

# Economic recovery in Spain? A forlorn hope?

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“Forlorn is an adjective and can be used to describe people, a cottage (casita de campo), town or a place, or something that has little hope. Examine these examples:

- Mr. Macron, the French President, looks forlorn. This means that he looks sad or melancholic. Perhaps in Spanish you would say that Mr. Macron “tiene aspecto triste”.
- Mr. Sanchez owns a forlorn (abandonada) cottage.
- An attempt to do something could be forlorn (desesperado). An example: Mr Sanchez’s plan to reduce unemployment is “a forlorn hope” (una vana esperanza).

The adverb is “forlornly”. A person may try to do something in a forlornly manner (sin demasiado entusiasmo).