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aguacate	avocado	epazote	wormseed (Dysphania ambrosioides)
amate	fig tree	escuincle	kid/runt
apapachar	cuddle or hug	guacamole	
atole	cornflour drink	guajolote	turkey
biznaga	barrel cactus	huarache	sandal
cacahuate	peanut	hule	rubber
cacao	cacao	ixtle	twine made from agave fibers
cacomisclé	ringtailed cat	jacal	adobe type housing structure
cajete	earthenware (clay) pot or bowl	jicama	
camote	sweet potato	jitomate	tomato
capulín	evergreen sumac (rhus virens)	malinchismo	tendency to favour things foreign
cempasúchil	Mexican marigold (Tagetes erecta)	mapache	raccoon
cenote	natural well/sinkhole usually made of limestone	matatena	jacks (children's game)
cenzontle	Northern mockingbird	metate	flat stone for grinding
cocol	traditional bread	mezcal	mescal
comal	hotplate/griddle	mezquite	mesquite
coyote		molcajete	mortar
cuate	twin or buddy	mole	
chamaco	kid	náhuatl	
chapopote	tar	nopal	
chapulín	grasshopper	ocelote	ocelot
chayote	type of squash (Sechium edule)	papalote	kite
chicle	gum	peyote	
chichi	boob	popote	straw
chihuahua		pozole	
chile		pulque	
enchilada		quetzal	
chinampa		tamal	



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chipote	slap/smack/swelling	tecolote	owl
chocolate		tejocote	
chuchuluco	junk food/snack	tepache	
ejote	green bean	tequila	
elote	corn	tianguis	outdoor market
epazote	wormseed (Dysphania ambrosioides)	tiza	chalk