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## Spanish Unity Vocabulary

### Quick Reference Guide

*Terms you need to know:*

#### Spanish Unity

...is a way to organize vocabulary that is unique to PRC devices. It is primarily based on the single words we say most often. It goes from simple cause and effect to adult language. It has three versions in English: 15, 45 and 84 and three versions in Spanish: 15, 45 and 84. There is a key that links the Spanish and English versions.

#### 15/45/84

The numbers refer to the number of keys that are on the screen. Don't assume that versions with fewer keys (15) are easier to learn. Work with a speech therapist, AAC Specialist and/or PRC Regional Consultant to help you decide where to start.

#### Core Vocabulary

Words that are most commonly used in English/Spanish—they are used regardless of situation, communication partner, age, or disability of the communicator. Individuals must have access to core vocabulary in order to get their message across.

#### Fringe Vocabulary

... generally consists of nouns that vary according to a situation. Fringe might be different if we are talking about a basketball game versus doing an art project. It might also be different from communicator to communicator.



#### Activity Row

The top row in Spanish Unity. The activity row houses quick phrases, tools, and fringe words.

#### Core Keys

The bottom remaining rows in Unity 45 or 84 that contain core words. In 15, all keys contain core vocabulary.

**TIP:**

To change to English 84, select  and then .

#### English Bridge/Puente 15

There is a Spanish and English version of 15. These vocabularies have core words that link to activity rows or pages that contain fringe vocabulary. There are approximately 150 words pre-programmed in each language at this level.

#### English Bridge/Puente 45

There are Spanish and English versions of 45. These vocabularies contain verbs, adjectives, nouns, prepositions, conjunctions, comments, and questions. The keys in these vocabularies do not speak immediately when selected, but rather lead to another layer of words that are associated with the key you selected. For example, if you select the glass of juice in the English Bridge, the words 'drink', 'thirsty', and 'milk' appear and can be spoken. Word endings are introduced at this level such as *+s*, *+ed*, and *+ing*. Hundreds of words are pre-programmed in each language at this level. This vocabulary can be greatly simplified using Vocabulary Builder.

#### English Bridge/Puente 84

There are Spanish and English versions of 84. These vocabularies contain verbs, adjectives, nouns, prepositions, conjunctions, comments, and questions. The keys in these vocabularies do not speak immediately when selected, but rather lead to another layer of words that are associated with the key you selected. For example, if you select the glass of juice in the English Bridge, the words 'drink', 'thirsty', and 'milk' appear and can be spoken. Thousands of words are pre-programmed and all word endings are represented. This is a robust vocabulary that gives access to adult forms of grammar. This vocabulary can be greatly simplified using Vocabulary Builder.

#### VISUALIZING PUENTE 84

Puente 84 is organized in layers. The top layer is *always* the starting point. This allows for the pattern of a word to remain consistent.

The top layer has several high-frequency words that can be said with 1-hit, indicated by lower case labels on the keys. In 84, these are: lo/el/la/los/las/que.



#### PUENTE 84 PATTERN #1:

#### VERBS, ADJECTIVES, CATEGORY NOUNS

- Press any category icon (ex: "pan" (bread) in the core vocabulary. Various icons of different colors will appear.

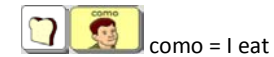
Colors are important on the 2nd layer.

- GREEN = verb
- PINK = adjective
- ORANGE = category noun



- VERBS:**

- Present tense:** First activate the icon that represents the desired action and then activate the pronoun that represents the person who carries out the action.



- Present progressive tense:** Activate the icon that represents the action and then the green key with the "ndo" icon.





- Infinitive tense:** Activate the icon that represents the desired action and then activate the "monito de acción" (action man).

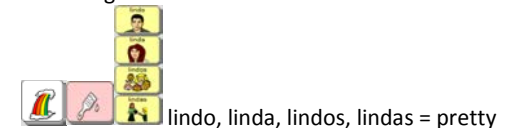


- For **other verb tenses** (future, past, etc.), first activate the icon that represents the action, then select the icon that indicates the verb tense and last, activate the pronoun that indicates gender and number.



- ADJECTIVES:** Adjectives are words that describe objects, places, people, etc. They begin with the icon that represents the concept, for example

. Then select  which indicates that we are describing something and then the word's ending is produced selecting él/ella/ellos/ellas to indicate gender and number.



**PUENTE 84 PATTERN #2:**

**PRONOUNS: Indicated in YELLOW**

- Subject pronouns (yo/, tú/you, ellos/they):  
Select the corresponding yellow pronoun 2 times



- Object pronouns (me/me, le/you, les/them):  
Select the pronoun key then the present



- Possessive pronouns (mi/my, su/your, sus/your plural): Select the pronoun key then nametag.



- Possessive pronoun (mio/mine, mios/theirs, suva/hers, nuestra/ours): First select the pronoun icon, then the nametag, then the pronoun that corresponds to the word ending.



**PUENTE 84 PATTERN #3:**

**The Grammatical Categories:**

- These are accessed by activating the black and white icons on the second row of the main page.
- INTERJECTIONS:** Begin with . They are words or phrases which are produced quickly, often with strong emotion. "sorry/lo siento"
- DETERMINERS:** Begin with , which we call the magician. He uses his wand to point to "this/ésto, that/eso, estas/these".
- CONJUNCTIONS:** Begin with . These short words, "y/and, pero/but, porque/because", connect other words just like links connecting

the cars of a train. Also, that same icon, with numbers above the train lets the user access numbers and words that are used for math (because lots of youngsters like to count trains).

- PREPOSITIONS:** Begin with . The cloud may go "over/sobre, under/debajo" the bridge.
- QUESTIONS:** Begin with . Questions are easy to ask. Words like "qué/what, cuándo/when, dónde/where" can be found here.
- ADVERBS:** Begin with . Adverbs describe actions "de nuevo/again, bien/well, casi/almost"

**PUENTE 84 PATTERN #4:**

**NOUNS**

Nouns are found in the activity row after you select a core icon. Below are the categories associated with each icon in Puento 84.

	names
	clothes
	classes
	games
	jokes
	money
	feelings
	reading
	music
	sports
	places
	family
	animals
	time
	places to go
	colors

	body
	television
	small appliances
	rooms
	love
	people
	vehicles
	toys
	sentences
	assistive tech
	food
	holidays
	shapes
	weather
	drinks
	jobs
	kitchen
	appliances
	furniture

**TIP:** You can search for a word using **ICON TUTOR**.

On the main activity row, select then . Type the word you are looking for and then select **OK**. It will tell you where the word is in Puento 84. Remember the pictures, select **OK** and then say it! If the word is not in Puento 84, it will tell you 'no matches found'.