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VERBS

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DAILY ROUTINE VERBS

	VERB	PAST	PAST PARTICIPLE	MEANING	
1	WAKE UP	WOKE UP	WOKEN UP	DESPERTAR	
2	TAKE A SHOWER	TOOK A SHOWER	TAKEN A SHOWER	TOMAR UN BAÑO	
3	BRUSH	BRUSHED	BRUSHED	CEPILLAR	T
4	GET DRESSED	GOT DRESSED	GOT DRESSED	VESTIRSE	T
5	HAVE BREAKFAST	HAD BREAKFAST	HAD BREAKFAST	DESAYUNAR	
6	HAVE LUNCH	HAD LUNCH	HAD LUNCH	ALMORZAR	
7	HAVE DINNER	HAD DINNER	HAD DINNER	CENAR	
8	GO	WENT	GONE	IR	
9	CHECK	CHECKED	CHECKED	REVISAR	T
10	WORK	WORKED	WORKED	TRABAJAR	T
11	STUDY	STUDIED	STUDIED	ESTUDIAR	D
12	WATCH	WATCHED	WATCHED	MIRAR, OBSERVAR	T
13	DO	DID	DONE	HACER	
14	MAKE	MADE	MADE	HACER	
15	CHAT	CHATTED	CHATTED	CHATEAR	ID
16	TEXT	TEXTED	TEXTED	MENSAJEAR	ID
17	PLAY	PLAYED	PLAYED	JUGAR	D
18	COOK	COOKED	COOKED	COCINAR	T
19	CALL	CALLED	CALLED	LLAMAR	D
20	COME BACK	CAME BACK	COME BACK	REGRESAR	
21	EAT	ATE	EATEN	COMER	
22	DRIVE	DROVE	DRIVEN	CONducIR	
23	READ	READ	READ	LEER	
24	DRINK	DRANK	DRUNK	BEBER	
25	LISTEN	LISTENED	LISTENED	ESCUCHAR	D
26	CLEAN	CLEANED	CLEANED	LIMPIAR	D
27	SLEEP	SLEPT	SLEPT	DORMIR	



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MOST COMMON VERBS

	VERB	PAST	PAST PARTICIPLE	MEANING	
1	RIDE	RODE	RIDDEN	MONTAR, ANDAR EN	
2	GET	GOT	GOTTEN	OBTENER	
3	GIVE	GAVE	GIVEN	DAR	
4	SEE	SAW	SEEN	VER	
5	LOOK	LOOKED	LOOKED	OBSERVAR	T
6	TAKE	TOOK	TAKEN	TOMAR	
7	THINK	THOUGHT	THOUGHT	PENSAR	
8	WASH	WASHED	WASHED	LAVAR	T
9	HAVE	HAD	HAD	TENER	
10	FIND	FOUND	FOUND	ENCONTRAR	
11	LEARN	LEARNED	LEARNED	APRENDER	D
12	WRITE	WROTE	WRITTEN	ESCRIBIR	
13	WALK	WALKED	WALKED	CAMINAR	T
14	CAN	COULD	--	PODER	
15	WANT	WANTED	WANTED	QUERER	ID
16	NEED	NEEDED	NEEDED	NECESITAR	ID
17	LIKE	LIKED	LIKED	GUSTAR	T
18	TALK	TALKED	TALKED	CONVERSAR	T
19	SPEAK	SPOKE	SPOKEN	HABLAR	
20	REMEMBER	REMEMBERED	REMEMBERED	RECORDAR	D
21	UNDERSTAND	UNDERSTOOD	UNDERSTOOD	ENTENDER	
22	SPEND	SPENT	SPENT	GASTAR	
23	TRY	TRIED	TRIED	INTENTAR	
24	SWIM	SWAM	SWUM	NADAR	
25	START	STARTED	STARTED	EMPEZAR	ID
26	SAY	SAID	SAID	DECIR	
27	TELL	TOLD	TOLD	DECIR, CONTAR	

MOST COMMON VERBS

	VERB	PAST	PAST PARTICIPLE	MEANING	
28	BUY	BOUGHT	BOUGHT	COMPRAR	
29	BRING	BROUGHT	BROUGHT	TRAER	
30	CHANGE	CHANGED	CHANGED	CAMBIAR	D
31	CUT	CUT	CUT	CORTAR	
32	FALL	FELL	FALLEN	CAER	
33	FIX	FIXED	FIXED	REPARAR	T
34	FORGET	FORGOT	FORGOTTEN	OLVIDAR	
35	LOSE	LOST	LOST	PERDER	
36	OPEN	OPENED	OPENED	ABRIR	D
37	CLOSE	CLOSED	CLOSED	CERRAR	D
38	PAY	PAID	PAID	PAGAR	
39	PUT	PUT	PUT	PONER	
40	RUN	RAN	RUN	CORRER	
41	SEND	SENT	SENT	ENVIAR	
42	FEEL	FELT	FELT	SENTIR	
43	TEACH	TAUGHT	TAUGHT	ENSEÑAR	
44	WAIT	WAITED	WAITED	ESPERAR	ID
45	FLY	FLEW	FLOWN	VOLAR	
46	LEAVE	LEFT	LEFT	DEJAR, SALIR	
47	KNOW	KNEW	KNOWN	SABER	
48	BELIEVE	BELIEVED	BELIEVED	CREER	D
49	BECOME	BECAME	BECOME	LLEGAR A SER	
50	ASK	ASKED	ASKED	PEDIR, PREGUNTAR	T
51	HEAR	HEARD	HEARD	ESCUCHAR	
52	USE	USED	USED	USAR	D
53	SING	SANG	SUNG	CANTAR	
54	PICK UP	PICKED UP	PICKED UP	RECOGER	T



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ARISE	AROSE	ARISEN	ELEVARSE, SURGIR, ORIGINARSE
AWAKE	AWOKE	AWOKEN	DESPERTAR, MOVER, EXCITAR
BEAR	BORE	BORN	SOPORTAR. SOSTENER, TOLERAR
BEAT	BEAT	BEATEN	BATIR, REVOLVER, GOLPEAR
BECOME	BECAME	BECOME	HACERSE, CONVERTIRSE EN
BEGIN	BEGAN	BEGUN	EMPEZAR, INICIAR
BEND	BENT	BENT	DOBLAR, INCLINAR
BET	BET	BET	APOSTAR
BIND	BOUND	BOUND	ATAR, UNIR, ENLAZAR
BITE	BIT	BITTEN	MORDER
BLOW	BLEW	BLOWN	SOPLAR
BREAK	BROKE	BROKEN	QUEBRAR, PARTIR, ROMPER
BRING	BROUGHT	BROUGHT	TRAER, LLEVAR, CONDUCIR
BUILD	BUILT	BUILT	CONSTRUIR, EDIFICAR
BURN	BURNT	BURNT	QUEMAR, INCENDIAR
BURST	BURST	BURST	ROMPER, REVENTAR
BUY	BOUGHT	BOUGHT	COMPRAR
CATCH	CAUGHT	CAUGHT	COGER, ATRAPAR
CHOOSE	CHOSE	CHOSEN	ESCOGER, ELEGIR
CLING	CLUNG	CLUNG	ASIRSE, ADHERIRSE, PEGARSE

IRREGULAR VERBS

VERB	PAST	PAST PARTICIPLE	MEANING
COME	CAME	COME	VENIR
COST	COST	COST	COSTAR
CREEP	CREPT	CREPT	ARRASTRARSE, PEGARSE
CUT	CUT	CUT	CORTAR, DIVIDIR
DEAL	DEALT	DEALT	TRATAR, TENER QUE REFERIRSE
DIG	DUG	DUG	CAVAR, AHONDAR
DO	DID	DONE	HACER, EJECUTAR
DRAW	DREW	DRAWN	DIBUJAR, ATRAER
DRINK	DRANK	DRUNK	BEBER
DRIVE	DROVE	DRIVEN	CONducir, LLEVAR
FALL	FELL	FALLEN	CAER, DISMINUIR
FEED	FED	FED	ALIMENTAR, NUTRIR
FEEL	FELT	FELT	SENTIR
FIGHT	FOUGHT	FOUGHT	PELEAR, COMBATIR
FIND OUT	FOUND OUT	FOUND OUT	ENCONTRAR, DESCUBRIR
FLEE	FLED	FLED	ESCAPAR, HUIR
FLY	FLEW	FLOWN	VOLAR
FORBID	FORBADE	FORDBIDDEN	PROHIBIR
FORESEE	FORESAW	FORESEEN	PREVER, PREVENIR
FORGET	FORGOT	FORGOTTEN	OLVIDAR



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FREEZE	FROZE	FROZEN	CONGELAR
GET	GOT	GOTTEN	LOGRAR, OBTENER, CONSEGUIR
GIVE	GAVE	GIVEN	DAR, CONCEDER
GO	WENT	GONE	IR, FUNCIONAR, RESULTAR
GRIND	GROUND	GROUND	MOLER, TRITURAR
GROW	GREW	GROWN	CRECER, CULTIVAR
HANG	HUNG	HUNG	COLGAR, SUSPENDER
HAVE	HAD	HAD	TENER, HABER
HEAR	HEARD	HEARD	OIR, ESCUCHAR
HIDE	HID	HIDDEN	OCULTAR, ENCUBRIR
HIT	HIT	HIT	PEGAR, GOLPEAR, ACERTAR
HOLD	HELD	HELD	SOSTENER, MANTENER
HURT	HURT	HURT	PEGAR, GOLPEAR
KEEP	KEPT	KEPT	MANTENER, GUARDAR
KNOW	KNEW	KNOWN	CONOCER, SABER
LAY	LAID	LAID	PONER, COLOCAR
LEAD	LED	LED	GUIAR, LLEVAR, CONDUCIR
LEAN	LEANT	LEANT	INCLINAR, APOYARSE
LEAVE	LEFT	LEFT	DEJAR, IRSE

IRREGULAR VERBS

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LEND	LENT	LENT	PRESTAR
LET	LET	LET	PERMITIR, CONCEDER
LIE	LIED	LIED	MENTIR
LIGHT	LIT	LIT	ENCENDER, ALUMBRAR, ILUMINAR
LOSE	LOST	LOST	PERDER, MALGASTAR
MAKE	MADE	MADE	HACER, PRODUCIR
MEAN	MEANT	MEANT	SIGNIFICAR, QUERER DECIR
MEET	MET	MET	ENCONTRARSE, CONOCER
MELT	MELTED	MELTED	DERRETIR, FUNDIR
MISTAKE	MISTOOK	MISTAKEN	EQUIVOCARSE, ERRAR
MISUNDERSTAND	MISUNDERSTOOD	MISUNDERSTOOD	ENTENDER MAL
OVERCOME	OVERCAME	OVERCOME	VENCER, SUPERAR
PAY	PAID	PAID	PAGAR, RECOMPENSAR
PUT	PUT	PUT	PONER, COLOCAR
READ	READ	READ	LEER, MARCAR
REBUILD	REBUILT	REBUILT	RECONSTRUIR
RID	RID	RID	LIBERARSE, ZAFARSE
RIDE	RODE	RIDDEN	RODAR, FUNCIONAR
RING	RANG	RUNG	TOCAR, SONAR
RISE	ROSE	RISEN	ASCENDER, LEVANTAR



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RUN	RAN	RUN	CORRER, FUNCIONAR
SAW	SAWED	SAWN	ASERRAR, CORTAR CON SIERRA
SAY	SAID	SAID	DECIR, AFIRMAR
SEE	SAW	SEEN	VER, OBSERVAR
SEEK	SOUGHT	SOUGHT	BUSCAR, SOLICITAR
SELL	SOLD	SOLD	VENDER
SEND	SENT	SENT	ENVIAR
SET	SET	SET	INSTALAR, COLOCAR, FIJAR
SHAKE	SHOOK	SHAKEN	SACUDIR, LANZAR
SHED	SHED	SHED	DERRAMAR, DEJAR CAER
SHINE	SHONE	SHONE	BRILLAR, SOBRESALIR
SHOOT	SHOT	SHOT	DISPARAR, LANZAR
SHOW	SHOWED	SHOWED	MOSTRAR, PROBAR, DEMOSTRAR
SHRINK	SHRANK	SHRUNK	ENCOGERSE, DISMINUIR
SHUT	SHUT	SHUT	CERRAR, IMPEDIR
SING	SANG	SUNG	CANTAR
SINK	SANK	SUNK	HUNDIR, SUMERGIR
SIT	SAT	SAT	SENTARSE, REUNIRSE
SLEEP	SLEPT	SLEPT	DORMIR
SLIDE	SLID	SLID	RESBALAR, DESLIZAR

IRREGULAR VERBS

VERB	PAST	PAST PARTICIPLE	MEANING
SPEAK	SPOKE	SPOKEN	HABLAR
SPEND	SPENT	SPENT	GASTAR
STAND	STOOD	STOOD	ESTAR DE PIE
TREAD	TROD	TRODDEN	PISAR
TEACH	TAUGHT	TAUGHT	ENSEÑAR
TELL	TOLD	TOLD	DECIR, CONTAR, NARRAR
THINK	THOUGHT	THOUGHT	PENSAR, CREER
THROW	THREW	THROWN	LANZAR, TIRAR, IMPELER, ARROJAR
THRUST	THRUST	THRUST	INTRODUCIR CON VIOLENCIA, EMPUJAR
UNDERGO	UNDERWENT	UNDERGONE	SUFRIR, EXPERIMENTAR, PASAR POR
UNDERSTAND	UNDERSTOOD	UNDERSTOOD	COMPRENDER
UNDERTAKE	UNDERTOOK	UNDERTAKEN	EMPRENDER, COMEZAR ALGO
UNDO	UNDID	UNDONE	DESARMAR, DESHACER
WAKE	WOKE	WOKEN	DESPERTAR, EXCITAR
WEAR	WORE	WORN	GASTAR(SE), CONSEGUIR, USAR
WIN	WON	WON	GANAR, CONQUISTAR
WIND	WOUND	WOUND	ENROSCAR(SE), SERPENTEAR, GIRAR
WITHDRAW	WITHDREW	WITHDRAWN	RETIRAR, RETRACTARSE, QUITAR
WITHSTAND	WITHSTOOD	WITHSTOOD	RESISTIR, OPONERSE, SOPORTAR
WRITE	WROTE	WRITTEN	ESCRIBIR



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PHRASAL VERB	MEANING	EXAMPLE
Break in on	Interrupt (a conversation)	I was talking to mom on the phone when the operator broke in on our call.
Catch up with	Keep abreast	After our month-long trip, it was time to catch up with the neighbors and the news around town.
Check up on	Examine, investigate	The boys promised to check up on the condition of the summer house from time to time.
Come up with	To contribute (suggestion, money)	After years of giving nothing, the old parishioner was able to come up with a thousand-dollar donation.
Cut down on	Reduce (expenses)	We tried to cut down on the money we were spending on entertainment.
Drop out of	Leave school	I hope none of my students drop out of school this semester.
Get along with	Have a good relationship with	I found it very hard to get along with my brother when we were young.
Get away with	Escape, blame	Janik cheated on the exam and then tried to get away with it.

PHRASAL VERBS

PHRASAL VERB	MEANING	EXAMPLE
Get rid of	Eliminate	The citizens tried to get rid of their corrupt mayor in the recent election.
Get through with	Finish	When will you ever get through with that program?
Keep up with	Maintain pace with	It's hard to keep up with the Joneses when you lose your job!
Look forward to	Anticipate with Pleasure	I always look forward to the beginning of a new semester.
Look down on	Despise	It's typical of a jingoistic country that the citizens look down on their geographical neighbors.
Look in on	Visit (somebody)	We were going to look in on my brother-in-law, but he wasn't home.
Look out for	Be careful, anticipate	Good instructors will look out for early signs of failure in their students.
Look up to	Respect	First-graders really look up to their teachers.
Make sure of	Verify	Make sure of the student's identity before you let him into the classroom.



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Put up with	Tolerate	The teacher had to put up with a great deal of nonsense from the new students.
Run out of	Exhaust, supply	The runners ran out of energy before the end of the race.
Take care of	Be responsible for	My oldest sister took care of us, after mom died.
Talk back to	Answer impolitely	The star player talked back to the coach and was thrown off the team.
Think back on	Recall	I often think back on my childhood with great pleasure.
Walk out on	Abandon	Her husband walked out on her and their three children.
Pass out	Lose consciousness, faint	He had drunk too much; he passed out on the sidewalk outside the bar.
Show off	Demonstrate something proudly	Whenever he sat down at the piano, we knew he was going to show off.
Show up	Arrive	Day after day, Efrain showed up for class twenty minutes late.
Wake up	Awake from sleep	I woke up when the rooster crowed.

PHRASAL VERB	MEANING	EXAMPLE
Break down	Stop functioning	That old Jeep had a tendency to break down just when I needed it the most.
Catch on	Become popular	Popular songs seem to catch on in California first and then spread eastward.
Come back	Return to a place	Father promised that we would never come back to this horrible place.
Come in	Enter	They tried to come in through the back door, but it was locked.
Come to	Regain consciousness	He was hit on the head very hard, but after several minutes, he started to come to again.
Come over	To visit	The children promised to come over, but they never do.
Drop by	Visit without appointment	We used to just drop by, but they were never home, so we stopped doing that.
Eat out	Eat in a restaurant	When we visited Paris, we loved eating out in the sidewalk cafes.



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Get by	Survive	Uncle Heine didn't have much money, but he always seemed to get by without borrowing money from relatives.
Get up	Arise	Grandmother tried to get up, but the couch was too low, and she couldn't make it on her own.
Go back	Return to a place	It's hard to imagine that we will ever go back to Lithuania.
Go on	Continue	He would finish one Dickens novel and then just go on to the next.
Go on (2)	Happen	The cops heard all the noise and stopped to see what was going on.
Grow up	Get older	Charles grew up to be a lot like his father.
Keep away	Remain at a distance	The judge warned the stalker to keep away from his victim's home.
Keep on (with gerund)	Continue with the same	He tried to keep on singing long after his voice was ruined.



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ABOUT TO (DO SOMETHING) - A PUNTO DE

To be on the point of doing something

Example: I was about to leave when the phone rang.

ACCORDING TO (SOMEONE OR SOMETHING) - DE ACUERDO A

As said or told by someone, in agreement with something, in the order of something, in proportion to something

Example: According to our teacher, there will be no class next week.

ACCOUNT FOR (SOMETHING) - EXPLICAR

To provide an explanation or an answer for something

Example: The bad weather accounts for the fact that few people came to the meeting.

AFTER ALL - DESPUÉS DE TODO

Considering the fact that something happened or happens, something that is usually assumed

Example: "You don't need to phone him. After all, he never phones you."

ALL OF A SUDDEN - DE REPENTE

Suddenly, without advance warning

Example: All of a sudden, it became cloudy and began to rain.

AS A MATTER OF FACT - DE HECHO

Actually

Example: "As a matter of fact, we have been to the sports stadium many times."

AS FAR AS - I KNOW / POR LO QUE SE

To the extent or degree of something

Example: As far as I know, the movie will start in a few minutes.

AS FOR - MY SELF / EN CUANTO A MÍ

With regard to, concerning

Example: "As for myself, I think that I will return home now."

AS IF - COMO SI

In the same way that something would be, that

Example: It seemed as if the whole school came to the concert.

AS LONG AS - MIENTRAS QUE

Provided that, on condition that

Example: "As long as you promise to be careful, you can borrow my car."

AS SOON AS - TAN PRONTO COMO

Just after something, when

Example: I phoned my friend as soon as I finished dinner.

AS TO - EN CUANTO A

With regard to, according to

Example: "As to your question, I will answer it tomorrow."

AS WELL - TAMBIÉN

In addition, also, too

Example: I plan to take swimming lessons this summer. I plan to take a computer course as well.

AS WELL AS (SOMEONE OR SOMETHING) - ASI COMO

In addition to someone or something

Example: "Please bring your swimming suit as well as your towel."

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BACK AND FORTH - DE AQUÍ PARA ALLÁ

Backwards and forwards, first one way and then the other way

Example: The argument with the lawyer went back and forth before the judge made a decision.

BETTER OFF - MEJOR

To be in a better situation than before

Example: My friend would be better off if he sold his old car and bought a new one.

BREAK DOWN (SOMETHING) OR BREAK (SOMETHING) DOWN - DESGLOSAR

To divide something into parts, to separate something into simpler substances

Example: We tried to break down the problem for further study.

BREAK UP OR BREAK UP (SOMETHING) OR BREAK (SOMETHING) UP - ROMPER

To separate, to divide into groups or pieces, to put an end to something

Example: I hope that my favorite band does not break up.

BY THE WAY - POR CIERTO

Incidentally

Example: "By the way, could you please bring your laptop computer tomorrow."

BY THE WAY - POR CIERTO

Incidentally

Example: "By the way, could you please bring your laptop computer tomorrow."

C

CARRY OUT (SOMETHING) OR CARRY (SOMETHING) OUT - LLEVAR ACABO

To put something into action, to accomplish something, to do something

Example: The scientist wanted to carry out more experiments before discussing the new medicine.

COME ON! - OH VAMOS

Please, hurry, go faster

Example: "Come on, stop doing that."

COME UP - PASA DE LA NADA

To happen unexpectedly

Example: I will not be able to go to the party if something else comes up.

COME UP WITH (SOMETHING) - PROPONER

To produce or find a thought or idea or answer

Example: I tried to come up with a name for the new magazine.

D

DEAL WITH (SOMETHING) - TRATAR CON

To be concerned with something, to take action about something

Example: We will deal with the boxes tomorrow.

E

END UP (DOING SOMETHING OR GOING SOMEWHERE) - TERMINAR

To do something that one had not planned to do, to go somewhere one had not planned to go

Example: We ended up watching a movie last night.

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FIGURE OUT (SOMEONE OR SOMETHING) OR FIGURE(SOMEONE OR SOMETHING) OUT - ENTENDER

To try to understand someone or something, to solve something

Example: I finally figured out how to use the new computer software.

FILL IN (SOMETHING) OR FILL (SOMETHING) IN - RELLENAR

To write words in blank spaces.

Example: "Please fill in this form and give it to the receptionist."

I filled the form in and gave it to the receptionist.

FIND OUT (SOMETHING) - DESCUBRIR

To learn or discover something

Example: My mother is angry with me because she found out that I had quit my French class.

FIRST OF ALL - PRIMERO QUE NADA

The very first thing

Example: First of all, we prepared the garden and then we planted the seeds.

FOR GOOD - PARA SIEMPRE/PERMANENTEMENTE

Permanently

Example: The city plans to close the public swimming pool for good.

FOR SURE - SIN DUDA

Without doubt, certainly, surely

Example: "I will go to the movie with you for sure next week."

G

GET BACK TO (SOMETHING) - REGRESAR

To return to something

Example: I was happy to get back to my work after my holiday.

GET INTO (SOMETHING) - INVOLUCRARSE

To become interested or involved in something

Example: I do not want to get into an

ARGUMENT WITH MY FRIEND.

Get into (somewhere) - entrar

To enter somewhere.

Example: My friend wants to get into a good university.

GET OUT OF (SOMEWHERE) - SALIR DE

To leave somewhere, to escape from somewhere

Example: I have an appointment and I want to get out of my house quickly.

GET RID OF (SOMETHING) - DESHACERSE DE

To give or throw something away, to sell or destroy something, to make a cold or fever disappear

Example: I bought a new television so I want to get rid of my old one.

GET THROUGH (SOMETHING) - LLEGAR AL FINAL / FINALIZAR

To complete something, to finish something.

Example: I have much reading that I must get through before tomorrow.

GO AHEAD - SEGUIR ADELANTE

To begin to do something

Example: "Let`s go ahead and start now. We can`t wait any longer."

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HANG OUT (SOMEWHERE OR WITH SOMEONE) - PASAR EL RATO

To spend one's time with no great purpose, to spend leisure time with friends

Example: Recently, my friend has been hanging out with a bad group of people.

HAVE (SOMETHING) TO DO WITH (SOMETHING) - RELACIONADO CON

To be about something, to be on the subject of something, to be related to something

Example: "The book has something to do with cooking but I am not sure if you will like it."

HOLD ON - ESPERAR

To wait a minute, to stop, to wait and not hang up the phone

Example: "Please hold on for a minute while I lock the door."

I

IN A WAY - EN CIERTA FORMA

To a certain extent, a little, somewhat

Example: In a way, I want to go to the new restaurant, but in a way I do not really care.

IN COMMON - EN COMÚN

Shared together or equally, in use or ownership by all

Example: I had nothing in common with the other members of the class.

IN DETAIL - EN DETALLE

Giving all the details, item by item

Example: The saleswoman explained the new product in detail.

IN EFFECT - EN EFECTO

For practical purposes, basically

Example: The man's silence was in effect a way of disagreeing with the other people at the meeting.

IN FACT - DE HECHO

Actually, the truth is

Example: The man has been to China before. In fact, he has been there three times.

IN FAVOR OF (SOMEONE OR SOMETHING) - EN FAVOR DE

To approve or support someone or something

Example: Everybody is in favor of the new police chief.

IN GENERAL - EN GENERAL

In most situations or circumstances

Example: In general, most of the people are happy with the new manager.

IN ORDER TO - PARA

For the purpose of

Example: They have decided to close down the school for the summer in order to do some major repairs.

IN OTHER WORDS - EN OTRAS PALABRAS

In a different (usually more direct) way

Example: "In other words, if you do not finish the assignment by Wednesday, you will not pass the course."

IN PLACE - EN ORDEN

In the proper place or location

Example: Everything in the room was in place when we arrived for the meeting.

IDIOMS

K

KEEP (SOMEONE OR SOMETHING) IN MIND - TENER EN MENTE

To remember and think about someone or something

Example: I told my friend to keep the time that I must leave for work in mind.

KIND OF - MÁS O MENOS

A form of, more or less, moderately

Example: I was kind of tired when I arrived home last night.

L

LOOK FOR (SOMETHING) - BUSCAR (LUGAR)

To try to find something, to hunt or search for something

Examples: My friend has been looking for her credit card all morning but she cannot find it.

LOOK UP (SOMETHING) OR LOOK (SOMETHING) UP - BUSCAR (LECTURA)

To search for something in a dictionary or other book

Example: I will look up my friend's name in the telephone book.

M

MAKE A DIFFERENCE - HACER LA DIFERENCIA

To cause a change in a situation, to change the nature of something

Example: If I study hard this weekend, it should make a difference in my test results next week.

MAKE SENSE - TENER SENTIDO

To seem reasonable

Example: The manager's new proposal makes sense.

MAKE SURE - ASEGURARSE

To make certain, to establish something without a doubt

Example: I want to make sure that my friend will meet me tomorrow.

MORE OR LESS - MÁS O MENOS

Somewhat, to some extent

Example: I more or less have decided to study business next year.

N

NO MATTER - NO IMPORTA / SIN IMPORTAR

Regardless

Example: No matter how hard that I try, my music teacher is never satisfied.

NOT AT ALL - PARA NADA

Certainly not, absolutely not

Example: I am not at all happy with my new computer.

O

OF COURSE / NO DOUBT - POR SUPUESTO / SIN DUDA

Certainly, definitely, naturally

Example: "Of course you can use my car if you want to."

ON THE OTHER HAND - POR OTRO LADO

However, in contrast, looking at the opposite side of a matter

Example: He is very intelligent but on the other hand he is lazy and always gets low marks at school.

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IDIOMS

P

PICK UP (SOMETHING) OR PICK (SOMETHING) UP - RECOGER

To get or receive something, to choose and rise something

Example: I picked up a copy of the newspaper at the station.

POINT OUT (SOMEONE OR SOMETHING) OR POINT (SOMEONE OR SOMETHING) OUT - SEÑALAR

To explain or call attention to someone or something

Example: My teacher was very kind when she pointed out the mistakes that I had made.

PUT OUT (SOMETHING) OR PUT (SOMETHING) OUT - SACAR

To produce or make something (a product or brochure or report or CD or movie or paper)

Example: The company puts out a newsletter every month for the employees.

R

REGARDLESS OF (SOMETHING) - INDEPENDIENTEMENTE DE

Without considering or thinking about something, without regard to something, in spite of something

Example: Regardless of the weather, we are going to go fishing tomorrow morning.

RIGHT AWAY - INMEDIATAMENTE

Immediately

Example: "I forgot my book at home but I will go and get it right away."

RUN INTO (SOMETHING - A FACT OR TROUBLE OR PROBLEMS OR DIFFICULTY) - ENCONTRARSE CON

To experience something, to encounter something

Example: The mechanic ran into trouble when he was fixing my car

S

SET UP (SOMETHING) OR SET (SOMETHING) UP - PREPARAR

To establish something, to provide the money for something

Example: The company set up a unique system to test the new product.

SHOW UP - APARECER

To appear, to arrive, to be present

Example: "What time did your friend show up for the party?"

SO FAR - HASTA AHORA

Until now

Example: So far, no one has entered the speech contest at the television station.

SO TO SPEAK - POR ASÍ DECIRLO

As one might or could say, this is one way to say something

Example: We had a good time at the restaurant, so to speak, although the service was not very good.

SORT OF (SOMETHING) - ALGO ASÍ

To be almost something, to be similar to something, to be not quite something

Example: "Did you finish cleaning the kitchen?" "Sort of, but not really."

STICK WITH (SOMETHING) - SEGUIR CON

To continue doing something, to not quit something

Example: The boy has been able to stick with his music lessons since he was a child.

IDIOMS

T

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF (SOMEONE OR SOMETHING) - TOMAR VENTAJA

To use someone or something for one's own benefit

Example: We took advantage of the beautiful weather and went to the beach.

TAKE CARE OF (SOMEONE OR SOMETHING) - CUIDAR

To look after or give attention to someone or something

Example: It is good to take care of your health or you will become sick.

TAKE OUT (SOMETHING) OR TAKE (SOMETHING) OUT - REMOVER

To remove something from somewhere

Example: The teacher told us to take out our books.

TAKE OVER (SOMETHING) OR TAKE (SOMETHING) OVER - TOMAR EL CONTROL

To take control of something, to take command of something

Example: The large company wants to take over the small company in our town.

TAKE PLACE - OCURRIR

To happen, to occur

Example: The soccer game took place on the coldest day of the year.

TO THE EXTENT THAT - EN LA MEDIDA EN QUE

To the degree that, in so far as

Example: I plan to provide information about the new company policy,
to the extent that I am familiar with it.

U

UP TO - HASTA

Until, as far as a certain point, approaching a certain point

Example: There were probably up to thirty people at the meeting.

UP TO (SOMEONE) TO DECIDE (SOMETHING) OR DO (SOMETHING) - DEPENDER DE

To be responsible to choose or decide something

Example: It is up to the company president to decide when the meeting will start.

USED TO (SOMETHING) - ACOSTUMBRADO A

Accustomed to something

Example: My friend is not used to living in such a big city

W

WITH RESPECT TO (SOMETHING) - CON RESPECTO A

Referring to something, concerning something

Example: I do not know what the company will do with respect to the old computer system.

WORKED OUT - FUNCIONÓ

To end successfully

Example: In the end everything worked out well.



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