

OSSO Spanish Manual

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Alphabet—

Alfabeto/Alfabetario

a—a	f—efe	m—eme	s—ese
b—be (be grande)	g—ge	n—ene	t—te
c—ce	h—hache	ñ—eñe	u—u
ch—che	i—i	o—o	v—ve (ve pequeña)
d—de	j—jota	p—pe	w—doble ve
e—e	k—ka	q—qu	x—equis
	l—ele	r—ere	y—ye, i griega
	ll—elle	rr—erre (doble erre)	z—zeta

Pronunciación—Pronunciación

a—casa/mama

b and v—habla and vaca/bob (an English “b” sound with the lips slightly open)

c—(before e and i)—ciento, cerro/center

(before a, o, u, l, r)—casa, cosa, cuna, aclamar, cruzar/can, scan

ch—mucho/church

d—donde, dos/combination of did and this

e—mesa/they

f—frío/free

g—(before a, o, u and after n)—ganar, tengo/guide, guard

(before e, i)—gente, gigante/helicopter (an h sound)

h—silent at all times

i—piso/police, see

j—juego/helicopter (an h sound)

k—kilo/keep

l—sol, el, la/lake, solely

ll—calle/yankee, yellow

m—madre/mother

n—nada, no/nothing

(before sounds of k, g, hi)—banco, tengo, naranja/bong, bang, Hong Kong

ñ—año/canyon

o—sol/old

p—padre/spot

q—combined with u always—queso, aquí, quien/candle, camara

(qu occurs only before e and i but is never just qu)

r—caro, comer/kitty, caddy (said rapidly)

(r at the beginning of a word like rosa, rana, etc. is said “r”—a trill; also, when “r” comes after n, l, and s is

said as “rr”—a trilled “r”, like a little kid making a motor sound)

rr—carro, correr/a trilled “r” (see above)

s—solo, casa/sun

t—tela/tent

u—uno/fool, moon

v—see b above

w—cuanto, cuesta/water (w only exists in names and as the sound in combinations of ua)

x—(between vowels it sounds like “ks”)—examen/extra; (before a consonant it sounds like “s”)—

experiencia/experience

y—ayer, vaya/your, yesterday

z—luz, vez/vase, base

Days of the Week—Días de la Semana

(days in Spanish are not capitalized)

Monday—el lunes

Tuesday—el martes

Wednesday—el miércoles

Thursday—el jueves

Friday—el viernes

Saturday—el sábado

Sunday—el domingo

Months of the Year—Meses del Año

(months in Spanish are not capitalized)

January—enero

February—febrero

March—marzo

April—abril

May—mayo

June—junio

July—julio

August—agosto

September—septiembre

October—octubre

November—noviembre

December—diciembre

Numbers/Números

0—cero

1—uno (the o is dropped
when used before a single
masculine noun)

2—dos

3—tres

4—cuatro

5—cinco

6—seis

7—siete

8—ocho

9—nueve

10—diez

11—once

12—doce

13—trece

14—catorce

15—quince

16—dieciséis

17—diecisiete

18—dieciocho

19—diecinueve

20—veinte

21—veintiuno (the o is
dropped when used before a
single masculine noun)

22—veintidós

23—veintitres

30—treinta

31—treinta y uno (the o is
dropped when used before a
single masculine noun)

40—cuarenta

50—cincuenta

60—sesenta

70—setenta

80—ochenta

90—noventa

100—cien

110—ciento diez

200—doscientos

500—quinientos

700—setecientos

900—novecientos

1000—mil

2000—dos mil

1,000,000—millón

1832—mil ochocientos

treinta y dos

1999—mil novecientos

noventa y nueve

2001—dos mil uno

Ordinal Numbers—Los Números Ordinalesfirst—primero(a) (the o is dropped when used
before a single masculine noun)

second—segundo(a)

third—tercero(a) (the o is dropped when used
before a single masculine noun)

fourth—cuarto(a)

fifth—quinto(a)

sixth—sexto(a)

seventh—séptimo(a)

eighth—octavo(a)

ninth—noveno(a)

tenth—décimo(a)

Colors—Los Colores

red—rojo(a)

blue—azul

green—verde

yellow—amarillo(a)

gray—gris

brown—café

orange—anaranjado(a)/tomate

white—blanco(a)

black—negro(a)

purple—morado(a)/púrpura

pink—rosado(a)

silver—plomo(a)

gold—dorado(a)

Parts of the Body—Partes del Cuerpo

head—la cabeza
arms—los brazos
armpits—las axilas
hands—las manos
fingers—los dedos
legs—las piernas
feet—los pies
eyelashes—las pestañas
brain—el cerebro
waist—la cintura
elbow—el codo
heart—el corazón

wrist—la muñeca
neck—el cuello
toes—los dedos de los pies
teeth—los dientes
forehead—la frente
throat—la garganta
bone—el hueso
lips—los labios
cheeks—las mejillas
chest—el pecho
knee—la rodilla
blood—la sangre
ankle—el tobillo
fingernails/toenails—las uñas

mouth—la boca
face—la cara
back—la espalda
bottom—las pompis
stomach—el estómago
shoulders—los hombros
tongue—la lengua
nose—la nariz
eyes—los ojos
ears—las orejas
hair—el pelo
skin—el piel
eyebrows—las cejas

Names of Clothing/Items—Nombres de la Ropa y Otras Cosas

outer clothes—la ropa exterior
inner clothes—la ropa interior
underwear—el calzoncillo
sweater—una chompa
 with a zipper—con cierre
 with buttons—con botones
 open—abierta
 closed—cerrada
pants—los pantalones
 with straps (overalls)—___ con tirantes
shirt—una camiseta
socks—las medias
shoes—los zapatos
shoelace—el cordón
sandals (flip-flops)—las zapatillas
skirt—una falda
dress—un vestido

coat—un abrigo
jacket—una chaqueta
hat—un gorro
pajamas/sleeper—el mono
glasses—los lentes
watch—un reloj
tie—una corbata
suit—un traje
swimsuit—un traje de baño
bracelet—una manilla
necklace—un collar
earrings—los aretes
ring—un anillo
gloves—los guantes
hammock—una hamaca
blanket—una colcha, una cobija
a woven wall-hanging—un tapiz

Courtesy Words—Palabras Corteses

please—por favor
thank you—gracias
you're welcome—de nada
have the goodness...—tenga la bondad...
do me a favor—hazme un favor
it's fine—está bien
excuse me—perdón/disculpe
I'm sorry—lo siento

Transportation—Transportación

car—el carro
bus—el bus
airplane—el avión
train—el tren
motorcycle—la motocicleta
bicycle—la bicicleta

Names of Food/Words**Associated with****Restaurants—Nombres de****la Comida/Palabras****Asociadas con Restaurantes**

ice cream—el helado
pizza—la pizza
food—la comida
drink—la bebida
bill—la cuenta
omelette—la tortilla
hamburger—la hamburguesa
hot dog—el hot dog
Sprite, Coke, etc.—la cola
flavor—el sabor
roast guinea pig—el cuy
enchilada—la enchilada
taco—un taco
bread—el pan
garlic—el ajo

mushrooms—los champiñones
bacon—el tocino
oil—el aceite
avocado—el aguacate
tomato—el tomate
cucumber—el pepino
lettuce—la lechuga
corn—el maíz
peas—las arvejas
carrots—las zanahorias
green peppers—los pimientos
broccoli—el brocoli
cauliflower—el coliflor
onions—las cebollas
hot—picante
pepper—la pimienta
salt—el sal
pineapple—la piña
peach—el durazno
apple—la manzana

mango—el mango
papaya—la papaya
watermelon—el sandía
grapes—las uvas
pear—la pera
banana—el guineo
nectarine—la nectarina
plum—la ciruela
jell-o—la gelatina
cracker/cookie—la galleta
cheese—el queso
sausage—el chorizo
beef—el res
meat—el carne
pork—el cerdo
chicken—el pollo
egg—el huevo
fruit seeds—las pepas
peel (...of an orange)—la cáscara

Things in a House—Cosas en una Casa

ground—el suelo
floor—el piso
roof—el techo
door—la puerta
gate—el portón
wall—la pared
hallway—el corredor
room—la habitación/el cuarto
window—la ventana
stairs—las gradas/las escaleras
bedroom—el dormitorio
bed—la cama
pillow—la almohada
closet/armoire—el guardarropa

dining room—el comedor
table—la mesa
chair—la silla
kitchen—la cocina
refrigerator—la refrigeradora
plate/dish—el plato
cup—el vaso
fork—el tenedor
spoon—la cuchara
knife—el cuchillo
glass/cup—el vaso
pot—la olla
frying pan—el sartén
ladle/serving spoon—un cucharón
pitcher—la jarra
match—el fósforo
stove—el horno

bathroom—el baño
toilet—inodoro
sink—el lavabo
shower—la ducha
toilet paper—el papel higiénico
soap—el jabón
towel—la toalla
mirror—el espejo
dryer—la secadora
washing machine—la lavadora
broom—la escoba
vacuum cleaner—la aspiradora
light—la luz/el foco

Characteristics/Adjectives—Características/Adjetivos

tall—alto(a)
short—bajo(a)
old—viejo(a)
young—joven
smart—listo(a), inteligente
nice—simpático(a)
mustache—el bigote

beard—la barba
short hair—pelo corto
long hair—pelo largo
curly—rizado(a)
straight—lacio(a)
blonde—suco(a)/rubio(a)
brown—café/castaño
braids—trenzas
skinny—delgado(a), flaco(a)

fat—gordo(a)
beautiful—hermoso(a)
beautiful—bello(a)
pretty—lindo(a)
handsome, good-looking—guapo(a)
pretty—bonito(a)
ugly—feo(a)
backward—al revés

forward—adelante
big—grande
small—pequeño(a)
clean—limpio(a)
dirty—sucio(a)

bad—malo(a)
good—bueno(a)
dark—oscuro(a)
light—claro(a)
dry—seco(a)

wet—mojado(a)
far—lejos
near—cerca
funny—chistoso

Emotions/States—
Emociones/Condiciones

happy—feliz
sad—triste
angry/mad—enojado(a)
content—contento(a)
nice—simpático(a)
bored—aburrido(a)
busy—ocupado(a)
worried—preocupado(a)
to be hungry—tener hambre

to be in a hurry—tener prisa
to be tired—tener sueño
tired—cansado(a)
to be thirsty—tener sed
to be hot—tener calor
to be cold—tener frío
to be scared—tener miedo
to feel like, want to—tener
ganas
discouraged—desanimado(a)
depressed—deprimido(a)

in a good/bad mood—de
buen/mal humor
nervous—nervioso(a)
to be in love—enamorado(a)
I am 20 years old—Tengo 20
años
frustrated—frustrada
surprised—sorprendida
stressed—estresada

Money Words—Palabras de la Moneda

dollars—dólares
cents—centavos
change—cambio, suelto, vuelto
receipt—factura
to pay—pagar/cancelar
to buy—comprar
to sell—vender

Shapes—Figuras Geométricas

circle—el círculo
square—el cuadrado
rectangle—el rectángulo
triangle—el triángulo
star—la estrella
pyramid—el pirámide
diamond—el rombo
oval—el óvalo

Places—Lugares

house—casa
building—edificio
street—calle
sidewalk—la vareda
bread shop—la panadería
supermarket—el supermercado
market—el mercado
paper store—la papelería
museum—el museo
bank/bench—el banco
church—la iglesia
pharmacy—la farmacia
orphanage—el orfanato/orfanato
ice cream shop—la heladería
park—el parque
theater—el teatro
movie cinemas—el cine

Weather and Geography—
El Tiempo y la Geografía

It's cold.—Hace frío.
It's hot.—Hace calor.
It's windy.—Hace viento.
It's sunny.—Hace sol.
What's the weather like?—
¿Qué tiempo hace?
It's good weather.—Hace
buen tiempo.
rain—la lluvia
wind—el viento
sky—el cielo

clouds—las nubes
sea—el mar
ocean—el océano
desert—el desierto
sand—la arena
beach—la playa
bridge—el puente
lake—el lago
mountain—la montaña
garden—el jardín
earth/dirt—la tierra
river—el río
forest—el bosque

jungle—la selva
lightning—el relámpago
trees—los árboles
plants—las plantas
flowers—las flores
rocks—las piedras
rainbow—el arcoiris
mud—el lodo
grass—la césped/hierba
leaf—la hoja
seed—la semilla
stick—el palo

Animals—Los Animales

cat—el gato
dog—el perro
mouse—el ratón
rat—la rata
snake—la culebra, el
serpiente
elephant—el elefante
frog—la rana, el sapo
hen—la gallina
chicken—el pollo
rooster—el gallo

horse—el caballo
cow—la vaca
bear—el oso
bird—el pájaro
crocodile—el cocodrilo
deer—el venado
duck—el pato
fish—el pez
lion—el león
monkey—el mono
pig—el
puerco/chancho/cochino

rabbit—el conejo
tiger—el tigre
turtle—la tortuga
ant—la hormiga
bee—la abeja
bug—el bicho
butterfly—la mariposa
fly—el mosco
insect—el insecto
spider—la araña
worm—el gusano

**School Supplies—Cosas
para la Escuela**

backpack—la mochila
book—el libro
pencil—el lápiz
eraser—el borrador
chalkboard—la pizarra
notebook—el cuaderno

scissors—las tijeras
tape—la cinta
pen—el esfero/bolígrafo/la
pluma
markers—los marcadores
paper—el papel
chalk—la tiza
manuals—los manuales

page—la página
sheets—las hojas
words—las palabras
movies—las películas
computer—la computadora
disk—el diskette
crayons—los crayones

**Toys/Games—
Juguetes/Juegos**

blocks—los bloques
play dough—la plastilina
puzzle—la rompecabeza
stickers—los stickers

paints—las pinturas
instruments—instrumentos
swings—los columpios
bubbles—las burbujas
piñata—la piñata
dolls—las muñecas

balls—las pelotas
teeter-totter—sube y baja
slide—la resbaladera
balloons—las bombas/los
globos

**Other Words—Otras
Palabras**

day—el día
morning—la mañana
afternoon—la tarde
night—la noche
kiss—el beso
hug—el abrazo
sick—enfermo(a)
medicine—la medicina/el
remedio
drops—las gotas
dropper—el gotero
cold—el gripe
cough—el tos
fever—la fiebre
patch—el parche
Head nun—la Madre

Nun—Sor/Hermana
mass—la misa
baptism—el bautismo
well-covered—tapado(a)
wrapped up warm—
abrigado(a)
covered—cubierto(a)
turn—el turno
schedule—el horario
baby—el bebé
slobber/saliva—las babas
bib—el babero
diaper—el pañal
cloth diapers—pañales de
tela
disposable diapers—pañales
desechables
plastic—el plástico

wet wipes—los paños
húmedos
training toilet—la vasenilla
bottle—el biberón/la teta
blanket—la cobija
sheets—las sábanas
mattress—el colchón
stroller—el coche
rattle—el chinesco
child—niño(a)
young person—el/la joven
toothpaste—la pasta
toothbrush—la cepilla
brush—la cepilla
comb—la peinilla
hair things—los lazos
less/younger—menor
more/older—mayor

size (of clothing)—talla
size (of anything besides clothing)—tamaño
small—pequeño
big—grande
delicate/young—tiernito(a)
type—tipo
a fit (like to throw a fit)—un berrinche
badly behaved—malcriado(a)/maleducado

basket—la canasta
stimulation—la estimulación
therapy—la terapia
ready/clever—listo(a)
snack—la papilla/la colación
to spill—regar
mop—el trapeador
rag—el trapo
stain—la mancha
stained—manchado(a)
mucous—el moco

snotty—mocososo
urine—la orina
wet from urine—orinado
poop—el popó
laundry tub—el tacho
thick—grueso
thin—delgado
driver—el chofer

Daily Activities—Actividades Diarias

to go to bed—acostarse
to wake up—despertarse
to shower— ducharse
to dress—vestirse
to comb—peinarse
to get up—levantarse
to tie your shoes—amarrarse los cordones

Verbs and Names for Meals/Verbos y

Nombres para las Comidas

to eat breakfast—desayunar
breakfast—desayuno
to eat lunch—almorzar
lunch—almuerzo
to eat dinner—merendar
dinner—merienda

Common Verbs—Verbos Comunes

to speak/talk—hablar
to eat—comer
to feed—darle la comida
to live—vivir
to go—ir
to be—ser/estar
to fall—caer
to give—dar
to say/tell—decir
to be—haber
to do—hacer
to want/like—querer
to hear—oír
to be able to/can—poder
to put/place—poner
to know—saber
to leave/go—salir
to have—tener
to bring—traer
to come—venir
to use—usar
to see—ver
to think—pensar
to believe—creer
to return—volver
to sleep—dormir
to slobber—babear
to feel—sentirse
to sit—sentarse
to ask—pedir
to laugh—reír

to follow—seguir
to dance—bailar
to cook—cocinar
to write—escribir
to listen—escuchar
to read—leer
to carry/bring—llevar
to get/catch—coger
to take/drink—tomar
to change—cambiar
to work—trabajar
to travel—viajar
to wash—lavar
to clean—limpiar
to watch—mirar
to go for a walk/trip—pasear
to go for a walk—dar un paseo
to touch/play (an instrument)—tocar
to walk—caminar
to crawl—gatear
to army crawl—reptar
to roll over—rodar
to hope/wait—esperar
to cry—llorar
to cry/shriek—chillar
to chew—masticar/mascar
to return—regresar/volver
to return (something to someone)—devolver
to sell—vender
to drink—beber
to buy—comprar
to play—jugar

to call—llamar
to need—necesitar
to pass/happen—pasar
to stay/remain—quedar
to look for—buscar
to owe/should—deber
to find—encontrar
to dress—vestirse
to bathe—bañarse
to brush—cepillarse
to comb—peinarse
to know—conocer
to cost—costar
***to like—gustar
to pay—pagar
to let/leave—dejar
to begin—empezar
to enter—entrar
to ask—preguntar
to help—ayudar
to hold—amarcar/cargar
to tie—amarrar
to take away—quitar
to take—sacar
to defecate—echar popó
to urinate—orinar
to get wet—mojarse
to cover someone/thing up—tapar
to go up—subir
to go down—bajar
to want/desire—desear
to tell—contar
to record/remember—recordar
to be in agreement—estar de acuerdo
to keep/save—guardar
to show—mostrar
to finish/end—terminar
to mess up—desordenar
to arrange/fix up—arreglar
to fold—doblar
to open—abrir
to close—cerrar
to stick/hit—pegar
to kiss—besar
to hug—abrazar
to cut—cortar
to cover—cubrir
to step on—pisar
***to hurt—doler
to hurt—lastimar
***to be pleasing—encantar
to smell—oler
to breathe—respirar

to swallow—tragar/pasar
to realize—darse cuenta
to get cold—enfriarse
to catch a cold—resfriarse
to cough—toser
to share—compartir
to grow—crecer
to applaud—aplaudir
to paint/color—pintar
to jump—saltar
to participate—participar
to bite—morder
to bother/bug—molestar
to suck—chupar
to obey—obedecer
to disobey—desobedecer
to fight—pelear
to kick—patear
to pinch—pinchar
to spit—escupir
to push—empujar
to throw a fit—tirar un berrinche
to throw—botar/lanzar/tirar
to shout—gritar
to burn—quemar
to drive—manejar/conducir
to go to the bathroom—ir al baño
to slip—resbalar
to stain—manchar
to blow—soplar
to lick—lamer
to mop—trapear
to sweep—barrer
to sneeze—estornudar
to squeeze—apretar
to choke—ahogar
to strangle (like to feel strangled by your tie)—ahorcar
to swim—nadar
to tickle—hacer cosquillas
to become—llegar a ser
to rain—llover
to finish/end—acabar
to behave well/badly—portarse bien/mal
to be careful—tener cuidado
to be right—tener razón
to be guilty/at fault—tener la culpa
one year ago—hace un año
to have to leave—tener que salir
to feel like laughing—tener ganas de reír
to have just read a book—acabar de leer un libro
*** Examples: My feet hurt.—Me duelen los pies.
I like French fries. Me gustan papas fritas.
I love those colors. Me encantan esos colores.

Greetings and Salutations—Los Saludos y las Despedidas

What is your name?—¿Cómo se llama? ¿Cómo te llamas?

My name is _____. —Me llamo _____.

Good morning.—Buenos días.

Good afternoon.—Buenas tardes.

Good evening/night.—Buenas noches.

Bye.—Chao/Hasta luego.

May it go well for you!—¿Qué pase bien!

Take care of yourself!—¿Cuídese mucho!

We'll see each other.—Nos vemos.

How are you?—¿Cómo está Usted?

Very well, thank you.—Muy bien, gracias.

And you?—¿Y Usted?

Welcome.—Bienvenidos.

Good luck.—Buena suerte.

I want you to meet _____. —Quiero presentarle a _____.

Do you know _____?—¿Conoce a _____?

Pleased to meet you.—Mucho gusto.

The same.—Igualmente.

Where are you from?—¿De dónde es Ud.?

I'm from _____. —Yo soy de _____.

If you are lost—Si Ud. está perdido(a)

I'm lost. —Estoy perdido(a).

What is this street called?—¿Cómo se llama esta calle?

Excuse me ma'am, can you direct me to the street ____?—Perdón señora, ¿puede dirigirme a la Calle ____? Cuenca—

Where is Calle Larga?—¿Dónde está la Calle Larga?

I need to find _____. —Necesito encontrar _____.

Quito—

Where is 12 de octubre?—¿Dónde está la 12 de octubre?

I need to find _____. —Necesito encontrar _____.

What the taxi driver says to you—Lo que el taxista le dice

Where to?—¿A dónde?

Where am I taking you?—¿A dónde le llevo?

Where do you want to go?—¿A dónde quiere ir?

Here?—¿Por aquí?

Situations—Situaciones

taxi—taxi

directions—direcciones

north—norte

south—sur

east—este

west—oeste

turn left—doblar a la izquierda

turn right—doblar a la derecha

go straight—sigar recto

block—cuadro

corner—esquina

stop—pare

traffic light—semáforo

further—más allá

street—calle

up—arriba

down—abajo

another block up/down—otra cuadra más

arriba/abajo

Do you know the street _____? —¿Conoce la calle _____?

to cross—cruzar

go down—baja

go up—sube

the next—la próxima (calle/cuadra)

close to—cerca de

behind—detrás de

above—arriba de

in front of—enfrente de

on top of—encima de

next to, beside—al lado de

under—debajo de

around—alrededor

Bargaining—Regateando

How much does it cost?—¿Cuánto cuesta?

It costs too much.—Cuesta demasiado.

I don't want to pay that much.—No quiero pagar tanto.

It's not worth that price.—No vale ese precio.

I'll pay ___ dollars. —Pago ___ dólares.

I want a different ___ (color/size/type) ___. —Yo quiero un/una diferente ___ (color/talla/tipo) ___.

It costs less in other places.—En otros lugares cuesta menos.

Phrases—Las Frases

It's true.—Es verdad.

It's not true.—No es cierto.

What are you trying to say?—¿Qué quiere decir?

Are you ready?—¿Está listo(a)?

Can you help me?—¿Me puede ayudar?

Who's ready?—¿Quién está listo(a)?

Who wants to help?—¿Quién quiere ayudar?

What are you doing?—¿Qué hace?

What do you want?—¿Qué quiere?

What is this/that?—¿Qué es esto/eso?

Where are you going?—¿Adónde va?

Are you (cold/sad) ?—¿Está (frío/triste)?

Are you alright?—¿Está bien?

Are you done?—¿Acabó/Terminó?

Where does it hurt?—¿Dónde le duele?

Where is _____?—¿Dónde está _____?

Which one do you want?—¿Cuál quiere?

Everything's fine.—Todo está bien.

I'm sorry.—Lo siento.

Are you busy?—¿Está ocupado(a)?

Can we talk?—¿Podemos hablar?

What do you think?—¿Qué piensa?

I'll get you.—Te cogo.

You can do it.—Puede hacerlo.

in a loud voice—en voz alta

in a quiet voice—en voz baja

faster—más rápido

Continue.—Sigue no más.

Be careful.—Ten cuidado.

Let go.—Suelta.

to pick up the toys—recoger los juguetes

to sit in a circle—sentarse en un círculo

to cover your eyes—tapar los ojos

to play an instrument—tocar un instrumento

The Importance of Respect—La Importancia de Respeto

Tú and the tú verb conjugation are only used with people you know well and are friends with, and with kids. The verb form Usted (Ud.) is used with people you don't know, anyone older than you, nuns, etc. It's best to use Usted in order to show your respect to everyone.

On your own, you should study:

- * -ar, -er and -ir verb conjugations
- * common irregular verbs
- * the importance of ser and estar
- * the importance of ir
- * present, past and future tenses
- * the use of the subjunctive tense
- * commands—mandatos
- * general grammatical rules