

Spanish Vocabulary List for *Go Fish* Around the House

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The seven games in the book *Go Fish* are played with illustrated vocabulary cards. 126 items found “around the house” are pictured. Of these, 86 items appear on two cards each, and 40 additional items are represented by individual smaller pictures, providing additional vocabulary,

The list of vocabulary items shown in duplicate on the cards is subdivided into nine sub-set lists: Rooms, General Vocabulary, Kitchen, Living Room, Dining Room, Bedroom, Study, Bathroom, and Items found in the Kitchen which are non-count in English. The items on these lists do not appear in the book in this order.

It takes 26 pairs of cards (52 cards) to make a set for playing Go Fish. The cards appear in the book as playing sets in the following order: A 1-26, B 1-26, C 1-26, D 1-8. These numbers are on each card for identification, and they follow each word on the list below.

To make the cards more interesting, the two pictures on each pair of cards is different. For example, there are two pictures of doors, one open, the other closed. This may suggest game activities in which the students compare and contrast the pictures. In some cases, again to provoke discussion and learning, the items pictured are somewhat different. For example, there are two toasters, one a “pop up” toaster and the other a toaster oven.

The words given in the vocabulary list on page v of the book are common in American English. However, there are often common alternatives and regional differences. When these alternatives are very common, they are listed below. For example, “couch (also, sofa).” If known, less common alternatives, such as “divan,” can be taught at the teacher’s discretion, but they are not given here. In some cases, the alternatives may have slightly different meanings. “Study, office, den, and library” may all refer to the same room, but they suggest different functions, again providing a learning opportunity.

Finally, it should be pointed out that learning “the words for things” in a new language is sometimes both complicated and fascinating. A simple translation may not be accurate, because different cultures classify things in different ways. In American English, a “light” is anything that provides light. A lamp is a kind of light, but a light on the ceiling is always called a light, not a lamp. In other languages, anything that provides light is a lamp. If this is too confusing to students, or if the cards don’t fit the language being studied, the teacher may choose not to use those cards – there are plenty of others to play with. In some cultures, the items shown on the cards don’t exist. For example, if closets don’t exist in a culture or language, the teacher may choose not to use the “closet” cards.

Spanish varies from country to country, region to region. For some of the items in this list, there is more than one word given. This may be because more than one word is used or it may be because one word is used in Mexico, another in Spain, another in Puerto Rico, and another in Argentina. Consulting with friends in several Spanish speaking countries, we have tried to include the most common variations. The teacher may choose which ever words will be most useful to a particular class.

1. Habitaciones/cuartos

cocina A-1
sala A-2
dormitorio A-3
baño A-4
comedor A-5
estudio/escritorio/despacho A-6
sótano C-1
desván C-2
garage C-3
porche C-4

2. Vocabulario general

puerta A-7
ventana A-8
lámpara A-9
luz A-10
interruptor A-11
techo B-1
cielo raso/techo B-2
piso B-3
pared B-4
perilla/pomo B-5

3. Cocina

cocina/estufa A-12
lavadero/lavaplatos A-13
refrigerador/nevera A-14
tostadora B-6
micro ondas B-7
lavadora de platos B-8
batidora/batidora de mano B-9
basurero/tacho de basura C-5
olla C-6
sartén/paila C-7
cuchillo para carne C-8
espátula C-9

4. Sala

sofa/sillón A-15
poltrona A-16
mesita para café A-17
televisor/teve B-10
reproductor de DVD B-11
libro B-12
estante/librero B-13
alfombra/tapete B-14

5. Comedor

mesa de comedor A-18
silla A-19
vaso B-15
tenedor B-16
cuchara B-17
cuchillo B-18
plato B-19
tazón/pocillo B-20
taza B-21

6. Dormitorio

cama A-20
cómoda/tocador A-21
frazada/colcha/cobija A-22
ropero/armario/gabinete C-10
colgador/percha/gancho C-11
almohada C-12
sábana C-13
espejo C-14
persiana C-15

7. Estudio/escritorio/despacho

escritorio A-23
teléfono A-24
periódico C-16
estante/archivo C-17
computadora portátil C-18
impresor C-19
equipo de sonido (con amplificador, toca disco, reproductor de discos compactos) C-20

8. Baño

bañera/tina A-25
lavabo/lava manos A-26
inodoro/escusado/poceta B-22
ducha/regadera B-23
toallita de mano B-24
toalla B-25
llave/grifo B-26
báscula/pesa/balanza C-21
peine C-22
cepillo/escobilla C-23
rasuradora (rasurador desechable) C-24
rasuradora eléctrica C-25
cepillo de dientes C-26

9. Cocina (productos)

harina D-1
jabón D-2
leche D-3
hielo D-4
sopa D-5
pan D-6
mantequilla D-7
carne D-8

Vocabulario adicional 1

(izquierda a derecha de arriba a abajo)

caldera
tetera
vela
chimenea
cafetera
molino para pimienta y salero
licuadora
botella
cafetera
pintura
dentífrico/pasta dental
ventilador
enchufe y extensión
silla para niños
porta CD/equipo portátil de música
mecedora
cortina
jardín/flores
maceta/matero
desplanador/palustre
columpio
regadera
manguera
árbol

Vocabulario adicional 1

martillo
destornillador
taladro
cinta métrica
lima/sierra
nivelador
brocha
serrucho
escalera
hacha
tijeras
escalera
palita para basura y escobilla
balde/cubeta/pipote
aspiradora
escoba
pala
rastrillo
horquilla
carretilla
azadón
cortador
cortadora/segadora de pasto