OXFORD BOOKWORMS LIBRARY
6

Cold Comfort Farm

Stella Gibbons

Retold by Clare West

Glossary

OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS

English	Description in English	Spanish
ball	a formal party for dancing	**baile**
beetle	a kind of insect, often large and black, with hard wing-cases	**escarabajo**
bellow (v & n)	to make a deep loud noise (such as a bull makes)	**bramar (v) / bramido (n)**
best man	a male friend or relative of a bridegroom who assists him at his wedding	**padrino (de boda)**
brassière	underwear worn to support a woman's breasts	**sujetador**
brochure	an illustrated booklet, often used for advertising	**folleto**
the Brontës	the sisters Anne, Charlotte, and Emily (famous nineteenth-century novelists) and their brother Branwell (an alcoholic)	**los hermanos Brontë**
bull	an adult male cow	**toro**
chaperone	an older woman who accompanies a young unmarried woman on social occasions	**acompañante (de señoritas), carabina**
concert	(in this story) a performance of classical music	**concierto**
damned	condemned to hell after death	**condenado al infierno**
doom (n)	death or a terrible fate	**perdición, fatalidad**
doomed (adj)	certain to suffer a terrible fate	**condenado (por el destino)**
elegant	attractive and pleasing in appearance or manner	**elegante**
Ford van	a covered vehicle, with no side windows, used for carrying goods or people (Ford is the name of a vehicle manufacturing company)	**furgoneta Ford**
foul	dirty, bad, horrible	**asqueroso, pestilente, repugnante**
gentleman	a man of good family and social position, usually rich	**caballero**
gotta	(informal American) the spoken form of "have got a" or "have got to"	**tengo / tengo que**
gourd	a container made from the hard skin of a large dried fruit (a used gourd is a idiom meaning "something no longer useful or needed")	**calabaza**
intellectual (n)	a person with excellent mental abilities who enjoys activities that further develop the mind (a description used ironically in this story)	**intelectual**
the Lord	God	**el Señor (Dios)**
Master	a respectful title, used by servants to or about their employers	**amo**
milk (v)	to draw milk from cows	**ordeñar**
mop (n)	(in this story) a piece of sponge or cloth attached to a wooden handle, used for washing dishes	**escobilla para lavar los platos**
moral (adj)	good in character; following right and accepted standards of behaviour	**moral**
novel (n)	an invented story in prose, long enough to fill a complete book	**novela**
Persuasion	a famous nineteenth-century novel by Jane Austen	**Persuasión (novela de Jane Austen)**
poetry (n)	literature in verse or rhyming form; poet (n) a person who writes poetry	**poesía / *poet* (n) poeta**
porridge	a cereal cooked in water or milk and usually eaten hot for breakfast	**avena cocida**
preach	to explain religious ideas, to teach about religion (usually, but not always, in church)	**predicar**
primitive	uncivilized	**primitivo**
psychoanalyst	a person who treats mental patients by studying the workings of their minds	**psicoanalista**
sealed	fastened, closed (my lips are sealed is an idiom meaning "I am determined to reveal nothing")	**sellado, precintado**
shed	a small building used to store tools, wood, bicycles, etc. or to shelter animals	**barraca, cabaña / establo**
shilling	a British coin until 1971, worth 5p in today's money	**chelín**
sin (n)	the offence of breaking religious or moral rules; sinner (n) a person who breaks these rules	**pecado / (n) pecador**
style	the distinctive way in which something is done or expressed	**estilo**
sweeping	(of an arm movement or a statement) taking a wide, vague area	**amplio**
sweetheart	(an expression of affection) darling	**cariño, mi vida**
task	a piece of work which has to be done	**tarea**
telegram	a message sent by telephone and delivered in printed form	**telegrama**
thrilling	causing excitement, full of emotional power	**emocionante**
tidy up	to put things in order	**ordenar**
trap (horse and trap)	a light carriage pulled by a horse	**coche ligero de dos ruedas**
tray	a flat piece of wood (or metal or plastic) with raised edges, used for carrying plates of food, cups of tea, etc.	**bandeja**
water-vole	a small animal, similar to a mouse, which lives in or near water	**topillo acuático**
well (n)	a hole dug in the ground so that water can be drawn up	**pozo**
windswept	open to or swept by the wind	**azotado por el viento**
yeah	(American) yes	**sí**

Words to learn

- Write down any other new words you discover in your Oxford Graded Reader.
- Translate them into your language.
- Now try to learn them!

English	Your language
.....	.....
.....	.....
.....	.....
.....	.....
.....	.....