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SICILY'S GLOSSARY OF ALL THINGS SPANISH AND PANAMANIAN



arroz con pollo [a-rros kon po-io]

noun

- 1. rice and chicken cooked together in one big pot
- 2. a dish Ma makes at least once a month

bata [baa-tuh]

noun

- 1. a house dress
- 2. a dress Ma wears around the house to clean and sleep in

cálmate [kahl-mah-te]

verb

- 1. calm down
- **2.** what Ma and Pa will say to me when I'm talking too fast or doing too much

carimañola [ka-ri-ma-nyo-la]

noun

- 1. meat stuffed in yucca, then fried
- 2. a dish Panamanians eat at parties

delicioso [de-li-sio-so]

adjective

- 1. delicious
- 2. what I say whenever I eat Red Vines and yummy pizza

empanadas [em-pa-na-das]

noun

 dough filled with meat, then baked (I don't like them fried)

ensalada de papa [en-sa-la-da de pa-pa]

noun

- 1. potato salad
- 2. a dish I only eat when Ma makes it

excelente [eks-se-len-te]

adjective

- 1. excellent
- **2.** what Ma and Pa always say to me (but not Enrique) when they see my report card

hojaldras [o-hal-dras]

noun

- 1. fried bread
- **2.** a dish Pa makes on Saturday mornings (I like to put butter and cheese on mine)

Nochebuena [no-che-bue-na]

noun

- 1. the Good Night
- **2.** Christmas Eve, when my whole family gets together to eat a lot of food, dance, and stay up all night

novellas [no-be-las]

noun

- 1. soap operas
- **2.** dramatic TV shows that come on in the middle of the day on the Spanish channel

quinceañera [kin-se-a-nye-ra]

noun

1. a big party to celebrate when a girl turns fifteen and becomes a woman, according to Ma

reggae en Español [re-gei en-spuhn-yowl]

noun

- 1. reggae in Spanish
- 2. traditional Jamaican reggae with lyrics in Spanish

reggaetón [re-ge'ton]

noun

 a music style from Puerto Rico that was influenced by reggae en Español from Panamá

sancocho [san-ko-cho]

noun

1. a yummy soup with potatoes, meat, veggies, and other stuff

soca [so-ka]

noun

 music influenced by African (of course) and East Indian rhythms

sorrel [sor-ruhl]

noun

1. a purplish drink made with stuff that tastes bitter, so you have to add a lot of sugar to it (a bunch of people love it, but I don't)

tontería [ton-te-ri-a]

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- 1. foolishness
- **2.** what Pa calls the music and TV shows that Enrique and I love