

Dole

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Dole is a noun and a verb.

First as a noun:

It refers to money the state gives to people who are unemployed, a subsidy (subsidio) unemployed people receive. Such a person is “on the dole” (estar cobrando subsidio de desempleo), or that person has “joined the dole queue” (cola del paro).

Now as a verb.

Consider this example: Mr. Morales doled out the products.

In this context it means that he gave, distributed or shared out (repartir, distribuir) the products. Please note that “dole” in this context collocates with “out”.

There **are two words with the same base but are different**. “Doleful” is an adjective that means sad, and someone can do something “dolefully” (tristemente).

If you missed our last article: Are you on the level?