

casco *nm* (a) (*para la cabeza*) helmet (b) (*de caballo*) hoof (c) *Esp, Méx (envase)* empty bottle (d) **c. urbano** city centre (e) (*de barco*) hull (f) **cascos** (*auriculares*) headphones

caserío *nm* country house

casero, -a **1** *adj* (a) (*hecho en casa*) home-made (b) (*persona*) home-loving **2** *nm, f (dueño)* landlord, f landlady

caseta *nf* hut, booth; (*de feria, exposición*) stand, stall; *Méx c. de cobro* tollbooth; *Méx c. telefónica* phone box, *US* phone booth

casete **1** *nm (magnetófono)* cassette player *o* recorder **2** *nf (cinta)* cassette (tape)

casí *adv* almost, nearly; **c. mil personas** almost one thousand people; **c. ni me acuerdo** I can hardly remember it; **c. nunca** hardly ever; **c. nadie** hardly anyone; **c. me caigo** I almost fell

casilla *nf* (a) (*de caja, armario*) compartment; (*para cartas*) pigeon-hole; *Andes, RP c. de correos* PO Box; *CAm, Carib, Méx c. postal* PO Box (b) (*recuadro*) box (c) *Fig sacar a algn de sus casillas* to drive sb mad

casillero *nm* pigeonholes

casino *nm* casino

caso *nm* case; **el c. es que ...** the fact *o* thing is that ...; **el c. Mattei** the Mattei affair; (**en**) **c. contrario** otherwise; **en c. de necesidad** if need be; **en cualquier c.** in any case; **en el mejor/peor de los casos** at best/worst; **en ese c.** in such a case; **en todo c.** in any case; **en un c. extremo, en último c.** as a last resort; **hacer c. a o de algn** to pay attention to sb; **hacer c. omiso de** to take no notice of; **no venir al c.** to be beside the point; **pongamos por c.** let's say

caspa *nf* dandruff

casquete *nm* (a) (*de bala*) case, shell (b) *Geog c. polar* polar cap

casquillo *nm (de bala)* case

casta *nf* (a) (*linaje*) lineage, descent

(b) (*animales*) breed; **de c.** thoroughbred, purebred (c) (*división social*) caste

castaña *nf* chestnut; *Fig sacarle a algn las castañas del fuego* to save sb's bacon

castaño, -a **1** *adj* chestnut-brown; (*pelo, ojos*) brown, dark **2** *nm Bot* chestnut

castañuela *nf* castanet

castellano, -a **1** *adj & nm, f* Castilian **2** *nm (idioma)* Spanish, Castilian

castidad *nf* chastity

castigar [42] *vt* (a) to punish (b) (*dañar*) to harm, to ruin (c) *Jur, Dep* to penalize

castigo *nm* punishment; *Jur* penalty; *Dep área de c.* penalty area

castillo *nm* castle

castizo, -a *adj* pure, authentic

casto, -a *adj* chaste

castor *nm* beaver

castrar *vt* to castrate

casualidad *nf* chance, coincidence; **de o por c.** by chance; **dio la c. que ...** it so happened that ...; **¿tienes un lápiz, por c.?** do you happen to have a pencil?; **¡que c.!** what a coincidence!

catacumbas *npl* catacombs

catalán, -ana **1** *adj & nm, f* Catalan **2** *nm (idioma)* Catalan

catálogo *nm* catalogue

Cataluña *n* Catalonia

catamarán *nm* catamaran

catar *vt* to taste

catarata *nf* (a) waterfall (b) *Med* cataract

catarro *nm* (common) cold

catástrofe *nf* catastrophe

catastrófico, -a *adj* catastrophic

catear *vt* (a) *Esp Fam (suspender)* to fail, *US* to flunk (b) *Am (casa)* to search

catecismo *nm* catechism

cátedra *nf* (profesional) chair; **le han dado la c.** they have appointed him professor

catedral *nf* cathedral

catedrático, -a *nm, f Educ (a)* *Univ*

professor (b) (*de instituto*) head of department

categoría *nf* category; *Fig* class; **de c.** (*persona*) important; (*vino etc*) quality
catequesis *nf inv* catechism lesson, ≈ Sunday school

cateto, -a *nm, f* *Pey* yokel, bumpkin
catire, -a *adj* *Carib (rubio)* blond, *f* blonde

catolicismo *nm* Catholicism
católico, -a *adj & nm, f* Catholic

catorce *adj & nm inv* fourteen

catre *nm* *Fam* camp bed, *US* cot

cauce *nm* (a) (*de un río*) bed (b) *Fig (canal)* channel; **cauces oficiales** official channels

caucho *nm* (a) (*sustancia*) rubber (b) *Ven (impermeable)* *Br* mac, *US* slicker (c) *Ven (neumático)* tyre

caudal *nm* (a) (*de un río*) flow (b) (*riqueza*) wealth, riches

caudaloso, -a *adj* (*río*) plentiful

caudillo *nm* leader, head

causa *nf* (a) cause; **a o por c. de** because of (b) (*ideal*) cause (c) *Jur (caso)* case; (*juicio*) trial

causante 1 *adj* causal, causing **2** *nmf* el c. del incendio the person who caused the fire

causar *vt* to cause, to bring about; **me causa un gran placer** it gives me great pleasure; **c. buena/mala impresión** to make a good/bad impression

caústico, -a *adj* caustic

cautela *nf* caution

cautivador, -a *1 adj* captivating, enchanting **2** *nm, f* charmer

cautivar *vt* (a) to capture, to take prisoner (b) *Fig (fascinar)* to captivate

cautiverio *nm*, **cautividad** *nf* captivity

cautivo, -a *adj & nm, f* captive

cauto, -a *adj* cautious, wary

cava 1 *nf* (*bodega*) wine cellar **2** *nm* (*vino espumoso*) cava, champagne

cavar *vt* to dig

caverna *nf* cave; **hombre de las cavernas** caveman

caviar *nm* caviar

cavidad *nf* cavity

cavilar *vt* to ponder

caza 1 *nf* (a) hunting; **ir de c.** to go hunting; **c. furtiva** poaching (b) (*animales*) game; **c. mayor/menor** big/small game (c) *Fig (persecución)* hunt; **c. de brujas** witch hunt **2** *nm* *Av* fighter, fighter plane

cazabe *nm* *Am* cassava bread

cazador, -a *nm, f* hunter; **c. furtivo** poacher

cazadora *nf* (waist-length) jacket

cazar [40] *vt* to hunt; *Fam* **cazarlas al vuelo** to be quick on the take

cazo *nm* (a) (*cacerola*) saucepan (b) (*cucharón*) ladle

cazuela *nf* saucepan; (*guiso*) casserole, stew; **a la c.** stewed

cazurro, -a **1** *adj* (*bruto*) stupid **2** *nm, f* (*bruto*) idiot, fool

c/c (*abr cuenta corriente*) c/a

CD *nm* (*pl* CDs) (*abr compact disc*) CD;

CD interactivo interactive CD

CD-ROM ['θede'trom] (*pl* CD-ROMs) *nm* CD-ROM

cebar 1 *vt* (a) (*animal*) to fatten; (*persona*) to feed up (b) (*anzuelo*) to bait (c) (*fuego, caldera*) to stoke, to fuel; (*máquina, arma*) to prime (d) *RP (mate)* to prepare, to brew **2** **cebarse** *vpr* **cebarse con** (*ensañarse*) to delight in tormenting

cebo *nm* bait

cebolla *nf* onion

cebolleta *nf* *Br* spring onion, *US* scallion

cebra *nf* zebra; **paso de c.** *Br* zebra crossing, *US* crosswalk

cecear *vi* to lisp

ceder 1 *vt* to give, to hand over; **Aut c. el paso** to give way **2** *vi* (a) (*cuerda, cable*) to give way (b) (*lluvia, calor*) to diminish, to slacken (c) (*consentir*) to give in

cedro *nm* cedar

cédula *nf* (a) document, certificate; *Am c. de identidad* identity card (b) *Com, Fin* bond, certificate, warrant