

# Abuela Invents the Zero

## Context Vocabulary

Here are some Spanish words and phrases that Cofer uses in the story that you should be easily able figure out. In fact, she intentionally uses only words and phrases that non-Spanish speakers will be able to figure out even with no knowledge of Spanish. For each word/phrase, what you think it means, and explain why you think it means that/how you came to figure that out (you cannot just write a quote—you must explain). The numbers in parentheses are the paragraph number the words are used.

**Important:** Even if you already know what the word/phrase means, you must explain how the sentence/context clues help to reveal the meaning of the word/phrase.

un cero (1)

meaning:

clues to meaning:

nada (1)

meaning:

clues to meaning:

abuela (2)

meaning:

clues to meaning:

la familia (2)

meaning:

clues to meaning:

la isla (2)

meaning:

clues to meaning:

el Polo Norte (4)

meaning:

clues to meaning:

entiendes (9)

meaning:

clues to meaning:

con permiso (12)

meaning:

clues to meaning:

Look at the following words and determine their meaning as they are being used in the text. Again, the numbers in parentheses are the paragraph numbers that the word is used.

obligation (11)

meaning:

clues to meaning:

congregation (13)

meaning:

clues to meaning:

sentence (16)

meaning:

clues to meaning: