

The Power Cut Yesterday

Yesterday, at around 12.33 a.m., there was a power cut in Spain. Many people were working or studying when the electricity stopped. Computers **turned off**, and the internet didn't work.

In some cities, traffic lights stopped working, so driving was difficult. In offices and **shops**, people had to stop what they were doing. Some people went **outside** to wait. Others used their phones if the battery was **full**.

After some time, the electricity came back. People were surprised, but everything returned to normal.

Questions for the student:

- 1. What time was the power cut?
- 2. What were people doing when it happened?
- 3. What problems did the power cut cause?
- 4. What did people do during the power cut?
- 5. How did people feel when it ended?
- 6. Where were you yesterday at 12.33?
- 7. Did you **notice** the power cut?

Comentado [ML1]: Prepositional verbs / phrasal verbs

Comentado [ML2R1]: Deactivate = turned off

Comentado [ML3]: Store (AmE)
Shopping centre (BrE) / center (AmE)
The mall (centro de compras grande)

Comentado [ML4]: Inside out (de dentro afuera)
Upside down (hacia abajo)

Comentado [ML5]: Empty / low vs high

Comentado [ML6R5]: I'm feeling low (apagado)

Blue (sad)

I'm feeling blue (sad)

Once in a blue moon (de uvas a peras): rarely

Out of the blue: de la nada (he showed up/appeared out of the blue)

Blue blood

(short) Story (narración, cuento) vs history (Spanish history)

Blue collar (working-class)

White collar (doctors...)

Sing the blues: complain or express sadness

I feel pity for her. She is always singing the blues.

What a pity! (qué pena)

Comentado [ML7]: Percibir, notar (feeling)

Realise/ize (BrE) (about): darse cuenta mentalmente