

**The native language of Minorca is Catalan**, spoken here since the 13th century, when the Balearic Islands became part of the Catalan-Aragonese Crown.

It is often said that you don't really know a culture until you know its language. So we hope that this short list of Catalan words and expressions will be of interest and will add yet another aspect of Minorca for you to enjoy.

For years the use of Catalan has been encouraged in all fields of the island's social life, ranging from health and education to the media and shops and businesses, and of course, including our tourists.

So we hope that while you're here, you will have a go and try out some of the most common words in our language: I'm sure you'll find them useful in making yourself understood.

*Enjoy your stay in Minorca!*

*"Adéu"*



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disseny: 

**Basic  
vocabulary  
for tourists**

*"Bon dia"*

*"Quina hora  
és, per favor?"*

*"Gràcies"*

Catalan  
**English**

## CATALAN

**Paraules i frases**

Hola  
 Bon dia  
 Bon vespre /Bona tarda  
 Bona nit  
 Adéu  
 Què nomeu? Què sou de nom?

Jo nom... / Som de nom...  
 Gràcies / Molt amable  
 Disculpau / Perdonau  
 Què val? Quant és? Què us dec?  
 A quina hora obren?  
 Quina hora és, per favor?  
 On és el carrer / la plaça...?

Sí/No  
 Ahir/avui/demà

**Al restaurant**

La carta  
 L'especialitat de la casa  
 El menú del dia  
 Plat combinat  
 Cafè  
 Cafè amb llet  
 Cervesa  
 Vi  
 Aigua  
 Gelat  
 Rebosteria típica

**De botigues**

Artesania  
 Avarques  
 Bijuteria  
 Record de Menorca  
 El mercat

**Coses per fer a Menorca**

Museu  
 Poblats talaiòtics  
 Excursió

## ENGLISH

**Words and phrases**

**Hello!**  
**Good morning**  
**Good afternoon**  
**Good evening**  
**Goodbye**  
**What's your name? /**  
**Your name, please?**  
**My name is...**  
**Thank you / Very kind of you**  
**Excuse me**  
**How much is it?**  
**What time do they open?**  
**What time is it, please?**  
**Where's ..... street / road /**  
**square?**  
**Yes/No**  
**Yesterday / Today / Tomorrow**

**At the restaurant**

**The menu**  
**Our speciality**  
**Today's menu**  
**Mixed dishes**  
**Coffee**  
**White coffee**  
**Beer**  
**Wine**  
**Water**  
**Ice-cream**  
**Typical baking pastries**

**Shopping**

**Crafts**  
**Typical sandals**  
**Jewellery**  
**Souvenir from Minorca**  
**The market place**

**Things that you can do in**

**Minorca**  
**Museum**  
**Talaiotic village**  
**Excursion**

Esport  
 Passejar  
 Platja

**Les festes**

Caixer  
 Cavall  
 Colcada  
 Bot  
 Capadeta  
 Capgròs / Caparrot  
 Caragol  
 Carrassa  
 Coca bamba  
 Corregudes  
 Fabiol  
 Fester  
 Formatjades  
 Gegant  
 Gin amb llimonada / Pomada  
 Pastisset  
 Revetla  
 Volta

**El temps**

Fa calor  
 Fa fred  
 Hi ha bon estar  
 Sol  
 Pluja  
 Vent  
 Boira  
 Humitat

**Lèxic d'origen anglès**

Boïnder  
 Mèrvels/mèrvils  
 Pinxa  
 Xoc

**Lèxic d'origen francès**

Rendivú (rendez-vous)  
 Sacardiu (sacré Dieu)

**Sport**  
**Walking**  
**Beach**

**Celebrations**

**Horseman**  
**Horse**  
**Cavalcade**  
**Jump**  
**Caress in the head of the horse**  
**Figure with a huge head**  
**Circular parade**  
**Float**  
**Typical spiral-shaped pastry**  
**Horse races**  
**Flute**  
**Bonfire**  
**Typical pie**  
**Giant**  
**Gin with lemonade**  
**Typical small pastry**  
**Night festival**  
**Turn**

**The weather**

**It's hot**  
**It's cold**  
**It's pleasant**  
**Sun**  
**Rain**  
**Wind**  
**Fog**  
**Humidity**

**Vocabulary of english origin**

**Bow-window**  
**Marbles**  
**Pilchard**  
**Chalk**

**Vocabulary of french origin**

**To bow, curtsy**  
**Tantrum**

**Els nombres**

1 un  
 2 dos  
 3 tres  
 4 quatre  
 5 cinc  
 6 sis  
 7 set  
 8 vuit  
 9 nou  
 10 deu  
 100 cent  
 200 dos-cents  
 1000 mil  
 2000 dos mil

**Els dies de la setmana**

dilluns  
 dimarts  
 dimecres  
 dijous  
 divendres  
 dissabte  
 diumenge

**Els mesos**

gener  
 febrer  
 març  
 abril  
 maig  
 juny  
 juliol  
 agost  
 setembre  
 octubre  
 novembre  
 desembre

**The numbers**

**one**  
**two**  
**three**  
**four**  
**five**  
**six**  
**seven**  
**eight**  
**nine**  
**ten**  
**hundred**  
**two hundred**  
**thousand**  
**two thousand**

**The weekdays**

**Monday**  
**Tuesday**  
**Wednesday**  
**Thursday**  
**Friday**  
**Saturday**  
**Sunday**

**The months**

**January**  
**February**  
**March**  
**April**  
**May**  
**June**  
**July**  
**August**  
**September**  
**October**  
**November**  
**December**