LEARN SPANISH FOR DENTISTS: VOCABULARY & TERMINOLOGY GUIDE

Dentist Spanish Vocabulary

To get started, we'll cover some fundamental words and phrases related to the people you'll encounter in a dental office. Learning Spanish for dentists goes a long way in improving communication and truly connecting with your patients. In the upcoming sections, we'll explore must-know phrases, medical terms, and helpful communication tips. These will empower you to provide top-notch dental care and build strong, long-lasting relationships with your Spanish-speaking patients.

Preparation of a Medical History

Vocabulary used in the preparation of a medical history, necessary to indicate to the patient which are the steps to follow.

English	Spanish
Interview	Entrevista
Clinical Examination	Exploración clínica
Patient assessment	Valoración del paciente
Dental impressions	Impresiones dentales
X-ray	Radiografía
Periapical X-ray	Radiografía periapical
Panoramic X-ray	Panorámica

Front Office Terminology

In order to talk to the patient when he/she comes for consultation, gather personal information and his/her insurance information if he/she has it, we attach the following:

English	Spanish
How can I help you?	¿Cómo puedo ayudarlo?
Do you have an appointment or would you like to schedule one?	¿Tiene una cita o desea programar una?
What day and time is convenient for you?	¿Qué día y hora le es conveniente?
Could you tell me your first and last name?	¿Me podría decir su nombre y apellido?
How old are you?	¿Qué edad tiene?
Please give me your address and phone number	Por favor, indíqueme su dirección y número de teléfono.
Do you have insurance?	¿Tiene usted seguro?
What kind of insurance do you have?	¿Qué clase de seguro tiene? / ¿Cuál seguro tiene?
May I see your card please?	¿Podría ver su tarjeta por favor?
These are the treatments that your insurance may cover...	Estos son los tratamientos que su seguro puede cubrir...
With your insurance you only need to make a copayment	Con su seguro sólo tiene que hacer un copago

English	Spanish
What method of payment will you be using (Debit, credit, check, cash, apple pay)?	¿Qué método de pago estará utilizando? (Debito, crédito, cheque, efectivo, apple pay).

Common Phrases

Polite phrases and questions usually asked the patient before proceeding with the clinical examination.

English	Spanish
Good morning	Buenos días
Good afternoon	Buenas tardes
My name is...	Mi nombre es...
How are you? / How are you today?	¿Cómo está? / ¿Cómo se encuentra el día de hoy?
What is the reason for your consultation / What brings you to the consultation today?	¿Cuál es el motivo de su consulta? / ¿Qué lo trae a la consulta el día de hoy?
How long has it been since your last visit?	¿Hace cuánto no asistía a consulta?
With your insurance, you only need to make a co-payment	Con su seguro solo tiene que hacer un copago
Are you currently experiencing pain?	¿Tiene usted dolor?
We will then proceed to check you	Procederemos entonces a revisarlo

Instructions for the Patient

Instructions for the patient once the clinical examination has begun or during the course of treatment.

English	Spanish
Please take a seat and lean back	Por favor tome asiento y reclínese
Please open your mouth	Abra la boca por favor
Move your head right/left	Mueve tu cabeza a la derecha/izquierda
Move your tongue please	Mueve tu lengua por favor
Rinse please	Enjuágate por favor
Spit	Escupe
Bite	Muerde
You will feel a slight pinch	Sentirás un ligero pinchazo
Do you feel discomfort or pain?	¿Sientes molestia o dolor?

Dental Treatments

The most common treatments in the dental practice and for which the patient visits the dentist's office.

English	Spanish
Fluoride treatment	Aplicación de fluor
Teeth Whitening	Blanqueamiento dental

English	Spanish
Teeth Cleaning	Limpieza dental
Sealants	Sellantes
Fillings	Restauraciones operatorias
Root Canal	Tratamiento de conducto / Endodoncia
Extraction – Exodoncia	Extracción
Prosthetic restoration	Restauración protésica
Veneers	Carillas Dentales

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Dental Procedures

Key terms for common dental procedures in English and Spanish.

English	Spanish
Dental Bridge	Puente dental
Dental Implant	Implante dental
Braces	Frenos / Brackets
Retainers	Retenedores
Wisdom Tooth Extraction	Extracción de muela del juicio
Periodontal Treatment	Tratamiento periodontal
Gum Surgery	Cirugía de encías

English	Spanish
Dentures	Dentaduras
Temporary Filling	Empaste temporal
Permanent Filling	Empaste permanente
Bonding	Adhesión dental
Fluoride Treatment	Tratamiento con flúor
Tooth Contouring	Contorneado dental
Bite Adjustment	Ajuste de mordida

Dentist and Dentist Assistant Tools/Instrument Names

Basic tools used in dental practice and which in most cases are not disposable. The following is related to the most common biosafety equipment and treatment instruments.

English	Spanish
Surgical cap	Gorro quirúrgico
Safety glasses	Lentes de seguridad
Safety face shield	Careta
Surgical gown	Bata quirúrgica
Bib	Babero
Dental chair	Silla dental
Dental unit	Unidad dental

English	Spanish
Triple syringe	Jeringa triple
Dental explorer	Explorador
Mirror	Espejo
Cotton pliers	Pinza algodonera
Periodontal probe	Sonda periodontal
Dental impression tray	Cubeta para impresión dental
Handpiece	Pieza de mano
Turbine	Turbina
Micromotor	Micromotor
Scaler	Limpiador ultrasónico
Dental drill	Taladro dental
Curing lamp	Lámpara de fotocurado
UV safety glasses	Lentes de foto curado
Amalgamator	Amalgamador
Resin spatula	Espátula para resina
Cement spatula	Espátula para cemento
Dappen glass	Vaso dappen
Glass tile	Loseta de vidrio
Amalgam holder	Porta amalgama

English	Spanish
Burnishers	Bruñidores
Dental syringe	Jeringa dental

Materials and Disposables

We list the materials that are used in regular patient care, as well as those that are applied during treatment.

English	Spanish
Gloves	Guantes
Face mask	Mascarilla / Tapaboca / Cubreboca
Saliva ejector	Eyector
Cotton	Algodón
Gauze	Gasa
Long/short needle	Aguja larga/ corta
Anesthetic cartridge	Cartucho de anestesia
Resin / Composite	Resina / Composite
Amalgam	Amalgama
Sealant	Sellante
Physiological saline solution	Suero fisiológico
Alginate	Alginato

Names of Parts of the Mouth

What are the parts of the mouth? We include those that are visible and palpable on clinical examination.

English	Spanish
Mouth	Boca
Lips	Labios
Oropharynx	Orofaríngе
Tonsils	Amígdalas
Uvula	Úvula
Hard palate	Paladar duro
Soft palate	Paladar Blando
Labial frenulum	Frenillo labial
Tongue	Lengua
Gum	Encía
Teeth	Dientes
Tooth	Diente

Types of Teeth

The names of teeth are mainly summarized in four categories: incisors, canines, premolars, and molars.

The actual names of the teeth are as follows:

English	Spanish
Incisors	Incisivos
Central incisors	Incisivos centrales
Central incisor	Incisivo central
Lateral incisors	Incisivos laterales
Lateral incisor	Incisivo lateral
Canines	Caninos
Canine	Canino
Premolars	Premolares
First premolar	Primer premolar
Second premolar	Segundo premolar
Molars	Molares
First molar	Primer molar
Second molar	Segundo molar
Third molar	Tercer molar (Muela del juicio)

In Spanish, to specifically name a tooth we first place the name of the tooth, then the jawbone in which it is located and finally the orientation. For example: Incisivo central superior derecho.

Dental Anatomy and Related

Anatomy of teeth, internal and external parts as well as adjacent anatomical structures.

English	Spanish
Crown	Corona
Cervical line	Línea cervical
Root	Raíz
Enamel	Esmalte
Cementum	Cemento
Dentin	Dentina
Pulp	Pulpa
Pulp chamber	Cámara pulpar
Periodontal ligament	Ligamento periodontal
Blood vessels	Vasos sanguíneos
Nerve	Nervio
Alveolus	Alvéolo
Maxilla	Maxilar superior
Mandible	Maxilar inferior/Mandíbula

This blog post has provided a comprehensive overview of dental Spanish vocabulary, covering a wide range of topics from clinical examination to dental anatomy. This information can be helpful for both dental professionals and patients who are learning Spanish or who need to communicate with Spanish-speaking dental professionals.

It is important to note that the Spanish vocabulary used in dentistry can vary depending on the region, so it is always a good idea to double-check with a native speaker if you are unsure about a particular term. Additionally, some dental procedures may have different names in Spanish, so it is essential to be clear and concise when communicating with

your dental professional.

Overall, learning the basics of dental Spanish vocabulary can help you to better understand and communicate with your dental professional, which can lead to better dental care and overall health.