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# Introduction

*Spanish To The Point: B2 Vocabulary* pretende ser una herramienta útil y sencilla para todos aquellos estudiantes de español que deseen alcanzar un nivel superior de vocabulario en esta lengua.

Se divide en diez unidades temáticas, cada una de las cuales incluye una completa lista de términos con su correspondiente traducción en inglés, acompañadas de oraciones en ambos idiomas. Asimismo, se incluye la transcripción fonética de todas las entradas según el Alfabeto Fonético Internacional (AFI).

Se trata de palabras seleccionadas especialmente para los candidatos de los exámenes DELE que buscan ampliar su léxico y perfeccionar su conocimiento del castellano.

*Spanish To The Point: B2 Vocabulary* aims to be a useful and simple companion aid for all Spanish students who wish to achieve a higher-level vocabulary in this language.

It is divided into ten thematic units, all of which include a complete list of terms with their corresponding translation in English, accompanied by sentences in both languages. For each and every one of the entries, you will also find the phonetic transcription according to the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA).

The body of words in this book has been specifically selected for DELE exam candidates who seek to expand their vocabulary and improve their knowledge of Spanish.

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## Abbreviations

*n* noun

*v* verb

*adj* adjective

*adv* adverb

*m* masculine

*f* feminine

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## Behavior & Personality

**afable** *adj* • afaþle

**affable / good-natured**

Mi abuelo era un hombre afable. ▶ My grandfather was a good-natured man.

**agobiado/a** *adj* • ayoþjaðos

**overwhelmed / weighed down**

Los empleados se sentían agobiados por las exigencias de su trabajo. ▶ The employees felt overwhelmed by the demands of their job.

**alabar** *v* • alaþar

**to praise**

Nos alabaron por nuestro esfuerzo. ▶ We were praised for our effort.

**alocado/a** *adj* • alokaðo

**crazy / zany**

Cuando era joven, era una chica bastante alocada. ▶ When I was young, I was a pretty crazy girl.

**amargado/a** *adj* • amaryaðo

**bitter**

Mi tío es una persona rara y amargada. ▶ My uncle is a strange and bitter person.

**animado/a** *adj* • animaðo

**cheerful / lively**

Hoy no pareces tan animado como ayer, ¿te encuentras bien? ▶ Today you don't look as lively as yesterday, ¿are you alright?

**apacible** *adj* • απαθιβλε, apasiβle **calm**

María es una chica apacible y amable. ▶ María is a calm and kind person.

**aprensivo/a** *adj* • απρενσιβο **apprehensive / hypochondriac**

Es tan aprensiva que va al médico cada semana. ▶ She is so hypochondriac that she goes to the doctor every week.

**astucia** *n, f* • astuθja, astusja **astuteness / cleverness / cunning**

Él tenía fe en su astucia y estaba seguro de que encontraría al ave. ▶ He had faith in his cunning and was certain he'd find the bird.

**astuto/a** *adj* • astuto **clever / cunning / sly**

Él es astuto y manipulador. ▶ He's cunning and manipulative.

**asustar** *v* • asustar **to scare**

No queremos asustar a los niños. ▶ We don't want to scare the children away.

**atento/a** *adj* • atento **attentive / watchful**

Me pide que esté atento. ▶ He asks me to be attentive.

**avaricia** *n, f* • αφαριθja, αφαριςja **greed**

Aunque tenía muchos juguetes, su avaricia le hizo querer más. ▶ Although he had many toys, his greed made him want more.

**avaro** *adj* • αφαρο **greedy**



Es avaro y vago. ▶ He's greedy and lazy.

**benevolencia** *n, f* • beneβolenθja, beneβolensja **benevolence / kindness**

Tu benevolencia me sobrecoge. ▶ Your kindness overwhelms me.

**bondad** *n, f* • bondað **goodness / kindness**

Quiero expresar mi más profundo agradecimiento por su bondad. ▶ I wish to express my deep appreciation for your kindness.

**bondadoso/a** *adj* • bondaðoso **kind-hearted**

Mi abuela era una mujer bondadosa que ayudaba a todo el mundo. ▶ My grandmother was a kind-hearted woman who helped everybody.

**cabezonería** *n, f* • kaβeθonerJa, kaβesonerJa **stubbornness**

¡No aguanto tu cabezonería! ▶ I can't stand your stubbornness!

**cabezota** *adj* • kaβeθota, kaβesota **stubborn**

Mary es demasiado cabezota para disculparse. ▶ Mary is too stubborn to apologize.

**cálido/a** *adj* • kaLiðo **warm-hearted**

Mary es una persona cálida y bondadosa. ▶ Mary is a warm-hearted, caring person.

**callado/a** *adj* • kaʎaðo **quiet**

Si yo fuera vos, me quedaría callado. ▶ If I were you, I would stay quiet.

**campechano/a** *adj* • kampeʧano **cheerful**

Aunque es un hombre rico y poderoso, es muy campechano. ▶ In spite of being a rich and powerful man, he is quite cheerful.

**caradura** *adj* • karađura

**bare faced / cheeky**

¿Cómo puedes ser tan caradura? ▶ How can you be so cheeky?

**carriñoso/a** *adj* • kariņosa

**loving**

Es agradable ver a una carriñosa pareja de ancianos. ▶ It is pleasant to watch a loving old couple.

**carisma** *n, m* • karizma

**charisma**

Lo que le falta en carisma, ella lo compensa con trabajo duro. ▶ What she lacks in charisma, she makes up for with hard work.

**carismático/a** *adj* • karizmAtiko

**charismatic**

Nuestra profesora de historia es una mujer carismática. ▶ Our history teacher is a charismatic woman.

**chismorrear** *v* • ťizmorear

**to gossip**

Dejen de chismorrear. ▶ Stop gossiping.

**chismoso/a** *adj* • ťizmoso

**gossip / nosy**

Tu amigo es un chismoso, siempre me pregunta por mi vida privada. ▶ Your friend is nosy, he's always asking about my private life.

**cobarde** *adj* • koβarde

**coward**

Él no es más que un cobarde. ▶ He is nothing more than a coward.

**cobardía** *n, f* • koβarđia

**cowardice**

Le acusaron de cobardía por no enfrentarse a su rival. ▶ He was accused of cowardice for not confronting his rival.

**complacencia** *n, f* • komplaθenθja, komplasensja **satisfaction**

Su cara mostraba complacencia. ▶ Her face showed satisfaction.

**complacer** *v* • komplaθer, komplaser **to please**

Nos resulta difícil llevarnos bien con ella porque es difícil de complacer. ▶ It is difficult for us to get along with her, because she is hard to please.

**complaciente** *adj* • komplaθjente, komplasje **indulgent / pleasant**

No seas tan complaciente con nuestros hijos. ▶ Don't be so indulgent with our children.

**comprensivo/a** *adj* • komprensivo **sympathetic / understanding**

Pedro es muy comprensivo. ▶ Pedro is very understanding.

**confiado/a** *adj* • komfjaðo **confident / trusting**

Si crees en lo que te dijo, eres demasiado confiado. ▶ If you believe in what he said, you're too trusting.

**confiar** *v* • komflar **to trust**

Diga lo que diga, no confíes en él. ▶ No matter what he may say, don't trust him.

**cordial** *adj* • korðjal **friendly / warm**

Manteniendo una charla con él, lo encontré inquieto pero cordial. ▶ On hav-

ing a talk with him, I found him troubled but friendly.

**cotilla** *adj* • kotiła

**nosy**

No seas cotilla. ▶ Stop being nosy.

**cuentista** *adj* • kwentista

**liar / tattletale**

No te creo, eres un cuentista. ▶ I don't believe you, you're a liar.

**descarado/a** *adj* • deskarađo

**shameless**

Su comportamiento fue tan descarado que nos quedamos en silencio. ▶ Her behavior was so shameless that we kept silent.

**desconfiado/a** *adj* • deskomfjađo

**distrustful / suspicious**

Tal vez yo no debería ser tan desconfiado. ▶ Maybe I shouldn't be so suspicious.

**desengaño** *n, m* • desengapjo

**disenchantment / disillusion**

El desengaño con la situación política es más que evidente. ▶ The disenchantment with the political situation is rather obvious.

**desilusionado/a** *adj* • desilusjonađo

**disappointed / disillusioned**

Pareces muy desilusionado con el resultado. ▶ You look very disappointed at the result.

**detestar** *v* • detestar

**to hate**

Él detesta ir al colegio. ▶ He hates going to school.

**dicharachero/a** *adj* • diřarařero

**talkative**

¡Qué chica tan dicharachera! ▶ What a talkative girl!

**educado/a** *adj* • eðukaðo

**polite**

Tony es un chico educado. ▶ Tony is a polite boy.

**elocuente** *adj* • elokwente

**eloquent**

Su discurso es muy elocuente. ▶ His speech is very eloquent.

**elogio** *n, m* • eloxjo

**praise**

Tu esfuerzo merece elogio. ▶ Your effort deserves praise.

**empecinado/a** *adj* • empeθinaðo, empesinaðo

**stubborn**

Estás empecinado, no es posible que cambies de idea. ▶ You're stubborn, it's not possible to change your mind.

**empecinarse** *v* • empeθinarse, empesinarse

**to insist**

Te empecinaste en salir y ahora estás enferma. ▶ You insisted on going out and now you're ill.

**empeñarse** *v* • empeñarse

**to insist**

Se empeñó en hablar con el director y al final lo consiguió. ▶ He insisted on talking to the director and eventually he got it.

**entregado/a** *adj* • entregaðo

**dedicated**

Estoy entregada a mi trabajo. ▶ I'm a dedicated worker.

**entusiasmarse** *v* • entusjzarse

**to be thrilled**

Nos entusiasmó su discurso. ▶ We were thrilled by her speech.

**entusiasta** *adj* • entusjasta

**enthusiast / keen**

Es un entusiasta del teatro. ▶ He is a theater enthusiast.

**envidioso/a** *adj* • embiðjoso

**jealous**

Si eres tan envidiosa, tendrás problemas en tu relación. ▶ If you're so jealous, you'll have problems in your relationship.

**equivocado/a** *adj* • ekiβokaðo

**wrong**

Todos dijeron que yo estaba equivocado. ▶ Everyone said that I was wrong.

**escrupuloso/a** *adj* • eskrupuloso

**fussy**

Eres muy escrupulosa con la limpieza. ▶ You're very fussy with the cleaning.

**expresivo/a** *adj* • ekspresiβo

**expressive**

Ella es tan expresiva que puedo entender cómo se siente sin preguntarle. ▶ She is so expressive that I can understand how she feels without asking her.

**extrovertido/a** *adj* • ekstroβertiðo

**extroverted / outgoing**

Juan es extrovertido y dicharachero. ▶ Juan is outgoing and talkative.

**firmeza** *n, f* • firmeθa, firmesa

**firmness / steadiness**

Necesitamos tu firmeza para mantener la clase en orden. ▶ We need your

firmness to keep the class under control.

**figón/a** *adj* • fizyOn

**nosy / prying**

Mi vecina es una figona. ▶ My neighbor is a nosy person.

**figonear** *v* • fizyonear

**to pry**

A Ana le gusta figonear en la vida de sus compañeros de trabajo. ▶ Ana likes to pry into her colleagues' lives.

**flemático/a** *adj* • flemAtiko

**phlegmatic**

Ernesto tiene un temperamento flemático. ▶ Ernesto has a phlegmatic temperament.

**fracaso** *n, m* • frakaso

**failure**

Su fracaso se debe a su ignorancia. ▶ His failure is due to his ignorance.

**generoso/a** *adj* • xeneroso

**generous**

Él es generoso con sus amigos. ▶ He is generous to his friends.

**genio** *n, m* • xenjo

**genius**

Se le consideraba un genio. ▶ He was reputed to be a genius.

**ignorante** *adj* • iynorante

**ignorant**

Él es el clásico caso de que la gente más ignorante es la más segura de que están en lo correcto. ▶ He's a classic case that the more ignorant people are the more sure they are that they are correct.

**imperturbable** *adj* • imperturβaβle

**composed**

Mi madre estuvo imperturbable incluso en el peor momento. ▶ My mother was composed even in the worst moment.

**imponer** *v* • imponer

**to impose**

En una democracia, no puedes imponer tu voluntad. ▶ In a democracy, you cannot impose your will.

**impulsivo/a** *adj* • impulsivo

**impulsive**

Tom es un poco impulsivo, ¿no? ▶ Tom is a little impulsive, isn't he?

**indiferencia** *n, f* • indiferenθja, indiferensja

**indifference**

La indiferencia es un arma de doble filo. ▶ Indifference is a double-edged weapon.

**indignado/a** *adj* • indiynaðo

**angry / outraged**

Me han despedido, ¡estoy indignado! ▶ I've been fired, I'm outraged!

**inexperto/a** *adj* • ineksperto

**inexperienced**

Todavía es un empleado inexperto, necesita tiempo. ▶ He is still an inexperienced employee, he needs time.

**inexpresivo/a** *adj* • inekspresiθo

**expressionless / inexpressive**

¿Siempre ha sido tan inexpresivo? ▶ Has he always been so inexpressive?

**inseguro/a** *adj* • inseyuro

**insecure / unsure**

Mi aspecto me hace sentir insegura. ▶ My look makes me feel insecure.

**insensato/a** *adj* • insensato

**foolish / unwise**



Dije algo muy insensato. ▶ I said a very foolish thing.

**insensible** *adj* • insensíble

**insensitive**

Chris no me gusta porque es muy rudo e insensible. ▶ I dislike Chris because he is very rude and insensitive.

**insistir** *v* • insistir

**to insist**

Si insistes, te diré lo que pienso. ▶ If you insist, I'll tell you what I think.

**intrépido/a** *adj* • intrépido

**adventurous**

Cuando era joven, era muy intrépido. ▶ When I was young, I was quite adventurous.

**introvertido/a** *adj* • introvertido

**introverted**

Tom es introvertido y tímido. ▶ Tom is introverted and shy.

**ironía** *n, f* • ironía

**irony**

Eres el único que no entiende la ironía de mi frase. ▶ You're the only one who didn't understand the irony of what I said.

**jovial** *adj* • jovial

**cheerful**

Me encanta la gente jovial y sociable. ▶ I love cheerful and sociable people.

**jovialidad** *n, f* • jovialidad

**cheerfulness**

Su jovialidad me fascina. ▶ Her cheerfulness fascinates me.

**maldad** *n, f* • maldad

**nastiness / wickedness**

La naturaleza humana es buena y la maldad es esencialmente antinatural. ▶  
Human nature is good and wickedness is essentially unnatural.

**mezquino/a** *adj* • meθkino, meskino **mean**

¿Cómo puede ser tan mezquino? ▶ How can he be so mean?

**obstinado/a** *adj* • oβstinaðo **adamant**

Es imposible que hablemos si eres tan obstinada. ▶ It's not possible to talk  
if you are so adamant.

**obstinarse** *v* • oβstinarsse **to insist / to persist**

¿Por qué te obstinas en hacerlo todo a tu manera? ▶ Why do you insist  
on doing everything your way?

**ocurrente** *adj* • okurente **witty**

Ella era excepcionalmente ocurrente y encantadora. ▶ She was uncommonly  
witty and charming.

**osadía** *n, f* • osaðIa **audacity / daring**

Tu osadía me sorprende. ▶ Your audacity amazes me.

**osado/a** *adj* • osaðo **daring**

Hay que ser osado para decir algo así. ▶ You have to be daring to say some-  
thing like that.

**osar** *v* • osar **to dare**

¿Cómo osas hablarme así? ▶ How dare you talk to me like that?

**paciencia** *n, f* • paθjenθja, pasjensja **patience**