

## El Vocabulario

New vocabulary words open your world. They allow you to be more precise in conversation, sound more sophisticated, and deepen your ability to communicate ideas and opinions.

In IB classes, vocabulary students are expected to study and learn the vocabulary outside of class. There will be very few "games" to learn vocabulary. Your goal is to know the vocabulary—not recognize it or guess at it—so that in class we can utilize the expressions to read, speak and explore cultures.

Given this objective, you should study accordingly and often. Start the first day that you receive your list and employ the method that best allows you to master all of the expressions. Studying by simply reading through the list is not going to lead to mastery; just ask former IB Spanish students.

Research says that to know a new vocabulary word, you must experience or review it 17 or more times. How will you review and study so that you know the vocabulary? Here are two main options.

### FLASHCARDS

This is the most traditional method, but still is used because it works. Tips:

- Write the word or expression in Spanish on one side of the card. On the other side, you can write the English expression, an example of a sentence, a visual/symbol, or anything that captures the word for you.
- Review and study is the key for flashcards. Unused, they are a waste of time to make. Review daily for a short period of time.
- Study Spanish to English first, for recognition. Then, flip the cards over and study English to Spanish to assure that you can produce the word.
- Keep flash cards organized by chapters using a hole punch and string, or rubber bands. Keep them secure for future studying.

### QUIZLET

- Type address and then click "Sign Up" in the upper right-hand corner. Create a user name and password and enter your e-mail.
- In the "Search" box (upper left) type "Forero and Reidel's IB Spanish IV 2016-2017"
  - Click the link for the class (middle column).
  - Click Join to become a member of the class. (Then you will have access to the lists automatically when you log in.)
- Here you will find sets of vocabulary for every chapter that we cover in Spanish.
  - Click on your current chapter to practice, play and learn!
  - Cards: Allows you to hear a native speaker say the word as you are studying.
- Familiarize: an online flashcard that lets you go Spanish-English or English-Spanish.
- LEARN: they give you English and you write the Spanish. This is knowing the word.
- Test: various sections to assess yourself and see if you're ready for the real thing.
- Speller: This is new, and is a great way to practice your listening skills as you type the word.
- Scatter and Space Race: fun games to practice the vocabulary in new ways. Play them!
- Use the app on your cell phone to practice anywhere.