

KEY VOCABULARY – Top 20	
Spanish	English
quedarse/alojarse	to stay
barco	boat
no fumador	non smoking
el papel higiénico	toilet roll
el albergue juvenil	youth hostel
en el extranjero	abroad
barato	cheap
el pasaporte	passport
el bañador	swimming costume
las vacaciones	holidays
alquilar	to rent
la llave	key
nadir	to swim
el saco de dormir	sleeping bag
la habitación doble	double room
reservar	to book
el pronóstico	weather forecast
el abrelatas	tin opener
una maleta	suitcase
el vuelo	the flight

Present Tense	Preterite tense	Future tense	Imperfect tense
<i>Voy</i> I go	<i>Fui</i> I went	<i>Voy a ir</i> I'm going to go	<i>Iba</i> I used to go
<i>Llego</i> I arrive	<i>Llegué</i> I arrived	<i>voy a llegar</i> I'm going to arrive	<i>llegaba</i> I used to arrive
<i>Me quedo</i> I stay	<i>Me quedé</i> I stayed	<i>Voy a quedarme</i> I'm going to stay	<i>Me quedaba</i> I used to stay
<i>Hago</i> I do	<i>Hice</i> I did	<i>Voy a hacer</i> I'm going to do	<i>Hacía</i> I used to do
<i>Como</i> I eat	<i>Comí</i> I ate	<i>Voy a comer</i> I'm going to eat	<i>Comía</i> I used to eat
<i>Bebo</i> I drink	<i>Bebí</i> I drank	<i>Voy a beber</i> I'm going to drink	<i>Bebía</i> I used to drink
<i>Compro</i> I buy	<i>Compré</i> I bought	<i>Voy a comprar</i> I'm going to buy	<i>Compraba</i> I used to buy
<i>Tomo el sol</i> I sunbathe	<i>Tomé el sol</i> I sunbathed	<i>Voy a tomar el sol</i> I'm going to sunbathe	<i>Tomaba el sol</i> I used to sunbathe

Talking about the weather

Many weather expressions in Spanish use the verb *hacer*:

Hace (mucho) calor/frío – It's (very) hot/cold
Hace buen/mal tiempo – The weather's good/bad
Hace (mucho) sol/viento – It's (very) sunny/windy
Hace fresco – It's cool

Some expressions use *hay* or *estar*:

Hay (mucho) niebla – It's (very) foggy
Hay tormentas/chubascos – It's stormy/showery
Está nublado – It's cloudy
Está despejado – It's clear

Note also the verbs *llover* (to rain) and *nevar* (to snow):

Llueve – It rains
Está lloviendo – It's raining
Nieva – It snows
Está nevando – It's snowing

Present	Past (Imperfect)
<i>hace...</i>	<i>hacía...</i>
<i>hay...</i>	<i>había...</i>
<i>está...</i>	<i>estaba...</i>
<i>llueve</i> (it rains)	<i>llovía</i> (it rained)
<i>nieva</i> (it snows)	<i>nevaba</i> (it snowed)



Describing a region
 está situada en: it is situated in
 está ubicada en: it is situated in
 es conocida por: it is known for
 tiene una cocina variada: it has a varied cuisine

Imperfect tense: Used to narrate events in the past and describe what things used to be like

To form:

- Take your infinitive.
- Remove the -AR, -ER, -IR
- Add the correct ending

-AR verbs	-ER/-IR verbs
I -aba	I -ía
You -abas	You -ías
He/she -aba	He/she -ía
We -ábamos	We -íamos
You lot -abais	You lot -íais
They -aban	They -ían

Endings



Using estar + past participle

Past participles are the part of the verb which usually end in -ado (-ar verbs) or -ido (-er and -ir verbs). A few verbs like *abrir* (to open) have irregular past participles (*abierto*). See page 185 for the full list.

Past participles can be used with *estar* to describe a state or situation. When used like this they agree with the person or thing they are describing.
 Andalucía está situada en el sur – Andalucía is situated in the south.

Sus tierras están cruzadas por el río Guadalquivir – Its lands are crossed by the Guadalquivir river.

Unit 8: Holidays and Travel

Opinions and reasons on holidays

Me lo pasé bomba: I had a great time

porque...because

había mucha marcha; there was a lot going on

la comida era muy rica: the food was delicious

el alojamiento era fantástico: the accommodation was fab

Countries

Voy a Francia I go to France
 Voy a España I go to Spain
 Voy a Alemania I go to Germany
 Voy a Italia I go to Italy
 Voy a Estados Unidos I go to the USA
 Voy a Escocia: Scotland
 Voy a Portugal I go to Portugal

Accommodation

Me quedo I stay
 Me quedé I stayed
 en in
 un hotel a hotel
 un albergue juvenil a youth hostel
 un parador: a state sponsored hotel
 una caravana – a caravan
 un apartamento: an apartment
 un camping a campsite

en la casa de mis abuelos
 at my grandparents

Transport:

a pie on foot
 en bicicleta by bike
 en avion by plane
 en coche by car
 en barco by boat
 en tren by train
 en autocar by coach
 en tranvía by tram

Using the points of the compass



en el norte – in the north
 al norte de... – into the north of...
 en el centro de... – in the centre of...

Expressions of sequence

antes: before
 antes de + inf+ beforeing
 después: after
 después de + inf: after.....ing
 primero: first
 luego: then
 al llegar: on arriving