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Opinions

en mi opinion – in my opinion
a mi juicio – in my opinion
creo que – I think that
pienso que – I think that
me parece que – It seems to me that
yo diría que – I would say that
personalmente – personally
prefiero – I prefer

Likes

me gusta(n) – I like it (them)
me gusta(n) mucho – I really like it (them)
me mola(n) – I like it (them)
me encanta(n) - I love it (them)
me chifla(n) - I love it (them)

Connectives

to join two short sentences together

y - and
pero - but
también – also
porque – because
que – which / that / who
cuando – when
donde – where

Quantifiers / Intensifiers

un poco – a little
bastante – quite
muy – very
demasiado – too
mucho(s) + noun – lots of + noun

Adverbs

rápidamente – quickly
lentamente – slowly
fácilmente – easily
con cuidado - carefully

Giving reasons

porque es – because it is
porque son – because they are

porque era – because it was
porque eran – because they were

porque será – because it will be
porque serán – because they will be

Dislikes

no me gusta(n) – I like it (them)
no me gusta(n) nada – I don't like it (them) at all
no aguanto – I can't stand
no soporto – I can't stand
odio – I hate
detesto – I hate

Connectives

to link sentences within a paragraph

luego – next/then
más tarde – later
después – afterwards
entonces – then/therefore
por eso – therefore
por esta razón – for this reason
sin embargo - however

Adjectives to impress

guay – cool
genial – brilliant
impresionante – impressive
fenomenal – great
increíble - unbelievable

Adverbs of frequency and time

a menudo – often
siempre – always
nunca – never
a veces – sometimes
de vez en cuando – from time to time
una vez - once
dos veces por semana – twice a week
todos los días – every day

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Comparisons

es más + adjective + que = iser than

Torres **es más rápido que** Villa – Torres **is faster than** Villa

Shakira **es más guapa que** Penélope Cruz – Shakira **is prettier than** Penélope Cruz

es tan + adjective + como = is as + adjective as

Torres **es tan rápido como** Villa – Torres **is as fast as** Villa

Shakira **es tan guapa como** Penélope Cruz – Shakira **is as pretty as** Penélope Cruz

Superlatives

Torres **es el más rápido**

Shakira **es la más guapa**

Torres **is the fastest**

Shakira **is the prettiest**

You can also add **-ísimo(a)** to the end of most adjectives:

grande	+	-ísimo(a)	-	grandísimo	=	very big
pequeño(a)	+	-ísimo(a)	-	pequeñísimo(a)	=	very small
interesante	+	-ísimo(a)	-	interesantísimo(a)	=	very interesting

Exclamations

¡Qué + adj ! OR ¡Qué + noun! = How + adj OR What a + noun!

¡Qué bueno(a) ! – How good !

¡Qué interesante ! – How interesting!

¡Qué vergüenza! – How embarrassing!

¡Qué ridículo! – How ridiculous!

¡Qué feo! – How ugly!

¡Qué aburrido(a)! – How boring!

¡Qué guay! – How cool!

¡Qué lástima! – What a pity!

Negatives

To make a negative sentence in Spanish, simply put '**no**' in front of the verb.

e.g. Voy a España – I go to Spain

No voy a España – I **don't** go to Spain

e.g. Tengo un perro – I have a dog

No tengo un perro – I **don't** have a dog

Other negatives

no.....nadie – nobody.....

no.....nada – nothing.....

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Expressions with Tener

Tener calor	-	To be hot	Tener frío	-	To be cold
Tener sed	-	To be thirsty	Tener suerte	-	To be lucky
Tener celos	-	To be jealous	Tener hambre	-	To be hungry
Tener éxito	-	To be successful	Tener miedo de	-	To be afraid of
Tener razón	-	To be right			

Tener ganas de + INFINITIVE - **To feel like doing something**

e.g. Tengo ganas de *ir a la bolera* - I feel like *going to the bowling alley*

Tener que + INFINITIVE - **To have to do something**

e.g. Tengo que *sacar la basura* - I have to *take out the rubbish*

Tener que ver con... - **To have to do with...**

e.g. tiene que ver con *el transporte público* - It has to do with *public transport*

Past Tense Indicators

ayer – yesterday

anteayer – the day
before yesterday

hace dos días – two
days ago

hace dos años – two
years ago

el año pasado – last
year

la semana pasada – last
week

Present Tense Indicators

ahora – now

ahora mismo – right now

hoy – today

esta mañana – this
morning

esta tarde – this
afternoon

esta noche – tonight

Future Tense Indicators

mañana – tomorrow

mañana por la mañana
– tomorrow morning

mañana por la tarde –
tomorrow afternoon

mañana por la noche –
tomorrow night

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Common Verbs

Infinitive	Past (Preterite)	Present	Simple Future
Ir – to go	Fui – I went	Fui – I went	Iré – I will go
Hacer – to do/make	Hice – I did/made	Hago – I do/make	Haré – I will do/make
Estar – to be	Estuve – I was	Estoy – I am	Estaré – I will be
Ser – to be	Fui – I was	Soy – I am	Seré – I will be
Tener – to have	Tuve – I had	Tengo – I have	Tendré – I will have
Comer – to eat	Comí – I ate	Como – I eat	Comeré – I will eat
Cenar – to dine	Cené – I dined	Ceno – I dine	Cenaré – I will dine
Tomar – to have	Tomé – I had	Tomo – I have	Tomaré – I will have
Escuchar – to listen to	Escuché – I listened to	Escucho – I listen to	Escucharé – I will listen
Jugar al – to play	Jugué al – I played	Juego al – I play	Jugaré al – I will play
Hablar – to speak	Hablé – I spoke	Hablo – I speak	Hablaré – I will speak
Comprar – to buy	Compré – I bought	Compro – I buy	Compraré – I will buy
Cantar – to sing	Canté – I sang	Canto – I sing	Cantaré - I will sing
Trabajar – to work	Trabajé – I worked	Trabajo – I work	Trabajaré – I will work
Llegar – to arrive	Llegué – I arrived	Llego – I arrive	Llegaré – I will arrive
Bailar – to dance	Bailé – I danced	Bailo – I dance	Bailaré – I will dance
Cocinar – to cook	Cociné – I cooked	Cocino – I cook	Cocinaré – I will cook
Leer – to read	Leí – I read	Leo – I read	Leeré – I will read
Ver – to see/watch	Vi – I saw/watched	Veo – I see/watch	Veré – I will see/watch
Poner – to put	Puse – I put	Pongo – I put	Pondré – I will put
Escribir – to write	Escribí – I wrote	Escribo – I write	Escribiré – I will write
Vivir – to live	Viví – I lived	Vivo – I live	Viviré – I will live
Salir – to go out	Salí – I went out	Salgo – I go out	Saldré – I will go out

Don't forget, you can say the Immediate Future by using "IR" (in the present tense) + "a" + INFINITIVE. *Voy a ir de compras = I am going to go shopping.*

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Higher Level Structures

antes de + INFINITIVE e.g. antes de <i>salir</i>	- before + -ing - before <i>going out</i>
después de + INFINITIVE e.g. después de <i>comer</i>	- after + -ing - after <i>eating</i>
después de haber + past participle e.g. después de haber <i>jugado al fútbol</i>	- after having + past participle - after having <i>played football</i>
al + INFINITIVE al <i>salir del cuarto</i>	- on + -ing - on <i>leaving the room</i>
acabar de + INFINITIVE e.g. acabo de <i>terminar los deberes</i>	- to have just + past participle - I have just <i>finished my homework</i>
volver a + INFINITIVE e.g. volví a hacer la cama	- to do something again - I <i>made the bed</i> again
deber/querer/poder + INFINITIVE e.g. debo <i>hacer los deberes</i> e.g. quiero <i>escuchar música</i> e.g. puedo <i>ir al cine</i>	- to must / to want to / to be able to do something - I must <i>do my homework</i> - I want to <i>listen to music</i> - I can <i>go to the cinema</i>
lo + adjective + es que e.g. lo <i>interesante</i> es que e.g. lo <i>bueno</i> es que	- the + adjective + thing is that - the <i>interesting</i> thing is that - the <i>good</i> thing is that
lo más + adjective + es que e.g. lo más <i>interesante</i> es que	- the most + adjective + thing is that - the most <i>interesting</i> thing is that