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Translations

You have access to both a bilingual and monolingual Spanish dictionary. Select ‘Spanish’ from the Spanish homepage to see Spanish definitions rather than translations into English.

The different senses of the headword itself are translated, with information to help you find which sense you need. In addition, many examples of a sense in use are provided and translated, especially when the main translation does not work in all contexts, or when unexpected verbs or prepositions may be needed.

Whenever a translation is a headword on the other side of the dictionary, it is blue and hyperlinked. You can click the hyperlink to go to that entry.

Links are provided to the same word in other dictionaries.
Pronunciations

British and US pronunciation is given using IPA (symbols that show the sound that each letter represents in the word in question) and audio. Click on the IPA for an explanation of the symbols. Click on the speaker button to hear the word spoken aloud.

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Phrases, phrasal verbs, and derivatives

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Usage guidance

Labels indicate region, field of language, and register whenever necessary, and grammar and usage notes are given for tricky entries.

You can also find a ‘See how the verb works’ link when looking up Spanish verbs to learn how to conjugate them.

A detailed guide to the dictionary can be found here

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Cultural Notes

Cultural notes are provided for culturally specific terms.

The primary meaning of almuerzo is lunch, and it is used only in this sense in most of Latin America. In Spain and Mexico, where comida is the usual word for lunch, almuerzo can also be a mid-morning snack.

Ways of searching

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