

Intelligent Business Elementary Mini-Dictionary - Spanish

abroad *adv* in a foreign country: [extranjero] *He often travels abroad.*

account *n* [C] if you have an account with a bank, you can leave money there: [cuenta] *He pays £500 into his bank account every month.*

advice *n* [U] when you say what you think someone should do: [consejo] *Can I give you some advice?*

agriculture *n* [U] growing plants for food and keeping animals to produce food: [agricultura] *There is a lot of agriculture in my country, mainly fruit and sheep.*

aim *n* [C] something that you want to do or get: [propósito] *My aim is to work for a big company.* – **aim** *v* to want to do something: *We aim to increase sales.*

analysis *n* [C] a careful examination of something: [análisis] *We make an analysis of all our products before we sell them.*

apply *v* to ask for something in writing: [solicitar] *You can apply for this job online.* – **application form** *n* a printed piece of paper on which you write answers to questions: [formulario de solicitud] *You have to complete an application form to get a visa.*

architect *n* [C] a person who design buildings: [arquitecto] *A famous German architect designed our new factory.*

arrangement *n* [C] something you have agreed or organised: [disposición] *Have you made your travel arrangements yet?* – **arrange** *v* [disponer]

arrival *n* [C] when you arrive at a place: [llegada] *My arrival time is 10 o'clock.* – **arrive** *v* [llegar]

average *adj* usual: [promedio] *My average lunch break is 45 minutes.*

bar chart *n* [C] a diagram using rectangles of different sizes to show information: [diagrama de barras] *The bar chart showed that more people drink coffee in the morning than tea or fruit juice.*

base *v* to use somewhere as your main place of business: [sede central] *Our company is based in Switzerland.*

bionic *adj* part human and part machine: [biónico] *In the film I saw last night the police were bionic!*

book *v* to arrange something: [reservar] *Can I book a table for tonight, please?* – **booking** *n* [C] [reserva] *The travel agent can make the booking for you.*

brainstorm *v* to think of ideas in a creative way: [brainstorm] *Let's brainstorm some ideas for a new design.*

budget *n* [C] an amount of money that is available: [presupuesto] *My team has a budget of one million dollars.* – **budget** *v* to organise how to spend money: *We budget about €50,000 for advertising every year.*

business card *n* [C] a small card with your name, job title, company, address, phone, email, etc. on it: [tarjeta de visita] *My business card has my email address on it.*

business trip *n* [C] travelling because of your work: [viaje de negocios] *I'm going on a business trip to South Africa next month.*



career break *n* [C] when you stop your job for a period to do something different: [descanso sabático] *I took a career break to travel around the USA.*

career *n* [C] a job or profession that you do for a long time: [carrera profesional] *You have to study for a long time if you want a good career in law.*

client *n* [C] a customer, often one that buys a service: [cliente] *We need more clients.*

climate *n* [C] the typical weather conditions in an area: [clima] *The climate in Egypt is hot and sunny.*

colleague *n* [C] a person that you work with: [compañero] *This is my colleague, Juan.*

communication *n* [U] when people give information to each other: [comunicación] *Good communication is important in business. – communicate v* [comunicar]

company *n* [C] a group who make or sell things: [empresa] *I work for a food company.*

competitor *n* [C] a company that sells products or services in the same market as your company: [competidor] *There are too many competitors in this market. – compete v* to try to be more successful than another company: [competir] *We compete in many different markets. – competition n* [U] a situation where businesses try to be more successful than other companies: [competencia] *We have a lot of competition in the African market. – competitive adj* [competitivo]

complain *v* to say you are not happy with goods or services: [quejarse] *I complained to the waiter about my food. – complaint n* [C] [queja]

conditions *n* [plural] the situation in which you work: [condiciones] *The pay is low but the working conditions are very good.*

consultant *n* [C] a person who gives a company advice about something: [consultor] *We employ a consultant to organise our computer system.*

contact *n* [C] a person that you meet because of your work: [contacto] *I make a lot of contacts at conferences. – contact v*

corporate event *n* [C] something organised by a company to entertain clients: [evento corporativo] *We often have corporate events and take our best clients to international football matches.*

cost of living *n* the amount of money people need in order to buy the things they need: [coste de la vida] *The cost of living is increasing all the time.*

create *v* to make something new: [crear] *We need to create more jobs in this industry. – creative adj* good at thinking of new ideas: [creativo] *Most designers are creative.*

creative thinking *n* [U] a way to use your imagination to find ideas: [pensamiento creativo] *We need some creative thinking to find a solution.*

culture *n* [U] what people believe, do and how people think, in a particular country: [cultura] *I learned about Spanish culture before I went to live in Spain.*

currency *n* [C] the money that a country uses: [divisa] *The currency in France is the euro.*

curriculum vitae (CV) *n* [C] a document that gives information about a person's education and previous jobs: [currículum vitae] *To apply for this job, please send a letter and your CV.*

deadline *n* [C] a date or time when you must finish something: [fecha de entrega] *The deadline for completing the project is 1 May.*



decrease *v* to become less: [disminuir] *I think mobile phone sales in Europe will decrease next year.*
– decrease *n*

degree *n* [C] a qualification, usually a BA (Bachelor of Arts) or BSc (Bachelor of Science), from a university: [título] *I have a degree from Cambridge University.*

departure *n* [C] when you leave a place: [marcha] *I was sad about his departure from the company.* – depart
v [irse]

describe *v* [C] to say or write what something is like: [describir] *Can you describe the mobile phone that you lost?* – description *n* [C] [descripción]

desk *n* [C] a table where you work: [escritorio] *I spend a lot of time at my desk every day.*

destination *n* [C] the place you are going to: [destino] *What's the destination of this train?*

discount *n* [C] a lower price than usual: [descuento] *There is a 10% discount on all our products this week.*

discuss *v* to talk to someone about something: [discutir] *We had a long meeting to discuss the project.*
– discussion *n* [C] [discusión]

electricity *n* [U] the power that we use for lights and computers: [electricidad] *Many machines that use electricity need a battery.* – electric, electrical *adj* [eléctrico, eléctrico]

emergency *n* [C] a dangerous situation that happens suddenly: [emergencia] *Telephone 911 if there is an emergency.*

emigrate *v* to go to another country to live and work: [emigrar] *Many people emigrated to America in the 1900s.* – emigration *n* [U] [emigración]

employee *n* [C] someone who works for a company: [empleado] *My company has 200 employees.* – employ
v give someone a job: [emplear] *My company employs 200 people.* – employer *n* someone who employs workers [empleador]

employment agency *n* [C] an organisation that helps people find a job: [agencia de empleo] *I found my new job by using an employment agency.*

energy *n* [U] power from oil, coal, etc. that makes machines work: [energía] *Solar energy can heat homes.*

entertain *v* to take clients to films, shows, restaurants, etc.: [entretener] *We often entertain foreign clients in our large company restaurant.* – entertainment *n* [C] [entretenimiento] *We spend about \$10,000 a year on entertainment for clients.*

equipment *n* [U] things you use to do a job: [equipamiento] *We use special equipment to fight fires.*

event *n* [C] something you organise such as a party or conference: [evento] *My job is to organise events for important visitors.*

exchange rate *n* [C] the value of the money of one country when you change it for the money of another country: [tipo de cambio] *The exchange rate today is two dollars to the pound.*

exchange *v* to give something for another thing: [intercambio] *Let's exchange business cards.*

factory *n* [C] a place where workers make things: [fábrica] *He works in a car factory.*

feature *n* [C] something that is different about a product: [característica] *This mobile phone has many special features, like a camera and an MP3 player.*



file *n* [C] a group of papers with information about something or someone: [archivo] *Do you have Mr Roberts' file?*

fix *v* to repair something: [arreglar] *A mechanic fixed my car.*

full-surround *adj* from every direction: [de todas direcciones] *I like to listen to music in full-surround sound.*

furniture *n* [U] things in homes and offices such as tables and chairs: [mobiliario] *How often do you buy new furniture for your office?*

goods *n* [plural] things that are made for people to buy: [bienes] *Our company produces electrical goods.*

graph *n* [C] a diagram using lines to show increases and decreases during a period of time: [gráfico] *You can see on this graph that profits increased between May and September.*

greet *v* to welcome someone by saying, for example, *Hello* or *Good morning*: [saludar] *My job is to greet people when they arrive at my company's offices.* – **greeting** *n* [C] [saludo]

group *n* [C] a number of people or things that belong together: [grupo] *I work in a group of four scientists.*

guest *n* [C] someone you invite to an event or to visit your home: [invitado] *We plan to have a big party with more than a hundred guests.*

headquarters *n* [plural] the most important place of work of a company: [oficinas centrales] *I often have to go to meetings at my company's headquarters.*

health and safety *n* [U] laws and systems related to stopping accidents and illness at work: [seguridad e higiene] *Who is in charge of health and safety in the factory?*

healthcare *n* [U] using doctors, nurses, hospitals and medicine: [atención sanitaria] *Some healthcare is free in the UK.*

idea *n* [C] a plan, thought or suggestion: [idea] *He never has good ideas.*

imagination *n* [C] the ability to think of new ideas: [imaginación] *You should use your imagination when you brainstorm.* – **imagine** *v* to think what something would be like: [imaginar] *Can you imagine being rich?*

increase *v* to become more: [aumentar] *I'm happy that our sales in China are increasing.* – **increase** *n* [C]

introduce *v* to tell people each other's names: [presentar] *Let me introduce Karl, from Germany. Karl, this is Fran.* – **introduction** *n* [C] [presentación]

invent *v* to think of or make something completely new: [inventar] *Leonardo da Vinci invented the helicopter.* – **invention** *n* [C] [inventor]

invoice *n* [C] a document that a supplier gives to a customer, with information about what the customer is buying and how much it costs: [factura] *Can you pay last month's invoices, please?*

itinerary *n* [C] a list of places to visit: [itinerario] *The next place on the itinerary is the factory.*

job title *n* [C] the name of a job: [puesto] *Her job title is 'sales manager'.*

labour *n* [U] the total number of workers: [mano de obra] *The cost of labour is not high at the moment.*

legal *adj* [C] connected to the law: [legal] *I see my lawyer for legal advice.* – **law** *n* the system of rules for a country [ley]

location *n* [C] the place where something is: [ubicación] *What's the location of your factory?* – **locate** *v* to put something somewhere: [ubicar] *They located their new factory in South America.*



logo *n* [C] a design that is the official sign of a company, used on products or in advertising: [logotipo] *It's a very successful company and everyone knows its logo.*

manufacture *v* to make products using machines: [fabricar] *They manufacture mobile phones in their German factory.* – **manufacturing** *n* [U] making things in factories [fabricación] – **manufacturer** *n* [C] a person or company that does manufacturing [fabricante]

marketing *n* [U] finding the best way to make customers buy products: [marketing] *We need to spend more on marketing so people know about our products.* – **market** *v* to make customers interested in what your company sells: [mercado] *We use TV and radio advertisements to market our products.*

materials *n* [U] the things you use in order to make something: [materiales] *Chairs are made of materials like plastic or wood.*

MBA (Masters in Business Administration) *n* [C] a postgraduate degree in business for people who have work experience: [Master en Administración de Empresas] *Jean has an MBA from a French business school.*

money *n* [U] coins and notes that you use to buy things: [dinero] *I never have enough money at the end of the month.*

name *n* [C] what people call you: [nombre] *My first name is John and my family name, or surname, is Smith.*

nationality *n* [C] the right to belong to a country: [nacionalidad] *I have Australian nationality.*

nuclear *adj* using energy from atoms: [nuclear] *What do you think of nuclear power?*

office *n* [C] a room where people work, usually at desks: [oficina] *We have an open-plan office instead of individual offices.*

opinion *n* [C] what someone thinks about a subject: [opinión] *What's your opinion of the new production plan?*

opportunity *n* [C] the chance to do something: [oportunidad] *I had the opportunity to work in New York, but I couldn't go.*

order *v* to ask for something such as food in a restaurant: [pedir] *I'd like to order steak and chips.*

organised *adj* when you have a system for something: [organizado] *My desk isn't very well organised.*
– **organisation** *n* [C] [organización] – **organise** *v* to put things in a system [organizar]

pa (per annum) *adv* every year: [al año] *She earns \$50,000 pa.*

packaging *n* [U] the box or bag that you sell a product in: [embalaje] *We need to reduce plastic packaging.*
– **package** *n* [C] [paquete] *We sent three packages to you in the post.*

pay *v* to give money for something that you buy: [pagar] *Can I pay in euros?* – **pay** *n* [U] the money you get for working: *I get my pay at the end of the month.*

pension *n* [C] money a company or government pays to people after they stop working because they are too old or ill: [pensión] *Most people get a pension when they retire.*

PhD *n* [C] the highest university degree: [Doctor] *Please call her Doctor Oliveira because she has a PhD.*

pie chart *n* [C] a diagram using sections of a circle to show information: [gráfico circular] *This pie chart shows we have 72% market share.*

pleasure *n* [C] **1** something nice: [placer] *It's a pleasure to meet you.* **2** something you do because you want to: *I write reports for work but I write stories for pleasure.*



power *n* [U] energy used to make a machine work: [potencia] *Wind power is cheap and it's good for the environment.*

prediction *n* [C] something you think will happen in the future: [predicción] *My prediction is that the price of oil will increase next year. – predict v [predecir] Do you predict that profits will remain steady?*

presentation *n* [C] when someone explains an idea to a group: [presentación] *He gave a presentation about the new marketing plan. – present v to give a presentation [presentar]*

price *n* [C] how much money something costs: [precio] *What's the price of this laptop?*

product *n* something that is made or sold by a company: [producto] *We sell about 200 different food products. – product description n [C] information about the size, shape and material of a product: [descripción del producto] The product description says that it's made of wood and is one metre long. – production n [U] the process of making things: [producción] Production costs were high and we didn't make a profit. – produce v [producir]*

profit *n* [U] when you get more money from a product or service than it costs you to make or do it: [beneficio] *Our profits increase every year. – profitable adj [beneficioso]*

project manager *n* [C] someone who is in charge of a project: [director del proyecto] *Rafael is the project manager.*

project *n* [C] planned work that is done over a period of time: [proyecto] *The new project starts in June and finishes in September.*

promotion *n* [C] a better job in the same company: [ascenso] *He really deserves promotion. – promote v [ascender]*

qualification *n* [C] something to show you passed an examination at school, university or work, for which you often receive a certificate or diploma: [calificación] *He has a good qualification in engineering. – qualify v [calificar]*

quality of life *n* [U] how well people live: [calidad de vida] *We moved out of the city to get a better quality of life.*

range *n* [C] all the products a company sells: [gama] *We have nearly 1,000 products in our range.*

reception *n* [C] a formal party: [recepción] *We sometimes go to a reception at a top London hotel.*

research *n* [U] the activity of finding information about a subject: [investigación] *Steve did a lot of research into the new car design.*

reservation *n* [C] an arrangement to have a seat on a plane or train or in a hotel or restaurant: [reserva] *I'd like to make a reservation for eight o'clock tonight, please. – reserve v [reservar]*

retail *n* [U] sales to customers in shops: [venta al detalle] *We sell our products in retail outlets in most European countries. – retail outlet (= SHOP) n [C] [tienda detallista] – retail v sell to customers in shops: We retail this product at \$3.50. – retailer n [C] [detallista]*

retired *adj* stop working because of your age, usually after many years: [jubilado] *He was an accountant, but he's retired now. – retire v [jubilarse] Most people retire at 65 in my country.*

salary *n* [C] money that you get for working: [salario] *I want a job with a higher salary.*

schedule *n* [C] a list of things to do and when to do them: [plan] *The project is behind schedule so we need to work faster. – schedule v to plan when you do things*

sector *n* [C] part of an economic system: [sector] *We are in the food manufacturing sector.*



service industry *n* [C] companies that sell services (= HELP) instead of products: [sector de servicios] *Architects and consultants sell services.*

shape *n* [C] the shape of something is whether it is a circle or a square, etc.: [forma] *What shape is the table?*

share *v* to use something with other people: [compartir] *Everyone has their own computer but we share a printer.*

sightseeing *n* [U] seeing the most famous places during a visit:: [visita] *We saw Big Ben when we went sightseeing in London.*

size *n* [C] how big or small something is: [tamaño] *His garden is the size of a football field.*

socialise *v* to go out with people to have fun: [socializar] *I often socialise with my colleagues.*

software *n* [U] a program that a computer uses to do different jobs: [software] *I have some new accounting software on my computer.*

solution *n* [C] the answer to a problem: [solución] *We found a solution to our financial problems. – solve v [resolver]*

special occasion *n* [C] an important event or ceremony: [ocasión especial] *People often have parties for special occasions like birthdays.*

specialise *v* to do only one activity: [especializar] *They specialise in computer software. – specialist n* [C] a person who knows a lot about something: [especialista] *We have three computer software specialists in our company.*

stage *n* [C] part of a process: [planificar] *We started stage four of the project last week.*

stationery *n* [U] things used for writing such as envelopes, paper and pens: [papelería] *We keep all our stationery in a large cupboard.*

strength *n* [C] what you are good at doing: [fuerza] *My strength is in sales. – strong adj [fuerte]*

suggestion *n* [C] an idea to help someone: [propuesta] *Does anyone have any suggestions for increasing profits? – suggest v [proponer]*

supplier *n* [C] a company that sells goods to shops and businesses: [proveedor] *They work for an office equipment supplier. – supply v* to sell to a company: [proveer] *They supply our paper and pens.*

team *n* [C] a group of people who work or play sports together: [equipo] *It's a great team because everyone wants to help everyone else.*

team leader *n* [C] the person in charge of a team: [jefe de equipo] *The new team leader is popular and a good manager.*

team member *n* [C] a person in a team: [miembro del equipo] *All the team members like working together.*

teamwork *n* [U] the ability of a group of people to work well together: [trabajo en grupo] *Teamwork is very important for this project.*

technology *n* [U] the development of techniques, machines and equipment in science and industry: [tecnología] *We are leaders in computer technology.*

temperature *n* [U] how hot something is: [temperatura] *The temperature is 12°C today.*



threat *n* [C] something that can have a bad effect: [amenaza] *The new product is a threat to us in the Asian market.*

tidy *adj* when everything is in the correct place: [ordenado] *I'm not a very tidy person.* – tidy *v* *Tidy your desk.*

traditional *adj* ideas and ways of working that have existed for a long time: [tradicional] *We like our traditional ways of working and we don't want to change.* – tradition *n* [C] [tradición]

travel agent *n* [C] a person whose job is to make travel arrangements: [agente de viajes] *I booked my plane tickets with an internet travel agent.*

travel *v* to go somewhere, usually a long distance: [viajar] *I often travel to Japan on business.* – travel *n* [U] *Travel helps us to learn about other people.*

trend *n* [C] changes and developments in a situation during a period of time: [tendencia] *The trend is for mobile phones to become smaller and to have more features.*

useful *adj* helping you do or get what you want: [útil] *My car is very useful for getting to work.*

waiter *n* [C] (male), **waitress** *n* [C] (female) a person who brings you food and drinks in a restaurant: [camarero, camarera] *Waiter – can I have the bill, please?*

weakness *n* [C] what you are not good at doing: [debilidad] *Their big weakness is their marketing.* – weak *adj* [débil]

weight *n* [C] how heavy something is: [peso] *The weight of this product is 1kg.* – weigh *v* [pesar] *This product weighs 1kg.*

work *v* to not be broken: [funcionar] *Is your computer working now?*

