

Spanish Conversation Group

I have spent the winter on the southern coast of Spain where climate change is evident and very worrying. We had one evening of light rain since May 2023 and it was disturbing to see how the Tabernas Desert has expanded in just a few years. Most of you will have seen that desert if you have ever watched a spaghetti western such as 'The Good, the Bad and the Ugly'. An area that was once covered in wild orchids, narcissi and a multitude of wild flowers each spring, is now just dry, brown, dusty clay covered with withered, old stalks. The only plants surviving are Spanish Broom shrubs and a few curry plants (*helichrysum italicum*).

To keep the group together I sent them all a daily 'Word of the Day', via our WhatsApp group. Well, it was more often a quote of the day or even a cartoon. Having read 'Matilda' in Spanish last year I am requesting from members a way of proceeding in 2024.

Michael Harris, Convenor

1. Garabotas = Scribble, or something else?
2. Knowledge is power!

