

Spanish Word a Day

We reached the grand total of 300 words on 28th May 2021, having started on 20th March 2020, for what we thought would be just a couple of months! Thank you to all who took part and who hopefully expanded their vocabulary a little.

Spanish Conversation- May

Our monthly topic was “What would I do with a million pounds? and it was a lively discussion, as we debated giving money to family, friends and various worthy charities while keeping a small amount back for treats for ourselves, like a subscription to the best seats for Opera performances all over Europe; or flying business class instead of low cost airline; or staying in the best hotels and eating in the finest restaurants. One member said that it would take only one day to spend it all, as paying off all the children’s mortgages, buying them all a car plus a small house for himself, plus a large donation to 3 charities would not take very long.

Another had to struggle between his altruistic and egoistic side, one side planning a long journey around the world travelling in a Land Rover accompanied by 2 armed bodyguards, luxury camping during the week, with weekends in hotels to recuperate, to get a feel for how people really live in various countries, not just a touristic overview from the side of a swimming pool. His altruistic side favoured helping fund research into cancer, dementia, cleft palate surgery and small local charities struggling to improve life for individuals. A tough decision -which side to choose?

One member had a one third rule for unexpected windfalls, a third saved for emergencies, a third shared between family, friends and charities and a third to be spent making memories with family and friends.

We became worried about the responsibility of having so much money and how easily it could become a problem, dividing families and friends, when one person felt they had got less than another. How would you ever pick a few charities out of the many thousands out there? In the end we all decided that the stress would be terrible, and it would be better not to get such a large sum of money, but to just enjoy what we had. Our June topic is “My Favourite garden”.

Stay safe, Cuídense, and do not forget to have some fun! as money obviously does not always bring peace and happiness.

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