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Two buckets that will boost your Spanish

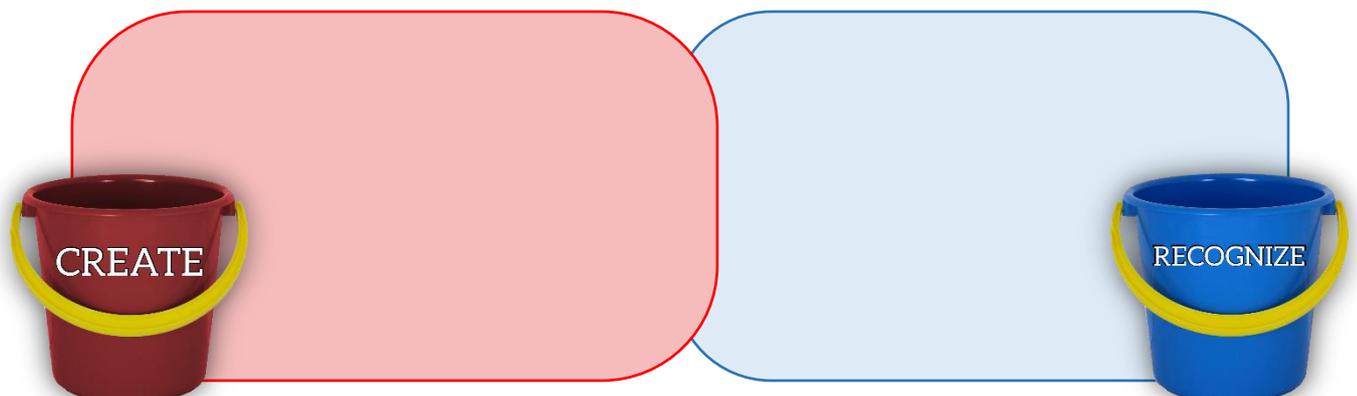
We are nearing the end of our challenge, what a thrill!

As you have seen in the video, today we are going to learn the difference between recognizing and creating the language.

As I explain in the video, to speak a language fluently you need to understand 100% of the language and create 40%. And it is that not even the Spaniards know all the words in the dictionary. Do you know each and every one of the words in your native language? impossible! So, why are you so obsessed with using all the words you learn in Spanish?

Let's do a little exercise. I am going to give you a few words and I want you to tell me in which bucket you would put them:

CASA (house) **CUBO** (bucket) **PANTALLA** (screen) **ADIÓS** (goodbye)
PERIQUITO (parakeet) **CIRCULO** (circle) **ROTULADOR** (marker)



How was that? Easy? Let's review the answer:

- ❖ **CASA** → **create bucket** → It is a very common word and the most basic form of a living space. Once you know "casa" you may put on the recognize bucket all the different forms of a house (*like apartment, villa, condos, ranch...*).
- ❖ **CUBO** → **recognize bucket** → When was the last time you used the English word bucket, apart from today? Not that common, right?
- ❖ **PANTALLA** → **create bucket** → Veeeery common word nowadays with all the smartphones and electronic devices.
- ❖ **ADIÓS** → **create bucket** → No need to explain why, right?
- ❖ **PERIQUITO** → **recognize bucket** → Is there any synonym you can use? SURE! What about "bird"? Technically it's not the same, but if we compare the effort of memorizing "parakeet" and the number of times we are going to use that word in our lives, it is not worth it.
- ❖ **CIRCULO** → **create bucket** → Quite a common word
- ❖ **ROTULADOR** → **recognize bucket** → If you are studying at the university, you may put it in the create bucket. If not, to the recognize bucket directly.

Do you see how this works?

Of course, deciding whether a word goes into one bucket or the other will depend on your situation and context. If you are a mechanic you are interested in putting specific words such as engine, bearings, or pistons in the create cube. If you are a teacher you need to put on the create bucket words like homework, classroom, or blackboard.

For example, the word "*pandemic*" or the word "*quarantine*" have always been in the recognize bucket, but now it is mandatory to put them in the create bucket.

Now is your turn!

Take that long list of words that you have written down from when you study Spanish and check all the words. The ones that belong to the recognize bucket, read them, and cross them out. For the ones that belong to the create bucket, make an extra effort and make sure you master them perfectly.