## The Classified Ads Reclassified

Divino(a)	<b>Divine, Wonderful</b> Like <i>cielo(a)</i> , we say someone is <i>divino(a)</i> when the person is just too precious to be of this earth. This one is reserved for our precious children, that adorable puppy, and even that hot chick or steamy hunk with whom you are fascinated. <i>¡Está divino el muchacho que conocí en la fiesta!</i> = The guy that I met at the party is wonderful!
Dulce	<b>Sweetie</b> This one is less commonly heard than many of the others, but you can't go wrong in saying this to someone you adore. Besides, who wouldn't love to be called "sweetie"?
Flaco(a)	<b>Skinny</b> <i>Flaco(a)</i> means skinny but you certainly don't have to be skin and bones for someone to say it to you. Spoken affectionately, it is like saying, <i>"Mi amor"</i> (My love). So don't worry—your loved one won't ask you to step on the scale to confirm if you qualify to be called <i>flaco(a)</i> .
Gordo(a)	<b>Fatty, Fatso</b> In the identical way that <i>flaco(a)</i> is used in the above example, the same thing applies to <i>gordo(a)</i> . Though it may sound insulting and rude to you, it is not so in Latino culture. A husband may publicly call his wife <i>gorda</i> and a wife may call her husband <i>gordo</i> without remorse or thinking twice. In fact, I heard someone say, "My wife calls me <i>gordo</i> when she wants something from me." Again, it doesn't matter if you really are <i>gordo(a)</i> or not. You can actually be as skinny as a pole and still be lovingly referred to as <i>gordo</i> by your wife. By the way, don't be surprised to hear babies referred to as <i>gordos(as)</i> . It is quite common.

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