

## Useful Language For Pre-School (Infantil)

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Any volunteer to...  
tell me... what this is?  
help me with this?  
hold here, please?

Be careful, don't drop your books.  
Be careful, don't trip!  
Be quite, please!  
Don't do that again!  
Don't forget to put your chairs back in place, please: No olvidéis poner las sillas en su sitio, por favor.  
Don't forget your snack/fruit/sandwich.  
Don't!!: No hagas eso!  
Drink some water, come on.

Break time!

Can I/he/she borrow your rubber, please?  
Can you lend me/her/him/them your stickers, please?  
Clean your bottom /'bɒtəm/ / butt (US): límpiase el culote  
Clear up your desk, please!: recoged vuestro pupitre, por favor  
Close your books.

Do we have to call your mum/dad?  
Do you feel sick? Do you feel better?

Do you get it? / Are you following me? / Do you follow me?: ¿Me entiendes? ¿Me entendéis?  
[Do you] know what I'm saying? [Do you] know what I mean?

Get ready for English/art/maths/Spanish/reading/etc.  
Go and get your book(s).  
Go and get your worksheet(s).  
Hold your pencil properly, please: coge(d) bien el lápiz, por favor.  
Hang it on the hanger: cuélgala en el perchero

I don't want to say it again. I said, Sit down right now.  
I said, Right away.

I think you're very good at... colouring, drawing, writing, reading, telling stories, painting, playing cards,  
etc.  
If your pencil is blunt, don't you think you can sharpen it?  
Keep it/them in your schoolbag.  
Keep it: Quédatelo.  
Put it away: Guárdalo.  
Keep your back straight: la espalda recta  
Lend it to him/her/me/them.  
Let's have a look at some more classroom / food / animal vocabulary, etc.

Let's learn some words related to autumn, winter, spring, summer, Halloween, Christmas, Easter, Green Day, etc.

Let's review the weather, classroom objects, toys, face, family, pets, food, body and clothes, farm animals, morning routines, rooms in the house, places in town, jobs, etc.

Line up, please! (to form a queue, to form a line; to queue; to wait in line)

Lunch time!! In a queue, please!

Yummy! / Delicious!: Qué rico!

Mind the slippery floor!

Mind the step!

No biting!! No crying!! No hitting!! No running!! No shouting!!

One plus /plʌs/ two equals /'i:kwəls/ three:  $1 + 2 = 3$

Open your book, please; not that one, the other one.

Open/close the door, please.

Open/close the window/s.

Shall I open/close the door/window?: Abro/Cierro la puerta/ventana?

Shall we do some maths now?

Pick it up [off the floor].

Put away the plasticine, please!

Put away your toys, please.

Put it in the bin.

Put it on my/your/his/her desk.

Put on your shoes / trainers: Ponte los zapatos / tenis; put them on: pónelos

Reading time!

Resting time!

Say sorry; come on say sorry! / apologize/apologise to...

Share it/them with her/him/them/me.

Silence, please!

Sit down properly /'prɒpəli/, please: siéntate bien, por favor.

Six minus /'mainəs/ four equals two:  $6 - 4 = 2$

Story time!

Take it to the bookshelf, please.

Take off your coat: quítate el abrigo; take it off: quítatelo

The class is over.

Tidy everything up, please!

Tidy up the library if you want.

Time out!

Time to relax!

Sweet dreams!

To button /'bʌtn/, to button up: abrochase los botones. Button your coats! It's cold outside!

To come undone: desatarse solos, sin querer. Shall I tie your shoelaces? They're undone.

To undo your shoes, trainers: desatar/se, desabrochase los zapatos, tenis intencionadamente.

It's funny to undo people's shoes laces, but people can get hurt if they step on them! They trip and fall!

To do up your laces: atarse los cordones (de tenis, zapatos, botas, etc)

To lace your trainers: poner los cordones por los agujeros de los tenis

To unlace your trainers: sacar los cordones de los tenis completamente

To tie: atar; to untie: desatar nudos, cuerdas

To tie up your laces: abrochase los cordones

To tie your shoes, trainers: atarse, abrochase los zapatos, tenis

To unbutton, to undo: desabrochase los botones

To unzip, to undo the/your zip: bajarse o desabrocharse la cremallera

To zip, to zip up: abrocharse la cremallera

To do crazy things; to go crazy; to go wild: hacer locuras. Let's go crazy now! Who would like/wants to be a tree in a windy day?

To play the fool: hacer el indio, el tonto

Stop being silly! dejad de hacer el tonto.

That's very funny! Qué gracioso!

To play the role of a princess/a prince/a big monster: hacer de princesa/etc.

To do maths (hacer mates, la asignatura); to do the maths (hacer las sumas, las cuentas, lo usan las personas adultas cuando tienen que calcular)

to do the numbers/colours/letters/reading/sums/ subtractions, etc.: hacer los números, los colores, letras, lectura, sumas, restas, etc.

To make a suggestion: hacer una sugerencia, recomendación; any ideas?

Blow your nose, come on.

Come on! Go and get some toilet paper (US) / bathroom tissue (UK): ¡Venga / vamos! ve y coge un poco de papel higiénico

Don't pick your nose!: No te urges, no te metas el dedo en la nariz, no te saques los mocos.

To poo; to go poop; a poo-poo: to relieve yourself: hacer caquita; hacer de vientre

To wee; to have a wee; a wee wee: hacer pipí

Wipe your bottom. Come on: límpiame el cuete

Use a tissue!: usa un pañuelo de papel, kleenex

Wash your hands / face, please.: lávate las manos, la cara, etc.

To stagger: hacer eses

To take the register / call (the) roll: pasar lista; to check attendance (US)

To the playground!

Today we're going to work with size concepts, location concepts, shapes, emotions, values, etc.

Try not to be such a troublemaker. Don't be a troublemaker. (No montes un lío / molestes tanto.)

Try not to spill your/the water, please.

Turn it back to the right side (turn it right side out): pónitelo del derecho

Turn on/off the light, please!

Turn your sweatshirt back to the right side (turn it right side out): ponte la sudadera del derecho (póntela del derecho)

Watch out!

Well done, you're a good child/student! (great, brilliant, awesome, etc.)

When I say "now", it means "immediately". /i'mi:diətli/ (on the spot)

Where's your book, pencil, worksheet, etc.?

Why aren't you listening?

Why did you hit him/her?

Why didn't you bring your...?

Why have you thrown the rubber/scissors/toy at him/her?

Your jersey is back to front: tu jersey/suéter está al revés.

Your tracksuit top is inside out: tu chaquetilla del chándal está del revés.