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## WHY STUDY SPANISH WITH IH LONDON?

1. IH London was established in 1959 and is one of the top-ranking language schools in the UK.
2. IH London is a founding member of IH World Organisation - a network of over 150 high quality language schools located across 52 countries.
3. We are regularly inspected by educational bodies such as the British Council and Ecaquals, ensuring we deliver high quality courses to students.
4. IH London is located near Covent Garden and is a purpose-built language school boasting 9 floors of modern classrooms, as well as study areas and a library with a Spanish language section.
5. We are proud to have a highly qualified team of professional Spanish language teachers, who have extensive experience in teaching their language.
6. IH London offers both online and face-to-face Spanish classes from beginners to advanced levels, with regular start dates throughout the year.
7. Our class sizes are kept small with an average size of 8 students.
8. All students have access to our online platform where Spanish language teachers upload notes for each class, and where extra resources can be found.
9. Students receive regular Spanish 'Spotlight' emails with cultural and self-study recommendations to enhance their studies.
10. Themed events and workshops take place throughout the year, both online and face-to-face, introducing students to different elements of Spanish and Latin American culture.



## OUR COURSES

We have Spanish courses starting regularly throughout the year, with most courses being 6, 8 or 10 weeks long. You can check individual course dates on our course web pages at: [ihlondon.com/foreign-languages/](http://ihlondon.com/foreign-languages/)



# OUR SPANISH LANGUAGE LEVELS EXPLAINED

Course	Category	Course duration	Number of class hours taken before the course	CEF estimates
Level 1	Beginner	12 hours	0 hours	A1
Level 2	Elementary	12 hours	12 hours	A1
Level 3	Elementary	12 hours	24 hours	A1
Level 4	Elementary	12 hours	36 hours	A1
Level 5	Elementary	12 hours	48 hours	A1
Level 6	Elementary	12 hours	60 hours	A1
Level 7	Elementary	12 hours	72 hours	A2
Level 8	Elementary	12 hours	84 hours	A2
Level 9	Pre-Intermediate	12 hours	96 hours	A2
Level 10	Pre-Intermediate	12 hours	108 hours	A2
Level 11	Pre-Intermediate	12 hours	120 hours	A2
Level 12	Pre-Intermediate	12 hours	132 hours	A2
Level 13	Intermediate	12 hours	144 hours	B1
Level 14	Intermediate	12 hours	156 hours	B1
Level 15	Intermediate	12 hours	168 hours	B1
Level 16	Intermediate	12 hours	180 hours	B1
Level 17	Intermediate	12 hours	192 hours	B1 +
Level 18	Intermediate	12 hours	204 hours	B1 +
Level 19	Intermediate	12 hours	216 hours	B1 +
Level 20	Intermediate	12 hours	228 hours	B1 +
Level 21	Upper-Intermediate	12 hours	240 hours	B2
Level 22	Upper-Intermediate	12 hours	252 hours	B2

## OTHER COURSES

Pre-Holiday	Beginner	12 hours	0 hours	A1
Introduction to	Beginner	15 hours	0 hours	A1
Bitesized	Pre-Intermediate / Intermediate	8.5 / 17 hours	Min 96 hours	A2 +
Club	Advanced	12 hours	Min 252 hours	B2 +
Conversation	Advanced	15 hours	Min 252 hours	B2 +

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## MAP OF SPANISH-SPEAKING COUNTRIES



Spanish is the second most widely spoken language in the world with an estimated 450 million speakers.



EQUATORIAL GUINEA

Fun fact – there are approximately 300 Spanish restaurants in London!

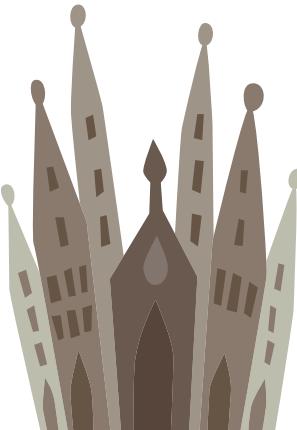
Spanish is an official language in 21 countries, and is a widely spoken foreign language across the world with millions of non-native speakers using the language for travel and work.

In the UK, Spanish is by far one of the most popular languages to learn.

## TOP 5 PLACES TO VISIT

### BARCELONA

For the perfect city break, catch the next flight out to Barcelona. Stroll through trendy Gracia to catch the local buzz from the city; admire the extraordinary Sagrada Familia (which is still a work in progress after 100+ years); wander through the medieval streets of the Ciutat Vella where you're spoiled for choice with little cafés and tapas bars; or even sunbathe on Barceloneta beach. Put it this way, you can do everything in Barcelona, so you're in for a fun and memorable getaway!



### MACHU PICCHU

One of the New Seven Wonders of the World and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Machu Picchu is a site to behold and is on pretty much everyone's bucket list. The Inca citadel is located high-up in the heart of the Andes and off the beaten track, so it comes as no surprise that it wasn't discovered by the Western World until the early 1900s. At the summit, there are truly mesmerising views that will simply blow you away, but be prepared for a challenging yet awe-inspiring trek to get there! A trip to Latin America just wouldn't be complete without going to Machu Picchu.

### GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

Another UNESCO World Heritage Site to add to your bucket list is the Galapagos Islands just off the coast of Ecuador. Following a visit from Charles Darwin in 1835, where he carried out extensive research on evolution for his book, *On the Origins of Species* (1839), the Galapagos became internationally famous. Renowned for its unique climate, plants and rare animal species, such as giant tortoises, marine iguanas and penguins just to name a few, there is no place like it on Earth.



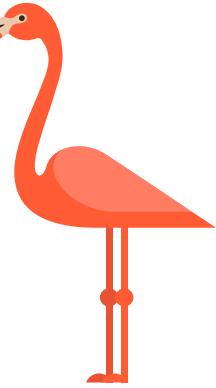
### SEVILLE

Seville is a stunning Andalusian city rich with history, culture and character. Famous for its beautiful architecture, such as the Real Alcázar and Plaza de España, Seville is heavily influenced from both the Roman and Moorish era. Not only that, but Seville is also well-known for its colourful Semana Santa celebration as well as its impressive flamenco shows.

### SALAR DE UYUNI

The Salar de Uyuni, the world's largest salt flat, is one of the most phenomenal attractions you'll ever come across. Stretching over a whooping 10,000km (!), this salt flat is surrounded by beautiful unspoilt landscape in the heart of Bolivia. During the rainy season between December and April, a thin layer of water transforms the Salar de Uyuni into a giant mirror where you can struggle to distinguish where the sky ends and land begins. Prepare to be blown away by the sheer size of the salt flat and remember to bring your camera as you will also take some truly amazing photos.

**Honourable Mentions:** Trinidad - Cuba, Chichen Itza, Madrid.



## CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

### VISIT INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES IN THE AMAZON

Visiting indigenous tribes in the Amazon through volunteering or ecotourism is a perfect way for outsiders to connect with these communities in a meaningful, eco-friendly way while respecting their culture. Step into a pristine, native environment completely different from our own and discover how these remote communities go about their daily lives.

### LEARN TO DANCE FLAMENCO IN SEVILLE

While you're in Seville, there's no better way to embrace the local culture than by taking a flamenco class or two. Learn the basic steps to impress friends and family, and most importantly have a laugh at the same time.

### COOKING CLASS IN MEXICO

Around the world, Mexico is famous for its excellent cuisine. While on your travels there, be sure to attend a Mexican cooking class to learn the tricks and secrets behind some of the most authentic regional dishes and bring your cooking to new heights.



## FESTIVALS

### SEMANA SANTA (APRIL)

Semana Santa is a traditional, religious holiday celebrated over Easter across all of Spain. You'll find the biggest processions in Malaga and Seville where crowds gather to carry their patron saint through the streets to the backdrop of hundreds of candles. This is a very special ceremony where the whole community comes together and it's one that you should try to go to at least once.



### LA TOMATINA (AUGUST)

Ever wanted to be in a full-blown food fight? Well La Tomatina is the festival for you. Definitely one of the messiest festivals you'll ever attend, La Tomatina is an annual, globally recognised festival that takes place in the small Valencian town of Buñol. As the name suggests, it involves a mass tomato-fuelled food fight where the town is painted red. If you want to go, be sure to get a ticket well in advance as La Tomatina is extremely popular and thousands flock to Buñol every August specifically for this event.



### DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS (1ST & 2ND NOVEMBER)

Not to be confused with Halloween, Día de los Muertos is a special festival that commemorates the lives of those who are no longer with us. This festival is widely celebrated across Latin America, but you'll find none better than in Mexico. Enjoy plenty of colourful parades and costumes, as well as singing and partying in the street - an experience like no other.



## MUST-TRY FOOD

### EMPANADAS

Although they originate from Spain, empanadas are mostly associated with Argentina. Every Argentinian region has a different variant of the empanada, but these delicious pastries never fail to bring a smile to your face.

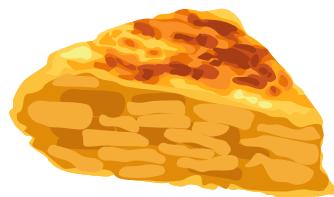


### PAELLA

One of the first things that comes to mind when you mention Spanish cuisine is paella - a Valencian rice dish made with either rabbit, chicken or seafood. Cooked in one massive frying pan, paella is a hearty meal that's perfect for a big crowd.

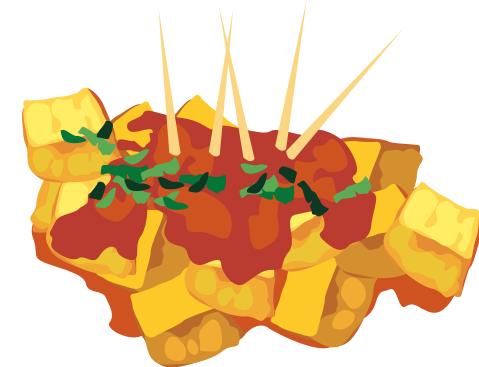
### CUY (GUINEA PIG)

Still to this day, cuy is considered a delicacy by indigenous people in the Andean highlands and is a popular dish in parts of Peru, Bolivia, Ecuador and Colombia. With a similar taste to rabbit, the meat is rich, tender and delicious.



### PATATAS BRAVAS

No Spanish tapas evening would be complete without some patatas bravas. These spicy potatoes pack a bit of a punch and complement pretty much any other tapas dish, so always go down a treat.



### TACOS

This flavourful and versatile Mexican dish consists of small corn or wheat tortillas packed with meat, salsa, guacamole and much, much more. Typically, tacos are quite spicy and you eat them with your hands, so it might get a bit messy, but boy is it worth it!



## SPANISH DIALOGUES

### 1. TAKING THE BUS FROM QUITO TO CUENCA

**Tourist:** Good morning, please may I get a return ticket to Cuenca?

**Ticket Officer:** Good Morning. Of course you can – the next one is leaving in one hour.

**Tourist:** Oh, really? Is there not one leaving sooner?

**Ticket Officer:** I'm afraid not. There has been a delay because of an accident on the road.

**Tourist:** Okay that's not a problem – I will take the next bus then. How much is it?

**Ticket Officer:** It'll be \$8 please.

**Tourist:** Here you go.

**Ticket Officer:** And here's your change sir. Hope you have a safe journey and enjoy your stay in Cuenca.

**Tourist:** Thank you, that's very kind of you. While I'm waiting for the next bus, is there a little café around here where I can grab a coffee and something to eat?

**Ticket Officer:** Of course. There's one just around the corner. Walk past the little shop next door, take a left and then it's just there. It's called Abuelita Café.

**Tourist:** Brilliant. Have a nice day!

**Ticket Officer:** You too. Goodbye.

**Turista:** Buenos días, por favor ¿podría comprar un billete ida y vuelta a Cuenca?

**Taquillero:** Buenos días, ¡por supuesto! El próximo sale en una hora.

**Turista:** Ah, ¿en serio? ¿no hay otro que salga antes?

**Taquillero:** Me temo que no. Ha habido una demora por un accidente en la carretera.

**Turista:** Vale, no hay problema. Entonces voy a coger el próximo.

**Taquillero:** Son \$8 por favor.

**Turista:** Aquí tiene.

**Taquillero:** Aquí tiene el cambio señor. Que tenga un buen viaje y disfrute su estadía en Cuenca.

**Turista:** Muchas gracias, es muy amable. ¿Hay alguna cafetería por aquí cerca para coger un café y algo para comer mientras espero el próximo autobús?

**Taquillero:** Claro. Hay una justo a la vuelta. Pase la tienda de aquí al lado, gire a la izquierda y está justo ahí. Se llama 'Abuelita Café'.

**Turista:** Genial. ¡Que tenga un buen día!

**Taquillero:** Usted también. Adiós



## SPANISH DIALOGUES

### 2. ORDERING TAPAS IN BARCELONA



**Waiter:** Good evening, welcome to La Pepita.

**Customer:** Good evening, do you have a table for two?

**Waiter:** Yes we do. If you'd like to follow me, it's that one in the corner. Here are the drinks and food menus. I'll be back to take your order when you're ready.

**Customer:** Thank you. While we're deciding, could we have a bottle of sparkling water please?

**Waiter:** Of course. I'll bring that right over.

**Waiter:** Here's your water. Are you ready to order?

**Customer:** Yes we are. Could we have a bottle of the house red to share please? And let's see... some tomato bread and olives would be great to start, and also the Iberian ham platter.

**Waiter:** Anything else?

**Customer:** There's so much to choose from it's hard to decide! We'll go for the meatballs, a portion of patatas bravas and also some padron peppers... do you have any other recommendations?

**Waiter:** I would suggest the chorizo al vino tinto as it would go really well with the patatas bravas and your wine. If you're feeling extra hungry, maybe you would like to have the octopus too - pulpo a la gallega - as this tends to be a popular choice.

**Customer:** Thank you for your tips, we would like to order both of those dishes too!

**Customer:** Excuse me, may we have the bill?

**Waiter:** Of course. How did you find your meal?

**Customer:** Absolutely superb, thank you! The pulpo a la gallega was particularly delicious.

**Waiter:** Glad to hear. I will clear up and bring the bill right away.

**Customer:** Thank you.

**Camarero:** Buenas noches, bienvenidos a 'La Pepita'

**Cliente:** Buenas noches, ¿tiene una mesa para dos?

**Camarero:** Sí, claro. Sígame, es esa la del rincón. Aquí tienen la carta de bebidas y comida. Cuando estén listos les tomaré su pedido.

**Cliente:** Gracias. Mientras decidimos, ¿podría traernos una botella de agua con gas por favor?

**Camarero:** Claro, enseguida se la traigo.

**Camarero:** Aquí tienen el agua. ¿Están listos para pedir?

**Cliente:** Sí, ¿podría traernos una botella de vino tinto de la casa para compartir, por favor? Y a ver... de primero pan con tomate, aceitunas y también una tabla jamón ibérico.

**Camarero:** ¿Algo más?

**Cliente:** ¡Hay tanto para elegir que es muy difícil decidirse! Pues... las albóndigas, una porción de patatas bravas y también pimientos de padrón. ¿Nos recomienda algo más?

**Camarero:** Les recomiendo el chorizo al vino tinto, va muy bien con las patatas bravas y el vino que pidieron. Si tienen mucha hambre, quizás les gustaría probar el pulpo a la gallega, es muy popular.

**Cliente:** Gracias por sus recomendaciones. ¡Nos gustaría probar esos dos platos también!

**Cliente:** Disculpe, ¿nos podría traer la cuenta?

**Camarero:** Claro. ¿Qué les pareció la comida?

**Cliente:** ¡Fabulosa, muchas gracias! El pulpo a la gallega estuvo particularmente delicioso.

**Camarero:** Me alegra mucho. Les recojo la mesa y les traigo la cuenta enseguida.

**Cliente:** Gracias.

## SPANISH DIALOGUES

### 3. WINE TOUR IN MENDOZA, ARGENTINA

**Tourist:** Good afternoon. We're here for the wine tour. Are there still spaces on the one today?

**Ticket Officer:** Good afternoon. We have a few spaces left. How many of you are there?

**Tourist:** Four of us.

**Ticket Officer:** Oh no. I'm afraid that we only have three spaces left. We do have room on the tour starting tomorrow however.

**Tourist:** Oh dear that's a shame. I suppose the one tomorrow will do. How much would that cost?

**Ticket Officer:** It's 2000 pesos per adult, however for an extra 750 pesos a traditional lunch will be included.

**Tourist:** Okay, so we'll go for four tickets with lunch included. How much would that be?

**Ticket Officer:** That'll be 11,000 pesos in total.

**Tourist:** Excellent. While we're in the area, where do you recommend we visit?

**Ticket Officer:** Definitely spend some time in the city centre. You can stroll around, pop into some of the bars and cafes, and grab some typical bites to eat such as some empanadas.

**Tourist:** Perfect. Where's the closest bus stop?

**Ticket Officer:** When you walk out of the building, turn right, walk a few blocks and then turn left onto Avenida Tucumán and it'll be just there opposite the bank.

**Tourist:** Great, thank you for your help.

**Ticket Officer:** You're welcome. Hope you enjoy the tour tomorrow!

**Turista:** Buenas tardes. Vinimos por el tour de vino. ¿Todavía hay lugares para hoy?

**Taquillero:** Buenas tardes, todavía quedan algunos lugares. ¿Cuántos son?

**Turista:** Somos cuatro.

**Taquillero:** Ah no. Me temo que solo quedan tres lugares. Pero tenemos lugar para el tour de mañana.

**Turista:** Oh, ¡qué pena! Supongo que el de mañana está bien. ¿Cuanto costaría?

**Taquillero:** Serían 2.000 pesos por adulto, pero por 750 pesos extra podemos incluir un almuerzo tradicional.

**Turista:** Vale, entonces sacamos cuatro billetes con el almuerzo incluido. ¿Cuánto sería en total?

**Taquillero:** Serían 11.000 pesos en total.

**Turista:** Excelente. Ya que estamos en el área, ¿dónde nos recomienda visitar?

**Taquillero:** Deberían pasar tiempo en el centro de la ciudad. Pueden pasear, ir de copas, ir a cafeterías, y probar las empanadas que son típicas de la región.

**Turista:** Perfecto. ¿Dónde está la parada de autobús más cercana?

**Taquillero:** Cuando salgan del edificio giren a la derecha, caminen un par de cuadras y giren a la izquierda en la Avenida Tucumán, y está justo en frente del banco.

**Turista:** Genial. Muchas gracias por su ayuda.

**Taquillero:** De nada. ¡Espero que disfruten el tour mañana!



## SPANISH DIALOGUES

### 4. GOING TO THE BERNABEU FOR REAL MADRID VS VALENCIA

**Football Fan:** Excuse me, I'm trying to find our seats. Could you help?

**Steward:** Sure. What are your seat numbers?

**Football Fan:** 503 and 504 in the Tribuna Superior Baja.

**Steward:** Okay, so you keep on walking along until you get to entrance seven over there. Then you walk up to row five and your seats will be just on the right.

**Football Fan:** Thank you, I think we should be able to find them now. We're very excited about the game!

**Steward:** Is this your first time at the Bernabeu?

**Football Fan:** Yes, it is! I've been meaning to come for years with my son, but we haven't had the chance. I finally managed to get tickets for this game as a Christmas present.

**Steward:** Great to hear. Well I hope you enjoy the game... and most importantly that we win!

**Football Fan:** Let's hope so. Go Madrid!



**Visitante:** Disculpe, estoy intentando encontrar nuestros asientos.

**Representante:** Claro. ¿Cuáles son los números de los asientos?

**Visitante:** 503 y 504 en la Tribuna Superior Baja.

**Representante:** Vale, siga caminando recto hasta que llegue a la entrada siete allí. Después camine hasta la fila cinco y sus asientos estarán justo a la derecha.

**Visitante:** Muchas gracias. Creo que los encontraremos sin problema. ¡Estamos muy emocionados por el partido!

**Representante:** ¿Esta es su primera vez en el Bernabeu?

**Visitante:** ¡Sí! Hace muchos años que queríamos venir con mi hijo, pero no hemos tenido la oportunidad. Finalmente logramos sacar los billetes para este partido como regalo de navidad.

**Representante:** Me alegra mucho. Bueno, espero que disfruten el partido, ¡y que ganemos!

**Visitante:** ¡Ojalá! ¡Hala Madrid!

# SPANISH VERBS - USEFUL CONJUGATIONS

## REGULAR VERBS



### AR

HABLAR – to speak					
	Presente	Indefinido	Imperfecto	Condicional	Futuro
Yo	hablo	hablé	hablaba	hablaría	hablaré
Tú	hablas	hablaste	hablabas	hablarías	hablarás
Él/Ella/Usted	habla	habló	hablaba	hablaría	hablará
Nosotros	hablamos	hablamos	hablábamos	hablaríamos	hablaremos
Vosotros	habláis	hablasteis	hablabais	hablaríais	hablaréis
Ellos/Ellas/ Ustedes	hablan	hablaron	hablaban	hablarían	hablarán

### ER

COMER – to eat					
	Presente	Indefinido	Imperfecto	Condicional	Futuro
Yo	como	comí	comía	comería	comeré
Tú	comes	comiste	comías	comerías	comerás
Él/Ella/Usted	come	comió	comía	comería	comerá
Nosotros	comemos	comimos	comíamos	comeríamos	comeremos
Vosotros	coméis	comistéis	comíais	comeríais	comeréis
Ellos/Ellas/ Ustedes	comen	comieron	comían	comerían	comerán

### IR

VIVIR – to live					
	Presente	Indefinido	Imperfecto	Condicional	Futuro
Yo	vivo	viví	vivía	viviría	viviré
Tú	vives	viviste	vivías	vivirías	vivirás
Él/Ella/Usted	vives	vivió	vivía	viviría	vivirá
Nosotros	vivimos	vivimos	vivíamos	viviríamos	viviremos
Vosotros	vivís	vivisteis	vivíais	viviríais	viviréis
Ellos/Ellas/ Ustedes	viven	vivieron	vivían	vivirían	vivirán

## IRREGULAR VERBS

SER – to be					
	Presente	Indefinido	Imperfecto	Condicional	Futuro
<b>Yo</b>	soy	fui	era	sería	seré
<b>Tú</b>	eres	fuiste	eras	serías	serás
<b>Él/Ella/Usted</b>	es	fue	era	sería	será
<b>Nosotros</b>	somos	fuimos	éramos	seríamos	seremos
<b>Vosotros</b>	sois	fuisteis	erais	seríais	seréis
<b>Ellos/Ellas/ Ustedes</b>	son	fueron	eran	serían	serán

ESTAR – to be					
	Presente	Indefinido	Imperfecto	Condicional	Futuro
<b>Yo</b>	estoy	estuve	estaba	estaría	estaré
<b>Tú</b>	estás	estuviste	estabas	estarías	estarás
<b>Él/Ella/Usted</b>	está	estuvo	estaba	estaría	estará
<b>Nosotros</b>	estamos	estuvimos	estábamos	estaríamos	estaremos
<b>Vosotros</b>	estáis	estuvisteis	estabais	estaríais	estaréis
<b>Ellos/Ellas/ Ustedes</b>	están	estuvieron	estaban	estarían	estarán

HACER – to do					
	Presente	Indefinido	Imperfecto	Condicional	Futuro
<b>Yo</b>	hago	hice	hacía	haría	haré
<b>Tú</b>	haces	hiciste	hacías	harías	harás
<b>Él/Ella/Usted</b>	hace	hizo	hacía	haría	hará
<b>Nosotros</b>	hacemos	hicimos	hacíamos	haríamos	haremos
<b>Vosotros</b>	hacéis	hicisteis	hacíais	haríais	haréis
<b>Ellos/Ellas/ Ustedes</b>	hacen	hiciste	hacían	harían	harán

TENER – to have					
	Presente	Indefinido	Imperfecto	Condicional	Futuro
Yo	tengo	tuve	tenía	tendría	tendré
Tú	tienes	tuviste	tenías	tendrías	tendrás
Él/Ella/Usted	tiene	tuvo	tenía	tendría	tendrá
Nosotros	tenemos	tuvimos	teníamos	tendríamos	tendremos
Vosotros	tenéis	tuvisteis	teníais	tendríais	tendréis
Ellos/Ellas/ Ustedes	tienen	tuvieron	tenían	tendrían	tendrán

IR – to go					
	Presente	Indefinido	Imperfecto	Condicional	Futuro
Yo	voy	fui	iba	iría	iré
Tú	vas	fuiste	ibas	irías	irás
Él/Ella/Usted	va	fue	iba	iría	irá
Nosotros	vamos	fuimos	íbamos	iríamos	iremos
Vosotros	vais	fuisteis	ibais	iríais	iréis
Ellos/Ellas/ Ustedes	van	fueron	iban	irían	irán

QUERER – to want					
	Presente	Indefinido	Imperfecto	Condicional	Futuro
Yo	quiero	quise	quería	querría	querré
Tú	quieres	quisiste	querías	querrías	querrás
Él/Ella/Usted	quiere	quiso	quería	querría	querrá
Nosotros	queremos	quisimos	queríamos	querríamos	querremos
Vosotros	queréis	quisisteis	queríais	querríais	querréis
Ellos/Ellas/ Ustedes	quieren	quisieron	querían	querrían	querrán



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