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A, a [a] NF (*letra*) A, a; **A de Antonio** A for Andrew (BRIT) o Able (US)

PALABRA CLAVE

a [a] PREP (**a + el = al**) **1** (*dirección*) to; **fueron a Madrid/Grecia** they went to Madrid/Greece; **me voy a casa** I'm going home
2 (*distancia*): **está a 15 km de aquí** it's 15 km from here
3 (*posición*): **estar a la mesa** to be at table; **al lado de** next to, beside; **a la derecha/izquierda** on the right/left; *ver tb* **puerta**
4 (*tiempo*): **a las 10/a medianoche** at 10/midnight; **¿a qué hora?** (at) what time?; **a la mañana siguiente** the following morning; **a los pocos días** after a few days; **estamos a 9 de julio** it's the 9th of July; **a los 24 años** at the age of 24; **ocho horas al día** eight hours a day; **al año/a la semana** (AM) a year/week later
5 (*manera*): **a la francesa** the French way; **a caballo** on horseback; **a oscuras** in the dark; **a rayas** striped; **le echaron a patadas** they kicked him out
6 (*medio, instrumento*): **a lápiz** in pencil; **a mano** by hand; **cocina a gas** gas stove
7 (*razón*): **a dos euros el kilo** at two euros a kilo; **a más de 50 km por hora** at more than 50 km per hour; **poco a poco** little by little
8 (*dativo*): **se lo di a él** I gave it to him; **se lo compré a él** I bought it from him
9 (*complemento directo*): **vi al policía** I saw the policeman
10 (*tras ciertos verbos*): **voy a verle** I'm going to see him; **empezó a trabajar** he started working o to work; **sabe a queso** it tastes of cheese
11 (+ *infin*): **al verle, le reconocí inmediatamente** when I saw him I recognized him at once; **el camino a recorrer** the distance we etc have to travel; **¡a callar!** keep quiet!; **¡a comer!** let's eat!
12: **a que; ¡a que llueve!** I bet it's going to rain!; **¡a qué viene eso?** what's the

meaning of this?; **¿a que sí va a venir?** he IS coming, isn't he?; **¿a que no lo haces?** — **¡a que sí!** bet you don't do it! — yes, I WILL!

A. ABR (*Escol*: = aprobado) pass

AA NFPLABR = Aerolíneas Argentinas

AA EE ABR (= Asuntos Exteriores): **Mín. de** ~ = FO (BRIT)

ab. ABR (= abril) Apr.

abad, esa [a'βað, 'ðesa] NM/F abbot (abbess)

abadía [aβa'ðia] NF abbey

abajo [a'βaxo] ADV (*situación*) (down) below, underneath; (*en edificio*) downstairs; (*dirección*) down, downwards; ~ **de** prep below, under; **el piso de** ~ the downstairs flat; **la parte de** ~ the lower part; **¡- el gobierno!** down with the government!; **cuesta/río** ~ downhill/downstream; **de arriba** ~ from top to bottom; **el** ~ **firme** the undersigned; **más** ~ lower o further down
abalance etc [aβa'lanθe] VB *ver* **abalanzarse**
abalanzarse [aβalan'θarse] /f/ VR: ~ **sobre** o **contra** to throw o.s. at

abalea [aβale'ar] /1a/ VT (AM *fam*) to shoot

abalorios [aβa'lorjos] NMPL (*chucherías*) trinkets

abanderado, -a [aβande'raðo, a] NM/F (*portaestandarte*) standard bearer; (*de un movimiento*) champion, leader; (AM: *linier*) linesman, assistant referee

abandonado, -a [aβando'naðo, a] ADJ derelict; (*desatendido*) abandoned; (*desierto*) deserted; (*descuidado*) neglected

abandonar [aβando'nar] /1a/ VT to leave; (*persona*) to abandon, desert; (*cosa*) to abandon, leave behind; (*descuidar*) to neglect; (*renunciar a*) to give up; (*Inform*) to quit; **abandonarse** VR: **abandonarse a** to abandon o.s. to; **abandonarse al alcohol** to take to drink

abandono [aβan'dono] NM (*acto*) desertion, abandonment; (*estado*) abandon, neglect; (*renuncia*) withdrawal, retirement; **ganar por** ~ to win by default

abanicar – abonado

abanicar [aβani'kar] /1g/ VT to fan
abanico [aβa'niko] NM fan; (Naut) derrick;
en ~ fan-shaped
abanique etc [aβa'nike] VB *ver* **abanicar**
abatar [aβara'tar] /1a/ VT to lower the price
of ▶ VI, **abatararse** VR to go o come down in
price
abarcar [aβar'kar] /1g/ VT to include,
embrace; (*contener*) to comprise; (AM) to
monopolize; **quien mucho abarca poco**
aprieta don't bite off more than you can
chew
abarque etc [a'βarke] VB *ver* **abarc**
abarrotoado, -a [aβarro'taɔo, a] ADJ packed;
~ **de** packed o bursting with
abarrotar [aβarro'tar] /1a/ VT (local, *estadio*,
teatro) to fill, pack
abarrote [aβa'rrote] NM packing; **abarrotos**
NMPL (AM) groceries; **tienda de abarrotos**
(AM) grocery store
abarrotería [aβarrote'ria] NF (AM) grocery
store
abarrotero, -a [aβarro'tero, a] NM/F (AM)
grocer
abastecedor, a [aβasteθe'ðor, a] ADJ
supplying ▶ NM/F supplier
abastecer [aβaste'θer] /zd/ VT: ~ (**de**) to
supply (with)
abastecimiento [aβasteθi'mjento] NM
supply
abastezca etc [aβas'teθka] VB *ver* **abastecer**
abasto [aβasto] NM supply; (*abundancia*)
abundance; **no dar ~ a algo** not to be able to
cope with sth
abatible [aβa'tiβle] ADJ: **asiento** ~ tip-up
seat; (*Auto*) reclining seat
abatido, -a [aβa'tiðo, a] ADJ dejected,
downcast; **estar muy ~** to be very depressed
abatimiento [aβati'mjento] NM (*depresión*)
dejection, depression
abatir [aβa'tir] /3a/ VT (*muro*) to demolish;
(*pájaro*) to shoot o bring down; (*fig*) to
depress; **abatirse** VR to get depressed;
abrirse sobre to swoop o pounce on
abdicación [aβðika'θjon] NF abdication
abdicar [aβði'kar] /1g/ VI to abdicate; ~ **en**
algn to abdicate in favour of sb
abdique etc [aβ'ðike] VB *ver* **abdicar**
abdomen [aβ'ðomen] NM abdomen
abdominal [aβðomi'nal] ADJ abdominal
▶ NM: **abdominales** abdominals, stomach
muscles; (*Deporte: tb: ejercicios abdominales*)
sit-ups
abecedario [aβeθe'ðarjo] NM alphabet
abedul [aβe'ðul] NM birch
abeja [aβexa] NF bee; (*fig: hormiguita*) hard
worker
abejorro [aβe'xorro] NM bumblebee
aberración [aβerra'θjon] NF aberration

aberrante [aβe'rante] ADJ (*disparatado*)
ridiculous
abertura [aβer'tura] NF = **apertura**
abertzale [aβer'tjale] ADJ, NMF Basque
nationalist
abeto [a'βeto] NM fir
abierto, -a [aβ'jerto, a] PP *de abrir* ▶ ADJ open;
(*fig: carácter*) frank
abigarrado, -a [aβi'ɣa'rraðo, a] ADJ
multicoloured; (*fig*) motley
abismal [aβis'mal] ADJ (*fig*) vast, enormous
abismar [aβis'mar] /1a/ VT to humble, cast
down; **abismarse** VR to sink; (AM) to be
amazed; **abismarse en** (*fig*) to be plunged
into
abismo [aβismo] NM abyss; **de sus ideas a**
las mías hay un ~ our views are worlds apart
abjurar [aβxu'rar] /1a/ VT to abjure, forswear
▶ VI: ~ **de** to abjure, forswear
ablandar [aβlan'dar] /1a/ VT to soften;
(*conmover*) to touch; (*Culin*) to tenderize ▶ VI,
ablandarse VR to get softer
abnegación [aβneya'θjon] NF self-denial
abnegado, -a [aβne'ɣaðo, a] ADJ self-
sacrificing
abobado, -a [aβo'baðo, a] ADJ silly
abobamiento [aβoβa'mjento] NM (*asombro*)
bewilderment
abocado, -a [aβo'kaðo, a] ADJ: **verse ~ al**
desastre to be heading for disaster
abochornar [aβot'or'nar] /1a/ VT to
embarrass; **abochornarse** VR to get
flustered; (*Bot*) to wilt; **abochornarse de** to
get embarrassed about
abofetear [aβofete'ar] /1a/ VT to slap (in the
face)
abogacía [aβoɣa'θia] NF legal profession;
(*ejercicio*) practice of the law
abogado, -a [aβo'ɣaðo, a] NM/F lawyer;
(*notario*) solicitor; (*asesor*) counsel; (*en tribunal*)
barrister, advocate, attorney (US);
~ **defensor** defence lawyer (BRIT), defense
attorney (US); ~ **del diablo** devil's advocate
abogar [aβo'ɣar] /1h/ VI: ~ **por** to plead for;
(*fig*) to advocate
abogue etc [a'βoɣe] VB *ver* **abogar**
abolengo [aβo'lengo] NM ancestry, lineage
abolición [aβoli'θjon] NF abolition
abolir [aβo'liɾ] VT to abolish; (*cancelar*) to
cancel
abolladura [aβoɔa'ðura] NF dent
abollar [aβo'lar] /1a/ VT to dent
abombarse [aβom'barse] /1a/ (AM) VR to go
bad
abominable [aβomi'naβle] ADJ abominable
abominación [aβomina'θjon] NF
abomination
abonado, -a [aβo'naðo, a] ADJ (*deuda*)
paid(-up) ▶ NM/F subscriber

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A, a [ei] N (letter) A, a; (Scol) mark
= sobresaliente; (Mus): **A** la m; **A for Andrew**, (US) **A for Able** A de Antonio;
A road n (BRIT Aut) = carretera nacional

KEYWORD

a [ə] INDEFART (before vowel and silent h an)
1 un(a); **a book** un libro; **an apple** una manzana; **she's a nurse** (ella) es enfermera; **I haven't got a car** no tengo coche
2 (instead of the number "one") un(a); **a year ago** hace un año; **a hundred/thousand pounds** cien/mil libras
3 (in expressing ratios, prices etc): **three a day/week** tres al día/a la semana; **10 km an hour** 10 km por hora; **£5 a person** £5 por persona; **30p a kilo** 30p el kilo; **three times a month** tres veces al mes

a. ABBR = **acre**

A2 N (BRIT Scol) segunda parte de los "A levels" (módulos 4-6)

AA N ABBR (BRIT: = Automobile Association)
= RACE m (Sp); (= Alcoholics Anonymous) A.A.; (US: = Associate in/of Arts) título universitario;
= **anti-aircraft**

AAA ['θri:'eiz] N ABBR (= American Automobile Association) = RACE m (Sp); (BRIT: = Amateur Athletics Association) asociación de atletismo amateur

A & R N ABBR (Mus: = artists and repertoire) nuevos artistas y canciones; ~ **man** descubridor de jóvenes talentos

AAUP N ABBR (= American Association of University Professors) asociación de profesores universitarios

AB ABBR (BRIT) = **able-bodied seaman**; (CANADA) = **Alberta**

aback [ə'bæk] ADV: **to be taken ~** quedar(se) desconcertado

abandon [ə'bændən] VT abandonar; (renounce) renunciar a ► N abandono; (wild behaviour): **with ~** con desenfreno; **to ~ ship** abandonar el barco

abandoned [ə'bændənd] ADJ (child, house etc) abandonado; (unrestrained: manner) desinhibido

abase [ə'beis] VT: **to ~ o.s. (so far as to do ...)** rebajarse (hasta el punto de hacer ...)

abashed [ə'bæʃt] ADJ avergonzado

abate [ə'beɪt] VI moderarse; (lessen) disminuir; (calm down) calmarse

abatement [ə'beɪtmənt] N (of pollution, noise) disminución f

abattoir ['æbətwa:'i] N (BRIT) matadero

abbey ['æbi] N abadía

abbot ['æbət] N abad m

abbreviate [ə'brɪ:vɪeɪt] VT abreviar

abbreviation [əbrɪ:vɪ'eɪʃən] N (short form) abreviatura; (act) abreviación f

ABC N ABBR (= American Broadcasting Company) cadena de televisión

abdicate ['æbdɪkeɪt] VT, VI abdicar

abdication [æbdɪ'keɪʃən] N abdicación f

abdomen ['æbdəmən] N abdomen m

abdominal [æb'dɒmɪnəl] ADJ abdominal

abduct [æb'dʌkt] VT raptar, secuestrar

abduction [æb'dʌkʃən] N rapto, secuestro

abductor [æb'dʌktə] N raptor(a) m/f, secuestrador(a) m/f

Aberdonian [æbədəunɪən] ADJ de Aberdeen

► N nativo(-a) or habitante mf de Aberdeen

aberration [æbə'reɪʃən] N aberración f; **in a moment of mental ~** en un momento de enajenación mental

abet [ə'bet] VT see **aid**

abeyance [ə'beɪəns] N: **in ~ (law)** en desuso; (matter) en suspenso

abhor [əb'hɔ:'i] VT aborrecer, abominar (de)

abhorrent [əb'hɔ:rənt] ADJ aborrecible, detestable

abide [ə'baɪd] VT: **I can't ~ it/him** no lo/le puedo ver or aguantar

► **abide by** VT FUS atenerse a

abiding [ə'baɪdɪŋ] ADJ (memory etc) perdurable

ability [ə'bɪlɪtɪ] N habilidad f, capacidad f; (talent) talento; **to the best of my ~** lo mejor que pueda etc

abject – abundant

abject [ˈæbdʒekt] ADJ (*poverty*) sórdido; (*apology*) rastrero; (*coward*) vil
ablaze [əˈbleɪz] ADJ en llamas, ardiendo
able [ˈeɪbl] ADJ capaz; (*skilled*) hábil; **to be ~ to do sth** poder hacer algo
able-bodied [ˈeɪblˈbɒdɪd] ADJ sano; ~ **seaman** marinero de primera
ably [ˈeɪbli] ADV hábilmente
ABM N ABBR = **anti-ballistic missile**
abnormal [æbˈnɔːməl] ADJ anormal
abnormality [æbˈnɔːmələti] N (*condition*) anomalía f; (*instance*) anomalía
aboard [əˈbɔːd] ADV a bordo ▶ **PREP** a bordo de; ~ **the train** en el tren
abode [əˈbɔːd] N (*old*) morada; (*Law*) domicilio; **of no fixed** ~ sin domicilio fijo
abolish [əˈbɒlɪʃ] VT suprimir, abolir
abolition [æbɒˈlɪʃən] N supresión f, abolición f
abominable [əˈbɒmɪnəbl] ADJ abominable
aborigine [æbɒˈrɪdʒɪn] N aborígen mf
abort [əˈbɔːt] VT abortar; (*Comput*) interrumpir ▶ **VI** (*Comput*) interrumpir el programa
abortion [əˈbɔːʃən] N aborto; **to have an ~** abortar
abortionist [əˈbɔːʃənɪst] N persona que practica abortos
abortive [əˈbɔːtɪv] ADJ fracasado
abound [əˈbaʊnd] **VI**: **to ~ (in or with)** abundar (de or en)

KEYWORD

about [əˈbaʊt] ADV **1** (*approximately*) más o menos, aproximadamente; **about a hundred/thousand etc** unos(-as) or como cien/mil etc; **it takes about 10 hours** se tarda unas or más o menos 10 horas; **at about two o'clock** sobre las dos; **I've just about finished** casi he terminado
2 (*referring to place*) por todas partes; **to leave things lying about** dejar las cosas (tiradas) por ahí; **to run about** correr por todas partes; **to walk about** pasearse, ir y venir; **is Paul about?** ¿está por aquí Paul?; **it's the other way about** es al revés
3: **to be about to do sth** estar a punto de hacer algo; **I'm not about to do all that for nothing** no pienso hacer todo eso para nada ▶ **PREP 1** (*relating to*) de, sobre, acerca de; **a book about London** un libro sobre or acerca de Londres; **what is it about?** (*book, film*) ¿de qué se trata?; **we talked about it** hablamos de eso or ello; **what or how about doing this?** ¿qué tal si hacemos esto?
2 (*referring to place*) por; **to walk about the town** caminar por la ciudad

about face, about turn N (*Mil*) media vuelta; (*fig*) cambio radical

above [əˈbʌv] ADV encima, por encima, arriba ▶ **PREP** encima de; (*greater than; in number*) más de; (; *in rank*) superior a; **mentioned ~** susodicho; ~ **all** sobre todo; **he's not ~ a bit of blackmail** es capaz hasta de hacer chantaje
above board ADJ legítimo
above-mentioned [əˈbʌvˈmenʃnd] ADJ susodicho
abrasion [əˈbreɪʒən] N (*on skin*) abrasión f
abrasive [əˈbreɪzɪv] ADJ abrasivo
abreast [əˈbreɪst] ADV uno al lado de otro; **to keep ~ of** mantenerse al corriente de
abridge [əˈbrɪdʒ] VT abreviar
abroad [əˈbrɔːd] ADV (*be*) en el extranjero; (*go*) al extranjero; **there is a rumour ~ that ...** corre el rumor de que ...
abrupt [əˈbrʌpt] ADJ (*sudden: departure*) repentino; (*manner*) brusco
abruptly [əˈbrʌptli] ADV (*leave*) repentinamente; (*speak*) bruscamente
absciss [ˈæbsɪsɪs] N absceso
abscond [əbˈskɒnd] **VI** fugarse
absence [ˈæbsəns] N ausencia; **in the ~ of** (*person*) en ausencia de; (*thing*) a falta de
absent [ˈæbsənt] ADJ ausente; ~ **without leave** (**AWOL**) ausente sin permiso
absentee [æbsənˈtiː] N ausente mf
absenteeism [æbsənˈtiːzəm] N absentismo
absent-minded [æbsənˈmaɪndɪd] ADJ distraído
absolute [ˈæbsəlʊt] ADJ absoluto; ~ **monopoly** monopolio total
absolutely [æbsəlʊtli] ADV totalmente; **oh yes, ~!** ¡claro or por supuesto que sí!
absolution [æbsəlʊʃən] N (*Rel*) absolución f
absolve [əbˈzɒlv] VT: **to ~ sb (from)** absolver a algn (de)
absorb [əbˈzɔːb] VT absorber; **to be absorbed in a book** estar absorto en un libro
absorbent [əbˈzɔːbənt] ADJ absorbente
absorbent cotton N (US) algodón m hidrófilo
absorbing [əbˈzɔːbɪŋ] ADJ absorbente; (*book etc*) interesantísimo
absorption [əbˈzɔːpʃən] N absorción f
abstain [əbˈsteɪn] **VI**: **to - (from)** abstenerse (de)
abstemious [əbˈstiːmiəs] ADJ abstemio
abstention [əbˈstenʃən] N abstención f
abstinence [ˈæbstɪnəns] N abstinencia
abstract [ˈæbstrækt] ADJ abstracto
abstruse [æbˈstruːs] ADJ abstruso, oscuro
absurd [əbˈsɜːd] ADJ absurdo
absurdity [əbˈsɜːdɪti] N absurdo
ABTA [ˈæbtə] N ABBR = **Association of British Travel Agents**
abundance [əˈbʌndəns] N abundancia
abundant [əˈbʌndənt] ADJ abundante