

Did You Get It? *Presentación de vocabulario*

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Goal: Learn the words about legends and stories.

Writing a Legend

Do you enjoy reading legends? Have you ever written a legend? Read the following tips to learn ways to tell a legend, or **contar una leyenda**, in Spanish.

Legends often start with traditional phrases. In English “Once upon a time...” is a phrase that you probably have read or heard. To start a legend in Spanish you can use:

Había una vez... *Once upon a time there was / were...*

Hace muchos siglos... *Many centuries ago...*

Legends also have main characters that can be people, animals, gods or imaginary creatures. Here are some characters, or **personajes**, you can use in your legend.

Los personajes

el (la) dios(a) (<i>god goddess</i>)	el héroe (<i>hero</i>)
el ejército (<i>army</i>)	la heroína (<i>heroine</i>)
el emperador (<i>emperor</i>)	el (la) joven (<i>young man/woman</i>)
el enemigo (<i>enemy</i>)	la princesa (<i>princess</i>)
el guerrero (<i>warrior</i>)	el/la querido(a) (<i>beloved (adj.)</i>)
hermoso(a) (<i>handsome; pretty</i>)	valiente (<i>brave</i>)

Once you have your characters, you need to create a setting for your legend. Here are some Spanish words for places you could use:

la montaña (<i>mountain</i>)	el palacio (<i>palace</i>)	el volcán (<i>volcano</i>)
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Now that your legend has characters and a place, you need to add some action. Here are some events that could happen in the legend and some action words to talk about what your characters do.

estar enamorado(a) (de) (<i>to be in love (with)</i>)		
la batalla (<i>battle</i>)	tener celos (<i>to be jealous</i>)	la guerra (<i>war</i>)
casarse (<i>to get married</i>)	morir (ue) (<i>to die</i>)	pelear (<i>to fight</i>)
llevar (<i>to take; to carry</i>)	regresar (<i>to return</i>)	llorar (<i>to cry</i>)

Every good legend ends with a moral or lesson. Use these words to say what your legend is about or to describe the moral or your story.

la narración (<i>narration</i>)	histórico(a) (<i>historic; historical</i>)
el mensaje (<i>lesson / moral of the story</i>)	
sobre (<i>about</i>)	

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1 Circle the word that doesn't belong in each group.

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| 1. heroína | héroe | enemigo |
| 2. guerrero | mensaje | valiente |
| 3. jóvenes | batallas | personajes |
| 4. volcán | narración | leyenda |
| 5. guerra | princesa | hermosa |
| 6. ejército | batalla | azteca |

2 Which word corresponds to each description?

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|---|-----------|-----------|----------|
| 1. A large group of soldiers who battle in the name of a king or emperor. | batalla | emperador | ejército |
| 2. The daughter of a king or queen. | diosa | princesa | heroína |
| 3. To have tears coming out of your eyes. | llevar | llorar | pelear |
| 4. The bad guy in a story, or the person who's against the hero. | enemigo | enamorado | héroe |
| 5. The description of a man who can think only of his true love. | enamorado | enemigo | hermoso |
| 6. A very brave person who is not afraid of anything. | hermosa | valiente | guerrero |

3 Based on what you have learned about legends, decide whether each sentence is true (T) or false (F).

1. A legend also can be called a **narración histórica**. T F
2. The good guy in a legend is usually **el héroe**. T F
3. **El enemigo** is portrayed as a nice guy. T F
4. **Un palacio** is usually a small, modest building. T F
5. Often the princess and the hero **están enamorados**. T F
6. The characters in the story are **los personajes**. T F

4 Choose a word or phrase from the box to complete the following sentences.

celos	batalla	enemigo	princesa	emperador	hermosa
leyenda	enamorada	guerrero	se casan	valiente	ejército

Una 1. _____ azteca

Una 2. _____ vive en un gran palacio con su padre, el

3. _____ azteca. La princesa es 4. _____. Ella está

5. _____ de un 6. _____. El querido es

7. _____. Es el más valiente del 8. _____. Hay un

9. _____ y él tiene 10. _____ de los dos porque él

también está enamorado de la princesa. El guerrero valiente lucha en una

11. _____ contra el enemigo. El enemigo muere. Entonces la princesa

y el guerrero valiente 12. _____.

5 Complete a description of these people or things below using the appropriate past participle of the verb in parentheses.

1. una princesa _____ (**cansar**)
2. un emperador _____ (**casar**)
3. una puerta _____ (**cerrar**)
4. unos guerreros _____ (**entrenar**)
5. un palacio _____ (**transformar**)
6. unas batallas _____ (**ganar**)
7. unos dioses _____ (**enojar**)
8. un enemigo _____ (**perder**)