authors had made.*

2. (to grade)

a. to correct

El profesor generalmente corrige todos los exámenes dentro de una semana. *The professor usually corrects all the exams within a week.*

b. to mark

Los estudiantes tienen la oportunidad de corregir los proyectos de sus compañeros de clase. *The students have the opportunity to mark the projects of their classmates*.

intransitive verb

3. (to defecate) (Cuba)

a. to poop

Después de comer ese taco, Paco estuvo en el baño corrigiendo todo el día. *After eating that taco, Paco was in the bathroom pooping all day.*

corregirse

reflexive verb

- 4. (to self improve)
- a. to reform

Ella llegó a un punto en su vida donde tenía que corregirse. *She reached a point in her life where she needed to reform herself.*

reír

intransitive verb

- 1. (general)
- a. to laugh

Mi novio me hace reír hasta llorar. *My boyfriend makes me laugh until I cry*.

transitive verb

- 2. (to gratify) (Spain)
- a. to indulge

Mamá siempre le ríe con helado cuando se pone a llorar. *Mom always indulges him with ice cream when he begins to cry.*

reírse

pronominal verb

- 3. (general)
- a. to laugh

Nos lo pasamos muy bien y nos reímos como locos. We had a great time and we laughed like crazy.

- 4. (to make fun of)
- a. to laugh at

No se rían de él, es mi hermano. *Don't laugh at him, he's my brother.*

despedir

transitive verb

- 1. (to see off)
- a. to say goodbye

Despidió a su amiga para irse a clase. She said goodbye to her friend to head to class.

- 2. (to be dismissed from a job)
- a. to fire

Despidieron al empleado acusado de acoso sexual. They fired the employee accused of sexual harassment.

b. to lay off

Despidieron a miles de trabajadores durante la crisis financiera. *Thousands of employees were laid off during the financial crisis*.

- 3. (to emit)
- a. to give off

El hedor que despedía era como el de una tumba. *The stench he gave off was like that of a tomb.* despedirse

pronominal verb

- 4. (to see off)
- a. to say goodbye

Se despidió de sus amigos antes de mudarse a Perú. He said goodbye to his friends before moving to Perú.

elegir

transitive verb

- 1. (to make a choice)
- a. to choose

Elegí quedarme en casa como madre a tiempo completo. I chose to stay home as a full-time mom.

b. to select

No elegiste la opción correcta del menú. You didn't select the right option from the menu.

- 2. (to vote)
- a. to elect

Los ciudadanos eligieron al nuevo alcalde la semana pasada. *The citizens elected the new mayor last week*.

freír

transitive verb

- 1. (to cook)
- a. to fry

Voy a freír unos aros de cebolla. I'm going to fry some onion rings.

- 2. (colloquial) (to shoot)
- a. to riddle

La policía frió a tiros al sospechoso. The police riddled the suspect with bullets.

- 3. (colloquial) (to bite)
- a. to eat alive

Anoche nos frieron los mosquitos. *Last night the mosquitos ate us alive*.

- 4. (colloquial) (to pester)
- a. to bombard

Cuando llegamos a casa, mis padres nos frieron a preguntas. *My parents bombarded us with questions when we got home.*

freírse

pronominal verb

- 5. (colloquial) (to get burnt)
- a. to get fried (colloquial)

Con el sol que pega, te vas a freír en la playa. The way the sun is beating down, you'll get fried on the beach.

6. (to cook)

a. to fry

Mientras se fríen los pimientos, puedes ir cortando las patatas. While the peppers are frying, you can chop the potatoes.

servir

transitive verb

- 1. (culinary)
- a. to serve

Van a servir lomo de puerco en la boda. They're going to serve pork loin at the wedding.

- 2. (to attend to)
- a. to serve

Esta compañía sirve a clientes de todo el mundo. This company serves customers around the world.

<u>intransitive verb</u>

- 3. (to have a purpose)
- a. to be used for

Esta máquina sirve para coser. This machine is used for sewing.

- 4. (to demonstrate as)
- a. to serve as

Sirve de ejemplo para los demás. *He serves as an example for others*.

- 5. (to work as servant)
- a. to be in service

Trabajó sirviéndoles años antes de empezar su propia carrera. He had been in their service for years before starting his own career.

6. (military)

a. to serve

Mi tío sirvió en las fuerzas armadas durante la Segunda Guerra Mundial. *My uncle served in the armed forces during World War II*.

servirse

pronominal verb

- 7. (to make use of something)
- a. to use

Me serví de una pala para cavar un agujero. *I used a shovel to diq a hole*.

reflexive verb

8. (to serve oneself)

a. to help oneself

Sírvanse lo que gusten del bufet. *Help yourselves to anything from the buffet.* gemir

<u>intransitive verb</u>

1. (to express suffering)

a. to moan

Todos gemían desconsoladamente en el funeral. Everyone moaned inconsolably at the funeral.

b. to groan

Los heridos gemían de dolor. The wounded groaned in pain.

- 2. (to howl)
- a. to whine

El perro gemía y rascaba la puerta. *The dog whined and scratched at the door.*

- 3. (to make a moaning sound)
- a. to moan (wind)

Podíamos escuchar el viento gimiendo tras la ventana. We could hear the wind moaning outside the window.

b. to groan (steps, chair)

Los peldaños gemían bajo sus pies. The steps groaned beneath his feet.