

Greetings

Hola = hello

Buenos días = good morning

Buenas tardes = good afternoon (greeting and goodbye)

Buenas noches = good night (greeting and goodbye)

¡Buenas! = hi!

¿Qué tal? = How's it going?

¿Cómo estás? = How are you?

¿Todo bien? = All good?

Alternatives to *sí*

Claro = of course

Por supuesto = of course

Vale = ok

De acuerdo = ok

Exacto = exactly

Take turns / start a point

Oye... = hey / listen

Mira... = look / listen

A ver... = let's see

Soften a point / hedge

Bueno... = well...

Yo creo que... = I think that...

Quizá / quizás = maybe

Más o menos = more or less

Depende = it depends

Puede ser = could be

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Alternatives to *no* when invited somewhere or asked for a favour

Me encantaría, pero no puedo = I'd love to, but I can't

Hoy no puedo, pero ¿qué tal mañana? = I can't today, but how about tomorrow?

Lo siento, ya tengo planes = I'm sorry, I have plans

Buy time / postpone a decision

Déjame pensarlo = let me think about it

Luego lo vemos = let's deal with it / talk about it later

Hablamos más tarde = let's talk later

Agree with others

Estoy de acuerdo = I agree

Tienes razón = You're right

Eso es verdad = that's true

Exactamente = exactly

Disagree / gently correct

Ya, pero... = sure, but

No exactamente = not exactly

Bueno, en realidad... = well, in reality

Express frustration

¡Qué rollo! = what a drag / annoying / boring

¡Qué pesado! = how annoying / what a nuisance

Estoy hart/a = I'm fed up

¡Jo! / ¡Jolín! = ugh / darn / geez

A1-A2 Spanish



conversation word mat

Express understanding

Entiendo = I understand

Ya veo = I see

Lo comprendo = I understand

Ah, vale = oh, ok

Alleviate tension

No pasa nada = no problem

Tranquilo/a = don't worry

No te preocupes = don't worry

Está bien = it's fine

React to someone's news

¡Qué bien! = great!

¡Genial! = great / awesome

¡Qué bueno! = that's great

¡Qué suerte! = how lucky!

¡Menos mal! = thank goodness!

¡Qué mal! = that's bad

Lo siento = I'm sorry

¡Qué pena! = what a shame!

Encourage / push someone

¡Venga! = come on

¡Vamos! = come on / let's go

¡Ánimate! = go on / give it a try

Express surprise

¡Ah, sí? = oh, really?

¡En serio? = seriously?

¡No me digas! = you don't say? / shut up!?

¡Vaya! = wow!

¡Qué sorpresa! = what a surprise!

Goodbyes

Adiós = goodbye

Hasta luego = see you later

Hasta pronto = see you soon

Nos vemos = see you

Nos vemos luego = catch you later

Hasta mañana = see you tomorrow

Filler words

Bueno... = well

Pues... = well

A ver... = let's see

O sea... = that is...

¿Sabes? = you know?