

The African Queen

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Glossary

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English	Description in English	Spanish
achieve	to succeed in doing something; achievement (n)	conseguir, llevar a cabo / (n) logro
admire	to have a very good opinion of someone; admiration (n)	admirar / admiración (n)
ain't (not standard)	isn't, aren't, am not	no es/está, no soy/estoy, etc.
anchor (n & v)	a heavy piece of metal attached to a rope and dropped over the side of a boat, to stop the boat moving	ancla / (v) anclar, fondear
assistant	someone who helps	asistente
attack (v & n)	to start fighting or hurting someone	atacar / (n) ataque
attractive	pleasant to look at	atractivo
blimey (old-fashioned slang)	a word used to express surprise	¡caray!
bloody (adj & adv)	a swearword, used for emphasis, often angrily	¡maldito / ¡maldito...!
blush (v)	to become red in the face	sonrojarse
boiler	a container in which water is heated in a steam engine	hervidor
canoe	a light narrow boat moved along by paddles	canoa
capture (v & n)	to catch and keep someone a prisoner	capturar / (n) captura
channel	a narrow waterway	canal
Christianity	the religion based on the teachings of Jesus Christ; Christian (adj & n)	 cristiandad / (adj, n) cristiano
colony	a country governed by people from another country	colonia

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concentrate	to think hard about what you are doing and not about anything else; concentration (n)	concentrarse / concentración (n)	passion	a strong feeling, especially of love	pasión
corset	old-fashioned, long, tight underwear for women	corsé	power	the ability to control people or things	poder
court	when a judge (or a person acting as a judge) asks questions and decides if there has been a crime	tribunal, juzgado	pray	to speak privately to God; prayer (n) speaking to God	rezar / oración (n)
coward	a person who is not brave when there is danger	cobarde	propeller	a thing joined to a boat's engine, which turns round fast to make the boat move	hélice
damp	a little wet	húmedo	pump (v & n)	to push water out of a boat by using a machine	bombear / (n) bomba, mancha
delta	an area where a river has divided into many small channels	delta	rapids (n)	a place where a river flows very fast, usually over rocks	rápidos
detonate	to make something explode; detonator (n)	detonar / detonador (n)	reed(s)	a tall plant like grass that grows in or near water	junco, caña
empire	a group of countries ruled by a king or emperor	imperio	rush (v)	to go very fast	apresurarse
explosives	something that can cause an explosion, as in a bomb	explosivos	shaft	a long piece of metal that joins parts of an engine together	eje
float (v)	to stay on the top of water, and not sink	flotar	splinter	a small thin sharp piece of wood	astilla
gin	a strong, colourless alcoholic drink	ginebra	steam (n)	the hot gas that water changes into when it boils	vapor
hammer	a heavy tool used for hitting things	martillo	steam (v)	(of a boat) to move using power produced by steam	navegar (impulsado por vapor)
hell	some people believe that bad people go to hell when they die; hellish (adj) very bad	infierno / infernal (adj) gancho	steer	to guide a boat in a particular direction	gobernar, dirigir
hook	a curved or bent piece of metal	sanguijuela	surrender (v)	to stop fighting and allow yourself to be caught	rendirse
leech	a small worm found in water, which holds on to a person's body and feeds on their blood	cinturón de seguridad	swamp	an area of ground that is covered with water	pantano
life belt	a large ring that floats, used to help someone who has fallen into water, to prevent them from drowning	malaria	sweat (v & n)	to lose water from your skin when you are hot or afraid	sudar / (n) sudor
malaria	a disease that causes fever, caused by a mosquito's bite	mangle	tiller	a handle used for steering a boat	timón
mangrove	a tropical tree that grows in mud, with roots that grow down from its branches	minería	torpedo (n & v)	a kind of boat that travels underwater	torpedo / (v) torpedear
mining	digging for gold in the ground	misionero	victory	winning a battle or a war; success in a game, an argument	victoria
missionary	a person who is sent to a foreign country to teach people about Christianity	mosquito	virginity	the state of being a virgin (a person who has never had sex)	virginidad
mosquito	a flying insect that bites and sucks blood	barro / embarrado (adj)	weed	a wild plant	mala hierba, hierbajo
mud	soft, wet earth; muddy (adj)	desnudo			
naked	not wearing any clothes	nativo			
native	a person who was born in a particular place, country, etc.	oportunidad, ocasión			
opportunity	a chance, the right time for doing something	pala, remo / (v) remar			
paddle (n & v)	a long piece of wood with a flat end, used for moving a small boat through water				