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Glossary

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English	Description in English	Spanish
alcoholic	a person who drinks too much alcohol and who cannot control their drinking	alcohólico (n)
anonymous	with a name that is not known or not made public (Alcoholics Anonymous is a support group for people with drinking problems)	anónimo (p.e. Alcohólicos Anónimos)
bastard (slang)	a worthless or cruel person (usually male)	cabrón
bedsitter (bedsit)	a room used for both living and sleeping in	(UK) habitación amueblada, con cocina y baño compartido
biscuit	a kind of cake or bread, which is small, thin, flat, and hard	galleta
bloody	a swearword, often used for emphasis (e.g. bloody awful)	maldito/a
booze (informal)	alcoholic drink	bebida, alcohol
Bovril	a hot drink made from meat extracts	bebida de extractos de carne
breadwinner (informal)	the person whose earnings support his/her family	sostén de la familia, el que trae el pan a casa
career	progress and development of one's professional working life	carrera profesional
cereal	a kind of breakfast food made from grains (oats, wheat, etc.)	cereales
champagne	a special white wine that has bubbles in it	champán
chat up (informal)	to talk in a friendly way to someone of the opposite sex	tratar de ligar

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commission (n)	a piece of work that somebody has asked you to do and will pay you for	comisión
concert	a musical entertainment given in public	concierto
course	medical treatment for a certain length of time	tratamiento médico
cow (derogatory slang)	the word for a farm animal used as a very offensive term for a woman	vaca / estúpida, bruja
devil (informal)	a very wicked person	demonio / (adj) malo
eyeshadow	colour painted on the eyelids	sombra de ojos
fellow (informal)	a man or a boy	compañero, colega
flatmate	somebody who lives in the same flat as you	compañero de piso
Garda	an Irish word for a guard (a kind of policeman)	policía irlandesa
gin	a colourless alcoholic drink	ginebra
give up	to stop doing something (often a habit)	dejar de
grapefruit	a fruit like an orange, but yellow, larger and more bitter	pomelo
hangover	the unpleasant after-effects of drinking too much alcohol	resaca
high-class	belonging to the upper social classes	clase alta
hostel	a building in which cheap food and lodging are provided	albergue
hug (v)	to put your arms round somebody tightly in a loving way	abrazar
kid (informal)	a child or a young person	niño
kidnap	to take somebody away by violence and keep them hidden	secuestrar
label	to write a name on something to show who the owner is	etiquetar
landlord	a person who owns a flat which is rented out to other people	dueño, casero
lemonade	a sweet fizzy drink	limonada
make-up	powder and coloured paints used by women on their faces	maquillaje
mascara	a kind of make-up used for darkening the eyelashes	rímel
master	the person (or thing) that has greater power and is in control	amo, maestro
mess	a dirty, untidy, or disorganized state	desorden

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mug	a large cup, usually with straight sides	taza
nun	a woman who has taken religious vows and lives in a convent	monja
one-horse town (informal)	a quiet town without much business or entertainment	pueblucho
pill	a small round or flat medicine to be swallowed whole (the pill is used to mean the medicine taken by women to prevent pregnancy)	pastilla (<i>the pill:</i> pastilla anticonceptiva)
pint	a unit of liquid measure, approximately half a litre	pinta
print (n)	a photograph produced from the negative film	copia
punk	a young person who wears strange clothes and has brightly coloured hair, like punk rock musicians	punk
rape	to commit the crime of forcing someone to have sexual intercourse against their will	violar
ridiculous	very silly; deserving to be laughed at	ridículo
(as) right as rain (idiom)	in excellent health or working in order	encontrarse / estar perfectamente
saint	a very good, unselfish, or patient person	santo/a
sausage	a kind of prepared meat in a thin, tube-like shape	salchicha
sob	to cry noisily and with great emotion	sollozar
sober	with one's actions and thoughts not affected by alcohol	sobrio
sociable	friendly; fond of the company of other people	sociable, amigable
sort (things/ oneself) out (informal)	to arrange, tidy, or put things in order; to organize oneself, or find solutions to a problem	ordenar / solucionar, arreglar
stage	the raised platform or area where a theatrical or musical performance takes place	escenario
tonic water	mineral water flavoured with quinine	agua tónica