

Key Vocabulary

You will find lots of new words throughout the activities. When you don't know the meaning of a word, you can either ask for its meaning "What does X mean?" or check it up in a [dictionary](#). Let's see how dictionaries work.

DICTIONARIES

Dictionaries are really helpful when learning a language, especially if it is a foreign language.

Let us guess how they can help us, place the numbers:

1. If the word has different meanings, it tells you the specific meaning for a "context".
2. It tells you its meaning or translation.
3. It tells you what part of speech the word is: noun, verb, adjective, adverb, pronoun, article, preposition, conjunction or interjection.
4. You can find a synonym here to avoid word repetition.
5. You can see the word in context.
6. You can see which words often go together with this word.
7. You learn how to pronounce the word.

The screenshot shows the WordReference website interface for the word "holiday". At the top, there is a search bar and a dropdown menu set to "English-Spanish". Below the search bar, the word "holiday" is displayed with a "LISTEN" button and a dropdown menu set to "UK". The pronunciation is given as UK: /ˈhɒl.ɪ.deɪ/ and US: /ˈhɒl.ɪ.deɪ/ (ˈhɒl.i daɪ). Below the pronunciation, there are links for "definition", "Conjugación (ES)", "English synonyms", "English collocations", "Conjugator (EN)", "in context", and "images". A section titled "WordReference Collins WR Reverse (31)" is also visible. The main content area shows the word "holiday" and its Spanish translation "vacaciones npl". It also includes a note: "En esta página: holiday, hols. holiday es un término alternativo para hols. Lo encontrarás en al menos una de las líneas abajo." and "WordReference English-Spanish Dictionary © 2020". At the bottom, there is a table of "Principal Translations" with columns for "Inglés" and "Español". The table shows "holiday n" translated to "vacaciones npl" and "holidays npl" translated to "vacaciones npl".

Inglés	Español
holiday n	vacaciones npl
UK (vacation)	
I am going on holiday next week.	
Me voy de vacaciones la semana que viene.	
holidays npl	vacaciones npl
UK (vacation)	

You will see the words on this page throughout the units and use them in tasks, so it's important that you learn them.

Match the words below to their definitions according to the Oxford Learner's Dictionary:

background - challenge - community - diversity - issue - share

1. _____ (noun) an important topic or problem that people are discussing or arguing about.
2. _____ (noun) the quality of including different people or things.
3. _____ (noun) the details of a person's family, education, experience, etc.
4. _____ (noun) a group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common.
5. _____ (verb) to tell other people about your ideas, experiences and feelings, or post them on social media.
6. _____ (noun) a new or difficult task that tests somebody's ability and skill.
7. _____

How do you say these words in your language?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____