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abrazo - s/he hugs	ayudan - they help
abre - s/he opens	ayudar - to help
actividad sísmica - seismic activity (earthquakes)	ayudarnos - to help us
adonde - to where	ayúdenos - help us
agarra - s/he grabs	baile - (a) dance (noun)
ahora - now	baja - low, short
ala - wing	baño - bathroom
algo - something	(se) besan - they kiss (each other)
algún - some	besando - kissing
alto(s) - tall	bienvenido(s) - welcome
amigos - friends	boca - mouth
anoche - last night	bonito(a) - pretty
años - years	brazo - arm
apaga - s/he turns off	buscando - looking for
apariencia - appearance	buscar - to look for
aprenden - they learn	caballo - horse
aquí - here	cabañas - cabins, cottages
árboles - trees	calor - warmth, heat
así que - so	cama - bed
asientos - seats	camina - s/he walks
a veces - sometimes	caminábamos - we were walking
aves - birds	caminando - walking
avión - airplane	cara - face
ayer - yesterday	carne - meat
ayuda - help (noun)	carrito - cart
ayuda - s/he helps	

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(se) casan - they get married

(me) casé - I got married

casi - almost

(se) casó - s/he got married

casa - house

celosa - jealous

cierra - s/he closes

ciudad - city

cocina - kitchen

come - s/he eats

comió - s/he ate

comprende - s/he understands

con - with

conmigo - with me

contigo - with you

corta - s/he cuts

cortan - they cut

corto - short

cosas - things

creo - I believe, think

cuando - when

¿Cuánto tiempo llevas? - How long do you have with?
(How long have you been together?)

cuarto - room

cuchillo - knife

cuenta - s/he tells, counts

cuesta - it costs

cuida - s/he cares for

cuidar - to care for, to take-care of

cumpleaños - birthday

da - s/he gives

darte - to give to you

de - of, from

de nada - you are welcome

de nuevo - again (anew)

de repente - suddenly

debajo - under

dejamos - we leave alone
(behind)

(no) dejen... - don't let them...

dentro - inside

desaparecieron - they disappeared

desayunar - to eat breakfast

desayuno - breakfast

desesperado - desperate

desordenado - disorganized, messy

después - after

destruiste - you destroyed

día - day

dice - s/he says

diciendo - saying

dientes - teeth

difícil - difficult	esconde - s/he hides
dijo - s/he said	escondida - hidden
Dios - God	escucha - s/he listens to
donde/dónde - where	escuchando - listening
dormir - to sleep	escucho - I listen
dormitorio - bedroom	esperando - waiting
duerme - s/he sleeps	esperándote - waiting for you
ellos - them, they	esperar - to wait
edificios - buildings	está - s/he is
(me) embaracé - I got pregnant	estaba - s/he, it was
en - in, on	estaba casada - s/he was married
en contra - against	estoy - I am
encima de - on top of	felicita - congratulate
encima de arroz y frijoles - on top of rice and beans	feo - ugly
encontraba - s/he didn't find, wasn't finding	flaco(a) - thin
enfrente - in front of	frenética - frenetic, frantic
(se) enoja - s/he gets angry	fue - s/he, it was
enojada - angry	fue - s/he went
entonces - then	fuerte - strong
entre - between, among	fuertemente - strongly, forcefully
enviar mensajes - to send messages	fui - I went
era - s/he was, it was	fuiste - you went
éramos - we were	gallo pinto - typical dish of rice and beans
eres - you are	gente - people
es - is	gritan - they shout, yell
	gritando - yelling

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gritos - shouts (noun)

guapo - good-looking

(le) gusta - s/he likes (it is pleasing to him/her)

habla - s/he talks, speaks

hablar - to speak, talk

hablando - speaking, talking

hace - s/he does, makes

hace ___ **años** - ___ years ago (It's been ___ years.)

hace calor - it is warm, hot

hace sol - it is sunny

hacemos - we do, we make

hacer - to do, to make

hambre - hunger

hasta mañana - until (see you) tomorrow

hay - there is, there are

hermana - sister

hijo(s) - sons, sons and daughters

hombre - man

horchata - a rice drink mixed with cinnamon and sugar which is typical in Costa Rica

hoy - today

huevo - egg

huevo frito - fried egg

iba - s/he was going

ir - to go

jaulas - cages

joven - young

juéz - judge

juntos - together

lee - s/he reads

(se) levanta - s/he gets up, s/he stands up

levantarme - to get (myself) up, to stand (myself) up

levantarse - to get (oneself) up, to stand (oneself) up

libre - free (pertaining to liberty, freedom)

linterna - flashlight

lo siento - I am sorry

lugar - place

luna - moon

(se) llama - is called (his/her name is)

(se) llamaba - was called (his/her name was)

llega - s/he arrives

llegamos - we arrive

llegan - they arrive

lleguemos - we arrive

(*uncertain time of arrival*)

lleva - s/he takes, brings, carries

llevamos - we carry, bring, take

llora - s/he cries

llorando - crying

MINAE (Ministerio de Ambiente y Energía) - Ministry (Department) of Environment and Energy: Governmental organization which oversees wildlife and environmental issues in Costa Rica.

mal (malo/a) - bad

maneja - s/he drives

mano - hand

mañana - morning, tomorrow

más - more

matar - to kill

me encanta - it enchants me
(I love it!)

mejor - best

mesa - table

meses - months

miedo - fear

mientras - while

mija - term of endearment: my daughter

mira - s/he watches or looks at

mirando - looking

mochila - backpack

mucho gusto - "nice to meet you"

mueve - s/he moves

mujer - woman

murió hace tres años - died three years ago

nadie - no one, nobody

Navidad - Christmas

necesita - s/he needs

negro(a) - black

noche - night

nosotros - we

novia - girlfriend, fiancée, bride

nuestro - our

nuevo - new

nunca - never

ojos - eyes

otra vez - again

oye - s/he hears

oyen - they hear

padres - parents

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país - country

para - for

para que no tengan - so that they do not have

paz - peace

pega - s/he hits

pegues - you hit (Don't hit me.)

película - movie

peligrosos - dangerous

pelo - hair

pensar - to think

pequeño(a) - small

pero - but

perro(s) - dog(s)

pescado - fish

piensa - s/he thinks

pierna - leg

plátano frito - fried banana

plumas - feathers

pobre - poor

poco - (a) little

pollo - chicken

por eso - therefore, for that reason

porque - because

pregunta - a question, s/he asks

preocupada - preoccupied, worried

pronto - soon

pudo - s/he could not, was not able

puede - s/he can, is able

puedo - I can, I am able

puerco - pork

puerta - door

pues - well (*conjunction*)

¡Pura vida! - Pure life! In Costa Rica, this is used as a greeting to indicate that you are doing well, as a general expression such as "ok" or "alright" and as a way of saying "goodbye."

que le pasa - what happens to him, what's wrong with him

queremos - we want

quería - s/he wanted

quién - who

¿quiénes fueron? - who were they?

quiere - s/he wants

quince - fifteen

quita - s/he takes off

quitar - to take off
raro - rare or strange
regresa - s/he returns
regresan - they return
regresar - to return
regreso - I return, I am re-
turning
revista - magazine
ríe - s/he laughs
robadas - stolen (robbed)
roban - they steal
robaron - they robbed
robaste - you stole, robbed
rojas (rojo/a) - red
ropa - clothing
rota - broken
sabe - s/he knows (a fact,
something)
sala - living room
sala del tribunal - courtroom
salen - they leave
salga - s/he leaves
salieron - they left (a place)
salió - s/he left (a place)
sé - I know (a fact, some-
thing)
selva - jungle
semana - week
señal - signal

ser - to be
siempre - always
siguiente - following, next
silla - chair
simpático - nice
sin - without
soga - rope
sol - sun
soltar - to leave (something),
to free, to let loose
sonríe - s/he smiles
suelo - ground, floor
sentir - to feel
sienta - s/he sits
siente - s/he feels
son - they are
sonrisa - a smile
sorprendida - surprised
soy - I am
su(s) - his, her, their
también - too, also
tampoco - neither, either
tarde - late
temblando - trembling, shak-
ing
tenemos que ir - we have to
go
tener - to have
tengo - I have

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tengo que dar - I have to give

tenía - s/he had

tenía hambre - s/he had
hunger (was hungry)

tiempo - time

tiene - s/he has

tiene agarrado - has hold of

tiene ___ **años** - s/he has
___ years; (is ___ years
old)

tiene que ver con - has to do
with

tienen - they have

tipo - type

toalla - towel

toca a la puerta - knocks on
the door

todo - all

toma - s/he takes

tomar - to drink

tonta - silly / dumb

trabajamos - we work

trabajo - work, job

treinta y dos - thirty-two

tribunal - trial

triste - sad

tristeza - sadness

tuvo - s/he had

unida - close, united

usted - you (formal)

va - s/he goes

valen - they are worth (are val-
ued at)

vamos - we go, let's go

vámonos - Let's go!; Let's get
going!

vas - you go, you are going

vayas - you go

vea - s/he sees (*subjunctive*)

vemos - we see

vean - they see (*subjunctive*)

ven - they see

venden - they sell

vengan - come (*command*)

ventana - window

veo - I see

ver - to see

verdad - true

vi - I saw

vida - life

viejo(a) - old

vienen - they come, they are
coming

vimos - we saw

vinimos - we came

vio - s/he saw

visitaste - you visited

vive - s/he lives

vivía - s/he lived, was living

vivimos - we live(d)

vivir - to live

volar - to fly

voy - I go, am going

voz - voice

vuelan - they fly

ya - already

ya no - anymore

yo - I