

## Aa

**A, a** *f* A, a; ~ **de Antonio** A for Andrew Brit, A for Abel Am

**a** *prep* 1. (*dirección*) to; **ir ~ Barcelona** to go to Barcelona; **llegar ~ Madrid** to arrive in Madrid 2. (*posición*) at; ~ **la mesa** at the table; ~ **la derecha** on the right 3. (*distancia*) ~ **10 kilómetros de aquí** 10 kilometres (away) from here 4. (*tiempo*) at; (*hasta*) until; ~ **las tres** at three o'clock; ~ **mediodía** at noon 5. (*modo*) ~ **pie** on foot; **ir ~ pie** to walk; ~ **mano** by hand; ~ **oscuras** in the dark 6. (*precio*) ¿~ **cómo está?** how much is it?; ~ **2 euros el kilo** (at) 2 euros a kilo 7. (*relación*) **dos ~ dos** two all 8. (*complemento*) **oler ~ gas** to smell of gas; **he visto ~ tu hermano** I've seen your brother 9. (*con infinitivo*) **empezó ~ correr** he/she began to run 10. (+ *que*) ¿~ **que llueve mañana!** I bet it'll rain tomorrow!

! **a** in combination with the masculine definite article 'el' becomes 'al': "Mañana voy al teatro con algunos amigos; Segovia está al norte de Madrid."

**abad(esa)** *m(f)* abbot *m*, abbess *f*

**abadía** *f* abbey

**abajo** *adv* 1. (*movimiento*) down; **calle ~** down the street; **de arriba ~** from top to bottom 2. (*estado*) down (below); (*en casa*) downstairs; **hacia ~** down, downwards; **el ~** **firmante** the undersigned; **de veinte para ~** twenty or under; **véase más ~** see below

**abalanzarse** <z→c> *vr* ~ **a la ventana** to dash (over) to the window; ~ **sobre algo** to pounce on sth

**abandonado, -a** *adj* *ser* (*descuidado*) neglected; (*desaseado*) slovenly

**abandonar** *I. vi* DEP to withdraw

*II. vt* 1. (*dejar*) to leave; (*niño*) to abandon; (*fuerzas*) to desert 2. (*renunciar*) to give up 3. INFOR (*interrumpir*) to leave *III. vr*: ~ **se** to give oneself over

**abandono** *m* 1. (*abandonamiento*) abandonment 2. (*renuncia*) renunciation; (*de una idea*) giving-up 3. (*descuido*) neglect

**abanicar** <c→qu> *vt* to fan

**abanico** *m* fan; (*de posibilidades*) range

**abaratar** *I. vt* (*precios*) to lower; (*costes*) to cut *II. vr*: ~ **se** to become cheaper

**abarcar** <c→qu> *vt* 1. (*comprender*) to include; ~ **con la vista** to take in; **quien mucho abarca poco aprieta** don't bite off more than you can chew 2. (*contener*) to contain

**abarrotado** *adj* completely full; (*de gente*) crowded

**abastecer** *irr como crecer vt* ~ **de [o con] algo** to provide with sth; COM to supply with sth

**abastecimiento** *m* supply

**abasto** *m* supply; **no dar ~ con algo** to be unable to cope with sth

**abatido, -a** *adj* dejected

**abatimiento** *m* dejection

**abatir** *I. vt* (*casa*) to demolish; (*árbol*) to fell, to chop down Am; (*avión*) to shoot down; (*respaldo*) to recline *II. vr*: ~ **se** 1. (*desanimarse*) to become dejected 2. (*precipitarse*) ~ **se sobre algo** to pounce on sth

**abdicación** *f* abdication

**abdicar** <c→qu> *vt* 1. (*monarca*) to abdicate 2. (*ideales*) to renounce

**abdomen** *m* abdomen

**abdominal** *I. adj* abdominal *II. m* DEP press-up Brit, sit-up Am

**abecedario** *m* alphabet

**abedul** *m* birch

**abeja** *f* bee

**abejorro** *m* bumblebee

**aberración** *f* aberration

**abertura** *f* 1. (*acción*) opening 2. (*hueco*) hole 3. (*franqueza*) openness

**abeto** *m* fir

- abierto**, -a I. *pp de abrir* II. *adj*  
 1. (cosa) open; **en campo** ~ in the open country 2. (persona) open-minded
- abigarrado**, -a *adj* many-coloured *Brit*, many-colored *Am*
- abismal** *adj* enormous
- abismo** *m* abyss
- abjurar** *vi, vt* ~ (de) **algo** to renounce sth
- ablandar** I. *vt* 1. (poner blando) to soften 2. (calmar) to soothe II. *vr*: ~se 1. (ponerse blando) to soften 2. (persona) to relent
- abnegación** *f* self-denial
- abnegado**, -a *adj* selfless
- abocado**, -a *adj* (vino) smooth
- abochornar** I. *vt* 1. (calor) to oppress; **estoy abochornado** I'm stifled 2. (avergonzar) to embarrass II. *vr* ~se de [o por] **algo** to be embarrassed by sth
- abofetear** *vt* to slap
- abogacía** *f* legal profession
- abogado**, -a *m, f* 1. JUR lawyer; (en tribunal) barrister, attorney *Am*; **defensor** defense lawyer 2. (defensor) advocate
- abogar** <g→gu> *vi* ~ por **algo** to advocate sth
- abolengo** *m* ancestry
- abolición** *f* abolition
- abolir** *irr vt* to abolish
- abolladura** *f* dent
- abollar** *vt* to dent
- abominable** *adj* abominable
- abominación** *f* abomination
- abonado**, -a *m, f* (a revistas) subscriber; (a electricidad) customer
- abonar** I. *vt* 1. (garantizar) to guarantee 2. (pagar) to pay; ~ **en cuenta** to credit to an account 3. (terreno) to fertilize II. *vr*: ~se to subscribe
- abono** *m* 1. (metro) *t*. TEAT season ticket 2. PREN subscription 3. (pago) payment; ~ **en cuenta** credit 4. (fertilizante) fertilizer, manure
- abordar** *vt* 1. (barco) to board 2. (persona) to approach 3. (tema) to discuss; (problema) to tackle
- aborigen** I. *adj* aboriginal II. *mf* aborigine
- aborrecer** *irr como crecer vt* to loathe
- abortar** I. *vi* 1. (provocado) to have an abortion 2. (espontáneo) to have a miscarriage 3. (fracasar) to fail II. *vt* to abort
- aborto** *m* 1. (provocado) abortion 2. (espontáneo) miscarriage
- abota(r)gado**, -a *adj* bloated
- abotonar** *vt* to button up
- abovedar** *vt* to vault
- abrasar** I. *vi* (sol) to scorch; (comida) to be burning hot II. *vt* 1. (quemar) to burn 2. (plantas) to dry up
- abrazadera** *f* 1. TIPO bracket 2. TÉC clamp
- abrazar** <z→c> I. *vt* 1. (persona) to embrace 2. (abarcár) to take in; (religión) to adopt II. *vr*: ~se to embrace (each other)
- abrazo** *m* embrace; **dar un ~ a alguien** to give sb a hug
- abrebotellas** *m inv* bottle opener
- abrecartas** *m inv* letter opener
- abrelatas** *m inv* tin opener, can opener *Am*
- abreviar** *vt* (palabras) to abbreviate; (texto) to abridge
- abreviatura** *f* abbreviation
- abridor** *m* opener
- abrigar** <g→gu> I. *vt* 1. (del viento) to protect 2. (cubrir) to cover 3. (tener) to hold; (esperanzas) to cherish; (proyectos) to harbour *Brit*, to harbor *Am* II. *vr*: ~se to wrap up (warm)
- abrigo** *m* coat; **al ~ de** protected by
- abril** *m* April; *v.t.* marzo
- abrilantar** *vt* to polish
- abrir** *irr I. vt* 1. (algo cerrado) to open; (paraguas) to put up; (grifo) to turn on; (con la llave) to unlock; (luz) to turn on; **a medio** ~ (puerta) half-open 2. (canal, túnel) to dig; (agujero) to bore 3. (perspectivas, mercado) to open up II. *vr*: ~se 1. (puerta, herida) to open 2. (confiar) to confide 3. *inf* (irse) to beat it
- abrochar** *vt* (con broches) to fasten; (con botones) to button (up)
- abrumar** *vt* 1. (agobiar) to over-

- whelm **2.** (*con elogios*) to wear out  
**abrupto, -a** *adj* **1.** (*camino*) steep  
**2.** (*carácter*) abrupt  
**absceso** *m* abscess  
**absentismo** *m* absenteeism  
**absolución** *f* **1.** JUR acquittal **2.** REL  
absolution  
**absoluto, -a** *adj* absolute; **en** ~ not at  
all  
**absolver** *irr como volver* *vt* **1.** JUR to  
acquit **2.** REL to absolve  
**absorbente** *adj* **1.** (*esponja*) absorbent  
**2.** (*trabajo*) demanding  
**absorber** *vt* **1.** *t. fis* to absorb **2.** (*em-*  
*presa*) to take over  
**absorción** *f* **1.** (*de líquidos*) *t. fis* absorp-  
tion **2.** ECON takeover  
**absorto, -a** *adj* **1.** (*pasmado*) amazed  
**2.** (*entregado*) absorbed  
**abstención** *ft* POL abstention  
**abstenerse** *irr como tener* *vr* *t. POL* to  
abstain; (*del tabaco*) to refrain  
**abstencia** *f* abstinence  
**abstracción** *f* abstraction  
**abstracto, -a** *adj* abstract  
**abstracto** *irr como traer* **I.** *vt* to ab-  
stract **II.** *vr* ~**se en algo** to be ab-  
sorbed in sth  
**abstraído, -a** *adj* lost in thought  
**absurdo, -a** *adj* absurd  
**abuchear** *vt* to boo; (*silbando*) to  
hiss  
**abuelo, -a** *m, f* grandfather *m,*  
grandmother *f*; **los** ~**s** the grand-  
parents  
**abulense** *adj* of/from Avila  
**abulia** *f* apathy  
**abúlico, -a** *adj* weak-willed  
**abultado, -a** *adj* bulky; (*labios*) thick  
**abultar** *vt* **1.** (*aumentar*) to increase  
**2.** (*exagerar*) to exaggerate  
**abundancia** *f* abundance; **vivir en**  
**la** ~ to be affluent  
**abundante** *adj* abundant; (*lluvia*)  
heavy; (*cosecha*) plentiful  
**abundar** *vi* to abound; ~ **en algo** to  
be rich in sth  
**aburrido, -a** *adj* **1.** *estar* (*harto*)  
bored **2.** *ser* (*pesado*) boring  
**aburrimiento** *m* **1.** (*tedio*) boredom  
**2.** (*fastidio*) bore  
**aburrir** **I.** *vt* **1.** (*hastiar*) to bore  
**2.** (*fastidiar*) to weary **II.** *vr:* ~**se** to  
be bored  
**abusar** *vi* **1.** (*usar indebidamente*) ~  
**de algo** to misuse sth **2.** (*aprove-*  
*charse*) ~ **de alguien** to take advan-  
tage of sb  
**abusivo, -a** *adj* improper; (*precios*)  
outrageous  
**abuso** *m* misuse  
**abyecto, -a** *adj* wretched  
**a.C.** *abr de antes de Cristo* AD  
**acá** *adv* here  
**acabado, -a** *adj* **1.** (*completo*) fin-  
ished **2.** (*salud*) ruined  
**acabar** **I.** *vi* **1.** (*terminar*) to end; ~  
**bien/mal** to turn out well/badly; ~  
**de hacer algo** to have just done sth;  
**ella acaba de llegar** she's just ar-  
rived **2.** (*destruir*) ~ **con algo** to fin-  
ish sth off; ~ **con alguien** to put paid  
to sb **II.** *vt* **1.** (*terminar*) to finish  
**2.** (*consumir*) to finish off **III.** *vr:* ~**se**  
to come to an end; **se ha acabado**  
there's no left; **todo se acabó** it's all  
over  
**acabóse** *m inf* **¡esto es el ~!** that  
really is the limit!  
**acacia** *f* acacia  
**academia** *f* **1.** (*corporación*) acad-  
emy **2.** (*colegio*) (private) school  
**académico, -a** *adj* academic  
**acaecer** *irr como crecer* *vi* to happen  
**acallar** *vt* **1.** (*hacer callar*) to silence  
**2.** (*apaciguar*) to pacify  
**acalorado, -a** *adj* heated  
**acalorarse** *vr* **1.** (*sofocarse*) to get  
hot **2.** (*enfadarse*) to get angry  
**acampar** *vi* to camp  
**acanalar** *vt* to furrow  
**acantilado** *m* cliff  
**acantilado, -a** *adj* steep  
**acaparar** *vt* **1.** (*objetos*) to hoard  
**2.** (*miradas*) to captivate  
**acariciar** *vt* **1.** (*persona*) to caress  
**2.** (*plan*) to toy with  
**acarrear** *vt* **1.** (*transportar*) to trans-  
port **2.** (*ocasionar*) to cause  
**acaso** **I.** *m* chance **II.** *adv* maybe; **por**  
**si** ~ (*en caso de*) in case; (*en todo*  
*caso*) just in case  
**acatamiento** *m* **1.** (*respeto*) respect  
**2.** (*de las leyes*) compliance

- acatar** *vt* 1. (*respetar*) to respect  
2. (*obedecer*) to obey
- acatarrarse** *vr* to catch a cold
- acaudalado, -a** *adj* well-off
- acaudillar** *vt* to lead
- acceder** *vi* 1. (*consentir*) to agree  
2. (*tener acceso*) to gain access  
3. (*ascender*) to accede
- accesible** *adj* 1. (*persona*) approachable  
2. (*lugar*) accessible 3. (*precios*) affordable
- acceso** *m t.* INFOR access
- accesorio** *m* accessory
- accidentado, -a** I. *adj* 1. (*terreno*) rugged  
2. (*difícil*) difficult II. *m, f* injured person
- accidental** *adj* 1. (*no esencial*) incidental  
2. (*casual*) casual
- accidentarse** *vr* to have an accident
- accidente** *m* 1. (*de tráfico*) accident  
2. (*desnivel*) unevenness
- acción** *f* 1. (*acto*) act 2. *t.* MIL, JUR (*influencia*) action 3. FIN share
- accionar** *vt* TEC to operate
- accionista** *mf* shareholder, stockholder
- acebo** *m* holly
- acecho** *m* **estar al ~** to lie in wait
- aceite** *m* oil
- aceitera** *f* 1. (*recipiente*) oil-can  
2. *pl* (*vinagreras*) cruet
- aceitoso, -a** *adj* oily
- aceituna** *f* olive
- aceitunado, -a** *adj* olive(-green)
- acelerador** *m* AUTO accelerator *Brit*, gas pedal *Am*
- acelerar** *vt* to accelerate; ~ **el paso** to walk faster
- acelga** *f* chard
- acento** *m* 1. (*prosódico*) stress  
2. (*pronunciación*) accent 3. (*énfasis*) emphasis
- acentuar** <1. *pres.*: *acentúo*> *vt*  
1. (*al pronunciar*) to stress; (*al escribir*) to write with an accent 2. (*resaltar*) to highlight
- acepción** *f* sense, meaning
- aceptación** *f* 1. (*aprobación*) approval  
2. COM, JUR acceptance
- aceptar** *vt* 1. (*recibir*) to accept  
2. (*conformarse*) to agree
- acequia** *f* irrigation ditch
- acera** *f* pavement *Brit*, sidewalk *Am*
- acerado, -a** *adj* 1. (*de acero*) steel  
2. (*mordaz*) biting
- acerbo, -a** *adj* 1. (*gusto*) sharp  
2. (*despiadado*) cruel; (*crítica, tono*) harsh
- acerca** *prep* ~ **de** (*sobre*) about; (*en relación a*) concerning
- acercar** <c→qu> I. *vt* 1. (*poner más cerca*) to bring nearer 2. (*traer*) to bring over II. *vr*: ~**se** 1. (*aproximarse*) ~**se a alguien/algo** to approach sb/sth 2. (*ir*) to come round
- acerico** *m* pincushion
- acero** *m* steel
- acérrimo, -a** I. *superl* de *acre*<sup>1</sup> II. *adj* (*defensor*) staunch; (*enemigo*) bitter
- acertado, -a** *adj* 1. (*correcto*) correct  
2. (*atinado*) accurate 3. (*conveniente*) apt
- acertar** <e→ie> *vt* 1. (*dar en el blanco*) to hit 2. (*encontrar*) to find; ~ **con algo** to come across sth  
3. (*conseguir*) ~ **a** to manage to  
4. (*adivinar*) to get right
- acertijo** *m* riddle
- acervo** *m* store; ~ **cultural** cultural heritage
- achacar** <c→qu> *vt* to attribute
- achacoso, -a** *adj* sickly
- achaque** *m* ailment
- achicar** <c→qu> I. *vt* 1. (*empequeñecer*) to make smaller 2. (*intimidar*) to intimidate 3. (*agua*) to bale out II. *vr*: ~**se** 1. (*ropa*) to shrink  
2. (*acoquinarse*) to take fright
- achicharrar** I. *vt* 1. (*calor*) to scorch  
2. (*comida*) to burn II. *vr*: ~**se** to be sweltering
- achicoria** *f* chicory
- aciago, -a** *adj* ill-fated
- acicalarse** *vr* to get dressed up
- acicate** *m* 1. (*espuela*) spur 2. (*estímulo*) stimulus
- acidez** *f* acidity
- ácido** *m* acid
- ácido, -a** *adjs* sour
- acierto** *m* 1. (*en el tiro*) accuracy  
2. (*éxito*) success; (*en la lotería*) right number 3. (*habilidad*) skill
- aclamación** *f* applause; **por** ~ by acclamation

**aclamar** *vt* 1. (*vitorear*) to cheer  
2. POL to acclaim

**aclaramiento** *f* 1. (*clarificación*) clarification  
2. (*explicación*) explanation

**aclamar** *I. vt* 1. (*hacer más claro*) to lighten; (*voz*) to clear  
2. (*un líquido*) to thin (down)  
3. (*explicar*) to explain  
4. (*crimen*) to solve  
II. *vr*: ~se  
1. (*problema*) to be clarified  
2. *inf* (*entender*) to catch on

**aclaramiento**, **-a** *adj* explanatory

**aclamación** *f* acclimatization *Brit*,  
acclimation *Am*

**aclamar** *I. vt* to acclimatize *Brit*, to  
acclimate *Am* II. *vr*: ~se to get accli-  
matized

**acné** *m o f sin pl* acne

**acobardar** *I. vt* to frighten; (*con pa-  
labras*) to intimidate II. *vr*: ~se  
1. (*desanimarse*) to flinch from  
2. (*intimidarse*) to be frightened

**acogedor(a)** *adj* welcoming, inviting

**acoger** <g→j> *I. vt* to welcome;  
(*recibir*) to receive II. *vr*: ~se  
1. (*refugiarse*) to take refuge  
2. (*am-  
pararse*) to shelter  
3. (*basarse*) to re-  
sort

**acogida** *f* welcome; (*recibimiento*)  
reception; **tener una buena** ~ (*per-  
sona*) to be well received; (*proyec-  
to*) to meet with approval

**acolchar** *vt* to quilt

**acometer** *vt* 1. (*embestir*) to attack  
2. (*emprender*) to undertake

**acometida** *f* 1. (*embestida*) attack  
2. *TÉC* connection

**acomodado**, **-a** *adj* 1. (*cómodo*)  
comfortable  
2. (*rico*) well-off, rea-  
sonable

**acomodador(a)** *m(f)* *TEAT*, *CINE*  
usher

**acomodar** *I. vt* 1. (*adaptar*) to adapt  
2. (*colocar*) to place  
3. (*albergar*) to accommodate  
II. *vr*: ~se to adapt  
oneself, to put up with everything

**acomodaticio**, **-a** *adj* 1. (*adaptable*)  
adaptable  
2. *pey* (*oportunistista*) op-  
portunistic

**acompañante** *mf* 1. (*de una dama*)  
escort  
2. (*en el coche*) passenger

**acompañar** *vt* 1. (*ir con*) *t. MÚS* to  
accompany  
2. (*hacer compañía*) ~ a

**alguien** to keep sb company  
3. (*ad-  
juntar*) to enclose

**acomplejar** *I. vt* to give a complex  
II. *vr*: ~se to get a complex

**acondicionar** *vt* 1. (*preparar*) to pre-  
pare  
2. (*climatizar*) to air-condition

**acongojar** *vt* to distress

**aconsejar** *vt* to advise

**acontecer** *irr como crecer vi* to  
happen

**acontecimiento** *m* event

**acopio** *m* store; **hacer ~ de algo** to  
stock up with sth

**acoplamiento** *m* coupling

**acoplar** *vt* 1. (*ajustar*) to adjust  
2. *FERRO* to fit together  
3. *ELEC* to con-  
nect

**acorazar** <z→c> *I. vt* to armour-  
plate *Brit*, to armorplate *Am* II. *vr*:  
~se to arm oneself

**acordar** <o→ue> *I. vt* 1. (*convenir*)  
to agree  
2. (*decidir*) to decide  
II. *vr*  
~se **de** to remember

**acorde** *I. adj* 1. (*conforme*) agreed;  
**estar ~ con** to be in agreement with

2. *MÚS* harmonious  
II. *m* *MÚS* chord

**acordeón** *m* accordion

**acordonar** *vt* 1. (*botas*) to lace up  
2. (*un sitio*) to cordon off

**acorralar** *vt* 1. (*ganado*) to round up  
2. (*intimidar*) to intimidate

**acortar** *I. vt* to shorten; (*duración*) to  
cut down  
II. *vr*: ~se to become  
shorter

**acosar** *vt* 1. (*perseguir*) to hound  
2. (*asediar*) to harass; (*con pregun-  
tas*) to pester

**acoso** *m* relentless pursuit; ~ **sexual**  
sexual harassment

**acostar** <o→ue> *I. vt* to put to bed  
II. *vr*: ~se  
1. (*descansar*) to lie down  
2. (*ir a la cama*) to go to bed

**acostumbrado**, **-a** *adj* accustomed;  
**mal** ~ spoil

**acostumbrar** *I. vi* ~ a **hacer algo** to  
be used to doing sth  
II. *vr*: ~se **a**  
**algo** to get accustomed to sth

**acotación** *f* 1. (*nota*) margin note  
2. *TEAT* stage direction  
3. (*cota*) eleva-  
tion mark

**acre**<sup>1</sup> *adj* <acérrimo> 1. (*áspero*)  
bitter  
2. (*ácido*) sour  
3. (*mordaz*)

- scathing  
**acre**<sup>2</sup> *m* acre  
**acrecentar** <e→ie> *vt*, **acrecer** *irr* como *crecer* *vt* to increase  
**acreditar** **I.** *vt* 1. (*atestiguar*) to vouch for 2. (*autorizar*) to authorize 3. (*diplomático*) to accredit 4. *FIN* to credit **II.** *vr*: ~**se** to get a reputation  
**acrededor(a)** **I.** *adj* ~ **a** [o **de**] algo worthy of sth **II.** *m(f)* *FIN* creditor  
**acribillar** *vt* 1. (*abrir agujeros*) to riddle 2. (*a preguntas*) to pester  
**acróbata** *mf* acrobat  
**acta** *f* 1. (*de una reunión*) minutes *pl*; **levantar ~ de algo** to draw up a document of sth 2. (*certificado*) certificate 3. *JUR* act  
**actitud** *f* 1. (*corporal*) posture 2. (*disposición*) attitude 3. (*comportamiento*) behaviour *Brit*, behavior *Am*  
**activar** *vt* 1. (*avivar*) to stimulate 2. *QUÍM*, *FÍS*, *INFOR* to activate; (*bomba*) to detonate  
**actividad** *f* (*general*) activity; **volcán en ~** active volcano  
**activo** *m* *FIN* assets *pl*  
**activo, -a** *adj* active  
**acto** *m* 1. (*acción*) action; ~ **seguido...** immediately after ...; **en el ~** immediately, on the spot 2. (*ceremonia*) ceremony 3. *TEAT* act  
**actor, actriz** *m, f* *TEAT*, *CINE* actor *m*, actress *f*  
**actuación** *f* 1. (*conducta*) conduct 2. (*actividad*) activity 3. *TEAT*, *MÚS* performance; ~ **en directo** live performance 4. *pl* *JUR* legal proceedings *pl*  
**actual** *adj* 1. (*de ahora*) present 2. (*corriente*) current  
**actualidad** *f* present; **en la ~** at present; **ser de gran ~** to be topical  
**actualizar** <z→c> *vt* to bring up to date  
**actualmente** *adv* at the moment, currently  
**actuar** <1. *pres*: *actúo*> *vi* 1. (*hacer*) to work; ~ **sobre algo** to have an effect on sth 2. *TEAT* to act; ~ **en directo** to perform live  
**acuarela** *f* watercolour *Brit*, watercolor *Am*  
**acuario** *m* aquarium  
**Acuario** *m* Aquarius  
**acuático, -a** *adj* aquatic; **parque ~** waterpark  
**acuchillar** *vt* 1. (*herir*) to knife 2. (*parqué*) to sand down; (*muebles*) to scrape  
**acuciar** *vt* to hurry up  
**acudir** *vi* 1. (*ir*) to go 2. (*recurrir*) to turn to  
**acuerdo** *m* 1. (*convenio*) *t. POL* agreement; **¡de ~!** I agree!, OK!; **de ~ con** in accordance with 2. (*decisión*) decision  
**acumular** *vt* 1. (*reunir*) to collect 2. (*amontonar*) *t. ELEC* to accumulate  
**acuñar** *vt* 1. (*monedas*) to mint 2. (*palabras*) to coin  
**acuoso, -a** *adj* watery  
**acupuntura** *f* acupuncture  
**acurrucarse** <c→qu> *vr* to curl up; (*agacharse*) to crouch  
**acusación** *f* accusation; *JUR* charge  
**acusar** *vt* 1. (*culpar*) to accuse 2. (*en juicio*) to charge 3. (*en la escuela*) to tell on 4. *ECON* to confirm  
**acuse** *m* ~ **de recibo** acknowledgment of receipt  
**acústico, -a** *adj* acoustic  
**adagio** *m* 1. (*proverbio*) adage 2. *MÚS* adagio  
**adaptable** *adj* adaptable  
**adaptación** *f* adaptation  
**adaptador** *m* *TÉC* adapter  
**adaptar** **I.** *vt* 1. *t. CINE* (*acomodar*) to adapt 2. (*edificio*) to convert 3. (*ajustar*) to adjust **II.** *vr*: ~**se** to adapt  
**adecuado, -a** *adj* 1. (*apto*) appropriate 2. (*palabras*) fitting  
**adecuar** *vt, vr*: ~**se** to adapt  
**a. de (J)C.** *abr de antes de (Jesu)cristo* BC  
**adelantado, -a** *adj* advanced; **por ~** in advance  
**adelantamiento** *m* 1. (*avance*) advance 2. (*del coche*) overtaking *Brit*, passing *Am*  
**adelantar** **I.** *vi* 1. (*reloj*) to be fast 2. (*progresar*) to progress 3. (*coche*) to overtake *Brit*, to pass *Am* **II.** *vt*

1. (*reloj*) to put forward 2. (*avanzar*) to move forward 3. (*coche*) to overtake *Brit*, to pass *Am* 4. (*viaje*) to bring forward 5. (*paga*) to advance 6. (*ganar*) to gain III. *vr.*: ~se 1. (*reloj*) to be fast 2. (*avanzarse*) to go forward 3. (*llegar antes*) to get ahead 4. (*anticiparse*) to anticipate

**adelante** *adv* forward, ahead *Am*; ¡~! come in!; **seguir** ~ to go (straight) on

**adelanto** *m* 1. (*progreso*) progress 2. (*anticipo*) advance

**adelgazar** <z→c> I. *vi.*, *vr.*: ~se to lose weight II. *vt* (*peso*) to reduce

**ademán** *m* 1. (*gesto*) gesture 2. (*actitud*) attitude

**además** *adv* besides, moreover

**adentrarse** *vr* 1. (*entrar*) to go into 2. (*estudiar*) to study thoroughly

**adentro** *adv* inside; **mar** ~ out to sea; **tierra** ~ inland

**adentros** *mpl* **para sus** ~ inwardly

**aderezar** <z→c> *vt* (*condimentar*) to season; (*ensalada*) to dress

**aderezo** *m* (*condimentación*) seasoning; (*de, para una ensalada*) dressing

**adeudar** I. *vt* (*deber*) to owe; (*en cuenta*) to debit II. *vr.*: ~se to run into debt

**adherir** *irr como sentir* I. *vt* (*sello*) to stick II. *vr.*: ~se 1. (*pegarse*) to adhere 2. (*a una opinión*) to support 3. (*a un partido*) to join

**adhesión** *f* 1. (*adherencia*) adhesion 2. (*a una opinión*) support

**adicción** *f* addiction

**adición** *ft.* MAT addition

**adicionar** *vt* to add

**adicto, -a** I. *adj* addicted II. *m, f* addict

**adiestrar** *vt* to train

**adinerado, -a** *adj* wealthy

**adiós** *interj* 1. (*despedida*) goodbye, bye 2. (*al pasar*) hello, hi

**aditivo** *m* additive

**aditivo, -a** *adj* additional

**adivinanza** *f* riddle

**adivinar** *vt* 1. (*el futuro*) to foretell 2. (*conjeturar*) to guess

**adjetivo** *m* adjective

**adjudicación** *f* 1. (*de un premio*)

award(ing) 2. (*en una subasta*) sale

**adjudicar** <c→qu> I. *vt* 1. (*premio*) to award 2. (*en una subasta*) to knock down *Brit*, to sell at auction *Am* II. *vr.*: ~se (*apropiarse*) to appropriate

**adjuntar** *vt* to enclose

**adjunto, -a** *adj* 1. (*junto*) enclosed 2. (*auxiliar*) assistant

**administración** *f* 1. (*dirección*) administration; *la* ~ **española** the Spanish authorities; ~ **municipal** town/city council 2. (*de sacramentos*) administering

**administrador(a)** *m(f)* administrator; (*gerente*) manager

**administrar** *vt* administer

**administrativo, -a** I. *adj* administrative II. *m, f* clerk

**admirable** *adj* admirable

**admiración** *f* 1. (*respeto*) admiration 2. (*signo*) exclamation mark

**admirar** *vt* 1. (*adorar, apreciar*) to admire 2. (*asombrar*) to amaze

**admisible** *adj* admissible

**admisión** *f* admission, acceptance

**admitir** *vt* 1. (*en universidad*) to admit, to accept 2. (*aceptar*) to accept 3. (*reconocer*) to recognize

4. (*permitir*) to permit

**admonición** *f* warning

**ADN** *m* *abr* *de* **ácido desoxirribonucleico** DNA

**adobar** *vt* 1. (*con salsa*) to marinate

2. (*piel*) to tan

**adobe** *m* adobe

**adoctrinar** *vt* to indoctrinate

**adolescer** *irr como crecer* *vi* to suffer

**adolescencia** *f* adolescence

**adolescente** I. *adj* adolescent II. *mf* teenager, teen *Am, inf*

**adonde** *adv* (*relativo*) where

**adónde** *adv* (*interrogativo*) where

**adopción** *f* adoption

**adoptar** *vt* to adopt

**adoptivo, -a** *adj* 1. (*personas*) adoptive, foster *Am* 2. (*cosas*) adopted, foster *Am*

**adoquín** *m* cobblestone

**adorar** *vt* to adore; (*idolstrar*) to worship

**adormecer** *irr como crecer* I. *vt* to

- make sleepy **II. vr:** ~se to fall asleep
- adornar** *vt* to adorn
- adorno** *m* adornment; (*decoración*) decoration
- adosado, -a** *adj* **casa adosada** semi-detached house
- adquirir** *irr vt* **1.** (*conseguir*) to acquire **2.** (*comprar*) to purchase
- adquisición** *f* acquisition; (*de una empresa*) takeover
- adrede** *adv* on purpose
- Adriático** *m* Adriatic
- adscribir** *irr como escribir vt* **1.** (*atribuir*) to assign **2.** (*destinar*) to appoint
- aduana** *f* **1.** (*tasa*) customs duty; **sin** ~ duty-free **2.** (*oficina*) customs office
- aduanero, -a** **I. adj** customs **II. m, f** customs officer
- aducir** *irr como traducir vt* (*razón, motivo*) to put forward; (*prueba*) to provide
- adueñarse** *vr* to take possession
- adulación** *f* flattery
- adular** *vt* to flatter
- adulterar** *vt* to adulterate
- adulterio** *m* adultery
- adúltero, -a** **I. adj** adulterous **II. m, f** adulterer
- adulto, -a** **I. adj** adult **II. m, f** adult
- adusto, -a** *adj* **1.** (*persona*) stern **2.** (*región*) austere
- advenedizo, -a** **I. adj** upstart **II. m, f** *pey* upstart
- advenimiento** *m* advent
- adverbio** *m* adverb
- adversario, -a** *m, f* opponent
- adversidad** *f* **1.** (*contrariedad*) adversity **2.** (*desgracia*) setback
- adverso, -a** *adj* adverse
- advertencia** *f* **1.** (*amonestación*) warning **2.** (*indicación*) advice
- advertir** *irr como sentir vt* **1.** (*reparar*) to notice **2.** (*indicar*) to point out **3.** (*avisar*) to warn
- adviento** *m* Advent
- adyacente** *adj* adjacent
- aéreo, -a** *adj* aerial; (*tráfico*) air; **compañía aérea** airline (company); **por vía aérea** (by) airmail
- aeróbic** *m* aerobics
- aerodeslizador** *m* hovercraft
- aerodinámico, -a** *adj* aerodynamic
- aeromodelismo** *m* construction of model airplanes
- aeronáutica** *f* aeronautics
- aeronave** *f* airship
- aeroplano** *m* aeroplane *Brit*, airplane *Am*
- aeropuerto** *m* airport
- aerosol** *m* **1.** (*suspensión*) aerosol **2.** (*espray*) spray
- aerotrén** *m* aerotrain
- afabilidad** *f* affability
- afable** *adj* affable
- afamado, -a** *adj* famous
- afán** *m* **1.** (*ahínco*) eagerness; **con** ~ eagerly **2.** (*anhelo*) longing
- afanar** **I. vi** to work hard **II. vr:** ~se to toil (away)
- afanoso, -a** *adj* **1.** (*trabajoso*) laborious **2.** (*persona*) industrious
- afear** *vt* to disfigure
- afección** *f* **1.** *MED* condition **2.** (*inclinación*) inclination
- afectación** *f* affectation
- afectado, -a** *adj* affected
- afectar** **I. vt** **1.** (*influir*) to concern **2.** (*dañar*) to harm; *MED* to attack **3.** (*impresionar*) to affect **II. vr:** ~se *AmL* to fall ill
- afectísimo, -a** *adj* **suyo** ~ yours truly
- afectivo, -a** *adj* affective
- afecto** *m* ~ **a algo/alguien** affection for sth/sb
- afecto, -a** *adj* ~ **a algo/alguien** inclined towards sth/sb
- afectuoso, -a** *adj* affectionate
- afeitadora** *f* ~ **eléctrica** electric razor
- afeitar** **I. vt** (*persona*) to shave; **máquina de** ~ (safety) razor **II. vr:** ~se to shave
- afeminado, -a** *adj* effeminate
- aferrar** **I. vt** to grasp **II. vr** ~se **a algo** to cling on sth
- Afganistán** *m* Afghanistan
- afgano, -a** *adj, m, f* Afghan
- afianzamiento** *m* **1.** (*sujeción*) fastening **2.** (*aseguramiento*) securing
- afianzar** <z→c> **I. vt** **1.** (*sujetar*) to fasten **2.** (*dar firmeza*) to strengthen; (*asegurar*) to secure **II. vr:** ~se to be-

come established  
**afiche** *m* *AmL* poster  
**afición** *f* 1. (*inclinación*) liking;  
**tener una ~ hacia algo** to be fond  
of sth 2. (*pasatiempo*) hobby 3. (*hinchada*) fans *pl*  
**aficionado, -a** I. *adj* amateur II. *m, f*  
1. (*entusiasta*) lover; DEP fan 2. (*no profesional*) amateur  
**aficionar** I. *vt* ~ a **alguien a algo** to  
get sb interested in sth II. *vr* ~se a  
**algo** to take a liking to sth  
**afilado, -a** *adj* (*cuchillo*) sharp;  
(*nariz*) pointed; (*cara*) thin  
**afilar** I. *vt* to sharpen II. *vr*: ~se  
(*cara*) to grow thin  
**afin** *adj* related  
**afinar** I. *vi* to play in tune II. *vt*  
1. (*hacer más fino*) to refine 2. *Mús*  
to tune  
**afincarse** <c→qu> *vr* to become es-  
tablished  
**afinidad** *f* 1. (*semejanza*) similarity  
2. (*por parentesco*) relationship  
**afirmación** *f* affirmation  
**afirmar** I. *vt* 1. (*decir sí*) to affirm  
2. (*aseverar*) to state II. *vr*: ~se to  
reaffirm  
**afirmativo, -a** *adj* affirmative; **en**  
**caso** ~ if so  
**aflicción** *f* grief  
**afligir** <g→j> I. *vt* 1. (*apenar*) to  
upset 2. (*atormentar*) to afflict II. *vr*:  
~se to get upset  
**aflojar** I. *vt* 1. (*nudo*) to loosen  
2. (*cuerda*) to slacken (off) 3. (*velocidad*)  
to reduce II. *vr*: ~se to slacken  
**aflojar** *vi* to come to the surface;  
(*agua subterránea*) to emerge  
**afluente** *m* tributary  
**afluir** *irr como huir* *vi* 1. ( *río*) to flow  
into 2. (*gente*) to flock  
**afónico, -a** *adj* hoarse  
**aforo** *m* 1. (*en un estadio*) capacity  
2. *Téc* gauging  
**afortunado, -a** *adj* fortunate  
**afrenta** *f* insult  
**África** *f* Africa  
**africano, -a** *adj, m, f* African  
**afrontar** *vt* to face up to; (*problema*)  
to tackle  
**afuera** *adv* outside; ¡~! *inf* get out of

here!  
**afueras** *fpl* outskirts *pl*  
**agachar** I. *vt* (*cabeza*) to lower II. *vr*:  
~se 1. (*encogerse*) to crouch  
2. *AmL* (*ceder*) to give in  
**agalla** *f* (*de un pez*) gill; **tener ~s** *fig*  
to have guts  
**agarrado, -a** *adj* stingy  
**agarrar** I. *vi* 1. ( *echar raíces*) to take  
root 2. (*coche*) to grip the road II. *vt*  
1. (*tomar*) to take 2. (*asir*) to grasp  
3. (*delincuente*) to seize 4. (*enfermedad*)  
to catch III. *vr*: ~se  
1. (*asirse*) to hold on 2. (*reñir*) to  
have a fight 3. (*comida*) to stick  
4. *AmL* (*coger*) to catch  
**agarrotar** I. *vt* 1. (*entumecer*) to  
stiffen up 2. (*atar*) to tie tight II. *vr*:  
~se (*entumecerse*) to go numb  
**agasajar** *vt* 1. (*recibir*) to receive in  
great style 2. (*con comida*) to wine  
and dine  
**agencia** *f* 1. (*empresa*) agency; ~ **in-**  
**mobiliaria** estate agency; ~ **de**  
**viajes** travel agency 2. (*sucursal*)  
branch  
**agenciar** I. *vt inf* to get II. *vr*: ~se to  
get hold of  
**agenda** *f* 1. (*calendario*) diary, en-  
gagement book *Am* 2. (*cuaderno*)  
notebook  
**agente** *mf* 1. (*representante*) repre-  
sentative; (*de un artista*) agent; ~ **de**  
**bolsa** stockbroker 2. (*funcionario*) ~  
**de aduanas** customs officer; ~ **de**  
**policía** policeman  
**ágil** *adj* 1. (*de movimiento*) agile  
2. (*mental*) alert, quick-witted  
**agilidad** *f* 1. (*física*) agility 2. (*men-*  
*tal*) acumen  
**agilizar** <z→c> *vt* to speed up  
**agitación** *f* 1. (*movimiento*) move-  
ment; (*de un líquido*) stirring 2. *t. POL*  
(*intranquilidad*) agitation  
**agitar** I. *vt* 1. (*mover*) to move;  
(*bandera*) to wave; (*botella*) to  
shake 2. (*intranquilizar*) to worry  
II. *vr*: ~se 1. (*moverse*) to move  
about 2. (*excitarse*) to get excited;  
(*preocuparse*) to get upset  
**aglomeración** *f* agglomeration  
**aglomerarse** *vr* to crowd (together)

**agnóstico, -a** *adj, m, f* agnostic

**agobiar** **I. vt** 1. (*abrumar*) to overwhelm **2. (calor)** to suffocate **II. vr:** ~se 1. (*sentirse abatido*) to feel overwhelmed **2. (angustiar)** to be weighed down

**agolparse** *vr* to crowd (together)

**agonía** *f* 1. (*del moribundo*) death throes **pl 2. (angustia)** anguish

**agonizar** <z→c> *vi* to be dying

**agosto** *m* August; **hacer su** ~ to make a killing; *v.t. marzo*

**agotado, -a** *adj* 1. (*producto*) out of stock **2. (persona)** exhausted

**agotamiento** *m* exhaustion

**agotar** **I. vt** 1. (*existencias*) to use up **2. (mercancía)** to deplete **3. (paciencia)** to exhaust **4. (cansar)** to tire (out) **II. vr:** ~se 1. (*mercancía*) to run out **2. (pilas)** to run down [o out *Am*]

**agraciado, -a** *adj* 1. (*bien parecido*) attractive **2. (afortunado)** lucky

**agraciar** *vt* 1. (*conceder*) to award **2. (vestido)** to enhance

**agradable** *adj* pleasant

**agradar** *vi* to please; **me agrada oír música** I like listening to music

**agradecer** *irr como crecer vt* to thank; **les agradezco que...** I'm grateful to you for ...; **le ~ía mucho si + subj** I'd be very grateful if

**agradecido, -a** *adj* grateful

**agradecimiento** *m* gratitude

**agrado** *m* 1. (*afabilidad*) affability **2. (complacencia)** willingness; **esto no es de mi** ~ this isn't to my liking

**agrandar** *vt* 1. (*hacer más grande*) to make bigger **2. (exagerar)** to exaggerate

**agrario, -a** *adj* agrarian; **población agraria** rural population

**aggravante** **I. adj** aggravating **II. m o f** aggravating factor

**aggravar** **I. vt** (*enfermedad*) to make worse, to aggravate **II. vr:** ~se (*situación*) to worsen

**agraviar** *vt* to offend

**agravio** *m* (*ofensa*) offence *Brit*, offense *Am*

**agredir** *vt* to attack

**agregado** *m* aggregate

**agregado, -a** *m, f* 1. (*diplomático*) attaché **2. UNIV** assistant professor *Brit*, associate professor *Am*

**agregar** <g→gu> **I. vt** 1. (*añadir*) to add **2. (persona)** to appoint **II. vr:** ~se to join

**agresión** *f* aggression

**agresivo, -a** *adj* aggressive

**agriar** **I. vt** to sour **II. vr:** ~se to turn sour

**agrícola** *adj* agricultural

**agricultor(a)** *m(f)* farmer

**agricultura** *f* agriculture

**agradulce** *adj* bittersweet; **GASTR** sweet-and-sour

**agrietarse** *vr* to crack; (*piel*) to become chapped

**agrimensor(a)** *m(f)* surveyor

**agrío, -a** *adj* bitter

**agronomía** *f* agronomy

**agropecuario, -a** *adj* agricultural, farming

**agroturismo** *m* agrotourism

**agrupación** *f* 1. (*agrupamiento*) grouping **2. (conjunto)** group

**agrupar** **I. vt** to group (together) **II. vr:** ~se to form a group

**agua** *f* 1. (*líquido*) water; ~ **de colonia** eau de cologne; ~ **con gas** sparkling water; ~ **del grifo** tap water; ~ **potable** drinking water; ~ **s residuales** sewage; **caer mucha** ~ to rain a lot; **como ~ de mayo** *fig* very welcome; **estoy con el ~ hasta el cuello** *fig* I'm up to my neck in it; **¡hombre al ~!** man overboard! **2. pl** (*mar*) waters *pl*; ~ **s abajo/arriba** downstream/upstream; ~ **s menores** urine; **estar entre dos ~s** *fig* to be sitting on the fence

! With words like **agua** which begin with a stressed a- or ha- the masculine singular article is used even though these words are feminine: "el agua sucia; las aguas del mar Mediterráneo". Other examples include: "el águila, el ala, el alma, el ama, el área, el arte,