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- nacarado,-da** *adj* pearly, nacreous
nacarar *vtr* to give a pearly luster to
nacarita *nf* kaolinite
naciente *nm* rising | east | *nmpl* headwaters | [Col] outcroppings
nacimiento *nm* spring or source | headwaters | *n. de un río* head of a river
nafta *nf* crude oil (*obs*) | naphtha | [Arg] gasoline | [Vz] high octane gasoline
naftalina *nf* naphthalene
nafteina *nf* naphthine (a fossil wax)
naftina *nf* naphthene
nagiagita *nf* nagyagite
naife *nm* uncut diamond
namaqualita *nf* cyanotrichite
namuriano,-na *adj* Namurian
namureense *adj* Namurian | *nm* Namurian
nanofósil *nf* nannofossil
nanosegundo *nm* nanosecond
nantoquita *nf* nantokite
napa *nf* plate | aquifer | *n. artesiana* artesian aquifer | *n. cautiva* confined groundwater | *n. colgada* perched aquifer | *n. de agua subterránea* water table | *n. rebajada* lowered groundwater
napoleanita *nf* corsite
naranja *adj* orange | *n. claro* light orange
nari *nf* nari (*var* of caliche)
nariz *nf* nose (of a fold)
narría *nf* a type of sledge
nata *nf* slag | [Méx] litharge
nativo,-va *adj* native
natroborocalcita *nf* ulexite
natrofilita *nf* natrophilite
natrofosfato *nm* natrophosphate
navaja *nf* pocket knife
nebraskiense *adj* Nebraskan
nefelina *nf* nepheline
nefelinita *nf* nephelinite
nefelinitoide *nm* nephelinitoid
nefelino *nm* nepheline
nefelita *nf* nepheline
nefeloides *adj* nepheloid
nefinolito *nm* nephinolite
nefrita *nf* jade, nephrite | nephritoid
nefrítico,-ca *adj* jade, nephritic
negativo,-va *adj* negative
negrillo *nm* native silver black in color | stephanite | dark colored copper-silver ore | [Arg, Méx] argentite | [Bol, Ch] complex silver sulfarsenate and antimonate ore | [Caracoles, Ch] complex sulfidide-sulfchloride-sulfide-carbonate silver-lead ore | [Huelva, Sp] copper rich ore | [Hualgáyoc, Pe] dark mixture of copper, iron and manganese oxides
negro,-ra *adj* black | *nm* black | [Ch, Pe] dark colored caliche | [Guadalcázar, Méx] lead-grey, hepatic cinnabar | [Méx] silver-rich tetrahedrite | [Méx] silver ore with a high galena content | [Fresnillo, Méx] finely disseminated native silver and argentite in a pyrite matrix | [Charcas, Méx] silver ore consisting of sphalerite, galena, arsenopyrite, and chalcopyrite | *n. de carbono* carbon black | *n. de humo* lamp black | *n. de plomo* graphite
negro-negro *nm* [Col] a black micaceous schist that hosts weathered out and hence barren silver veins
negrucco,-ca *adj* blackish, darkish
neis *nm* gneiss | *n. agmatítico* agmatic gneiss | *n. de ojos* augen gneiss | *n. filoniano* aldergneiss | *n. glandular* augen gneiss
néisico,-ca *adj* gneissic
nematoblástico,-ca *adj* nematoblastic
Nemausense *nm* Nemausian, Valanginien
neme *nm* [Col] manganese oxide
neoaútóctono *nm* neoautochthon
neoblasto *nm* neoblast
neoceno,-na *adj* Neogene
Neóccico *nm* Neocomian
neocomiano,-na *adj* Neocomian
neocomiense *adj* Neocomian | *nm* Neocomian
neocrystalización *nf* neocrystallization
neocrístico,-ca *adj* neocryst
neocrísto *nm* neocryst
neodimio *nm* neodymium
neóspato *nm* neospar
neoformación *nf* neogenesis
neogénico,-ca *adj* neogenic
neógeno,-na *adj* Neogene | *nm* Neogene
neoglaciación *nf* neoglaciation
neohexano *nm* neohexane
neomineralización *nf* neomineralization
neomorfismo *nm* neomorphism
neoporfirítico,-ca *adj* neoporphyritic
neosomo *nm* neosome
neotectónico,-ca *adj* neotectonic | *nm* neotectonics
neotipo *nm* neotype
neovolcánico,-ca *adj* neovolcanic
neozoico,-ca *adj* Quaternary
neptunio *nm* neptunium

nerítico,-ca *adj* neritic
nerviense *adj* Nervian | *nm* Nervian
nesofítico,-ca *adj* diabasic, nesophitic
nesosilicato *nm* nesosilicate
neudeckense *adj* Neudeckian | *nm* Neudeckian
neumatógeno,-na *adj* pneumatolytic
neumatolítico,-ca *adj* pneumatolytic
neumatolosis *nf* pneumatolysis
neuroviscoso,-sa *adj* viscous neutral
neuvizense *adj* Oxfordian | *nm* Oxfordian
nevadiense *adj* Nevadan
nevado *adj* snow-covered | *nm* firnfield, névé | snowcapped mountain, mountain with perpetual snow
nevero *nm* perennial snowcap or snowfield
neviza *nf* firn, névé
niagariense *adj* Niagaran
nicle *nm* a *var* of chalcedony with some bands darker than others
nicol *nm* nicol | *nicos cruzados* crossed nicols
nicolita *nf* niccolite, nicolite, nickeline
nicopirita *nf* pentlandite
niche *nm* niche | *n. de nivación* nivation hollow | *n. de rompiente* [geomorph] cove
nidada or **nida de oro** *nf* nest of gold
nido *nm* pocket (of ore) | nest (of minerals)
niega *nf* [Cartagena, Sp] sterile portion of a vein
nieve *nf* snow | *n. penitente* penitent, sun spike | *n. pulverulenta* powdery snow
nife *nm* earth's inner core, nife, sial
nifesima *nf* earth's inner core
níkel *nm* nickel
niobio *nm* niobium
niobofilita *nf* niobophyllite
níquel *nm* nickel | nickel ore | *n. arsénical* niccolite | *n. blanco* chloanthite | *n.-hierro* nickel-iron
niquelhexahidrita *nf* nickelhexahydrite
niquelífero,-ra *adj* nickel-bearing, nickeliferous
niquelina *nf* nickeline, niccolite
niquelocre *nm* annabergite
nitral *nm* nitrate bed or deposit | nitrate works
nitratina *nf* soda niter, nitratite, caliche
nitratita *nf* soda niter, nitratite, caliche
nitrato *nm* nitrate | *n. de amonio* ammonium nitrate | *n. de chile* saltpeter | *n. de potasio* potassium nitrate | *n. de sodio* sodium nitrate | *n. sódico* sodium nitrate
nitresa *nf* nitrate bed or deposit | nitrate works
nitrería *nf* niter bed | nitrate reduction works
nítrico,-ca *adj* nitric
nitrificación *nf* nitrification

nitro *nm* nitrate | niter, saltpeter | *n. de chile* soda niter | *n. potásico* potash niter | *n. sódico* soda niter
nitrógeno *nm* nitrogen
nitroso,-sa *adj* nitrous
nitruro *nm* nitride
nivación *nf* nivation
nivel *nm* level, height | level (tool) | [Santander, Sp] bed of calamine, worked as benches in a quarry | *n. de agrimensor* surveyor's level | *n. de(l) agua* water level | *n. de agua freática* water table | *n. de arrastre* haulage level | *n. de base* base level | *n. de burbuja* spirit level | *n. de confianza* confidence level | *n. de creciente* flood water level | *n. de erosión* | *n. de la galería* adit level | *n. de explotación* working level | *n. de extracción* hoisting level, winding level | *n. de fluido* fluid level (in a well) | *n. de la napa freática* phreatic water level | *n. de rebanada* slice level | *n. de saturación* level of saturation | *n. de suelo* ground level | *n. del mar* sea level | *n. esférico* spherical level | *n. estático* static water level | *n. estructural* structural stage | *n. fondo* grade level | *n. freático* water table | *n. hidráulico* level of saturation | *n. hidrostático* (ground)water level | hydrostatic level | *n. iluvial* illuvial horizon | *n. inferior* lower level | *n. intermediario* Intermediate level | *n. intermedio* blind level | *n. medio del mar* mean sea level | *n. paralelo* parallel heading | *n. piezométrico* hydraulic gradient | piezometric level | *n. principal* Main level | *n. superior* upper level | *al mismo n.* at the same level | *al n. de* on a level with | *a n.* level
nivelación *nf* leveling, aplanation
nivelador,-dora *adj* levelling | *nm* or *nf* leveller
nivelar *vtr* to level, survey (topographic mapping)
niveles *nmpl* water-bearing strata
niveleta *nf* levelling staff
no alterado,-da *adj* unaltered
no asfáltico,-ca *adj* nonasphaltic
nobelio *nm* nobelium
nobleza *nf* richness (of ore)
nocerita *nf* fluoborite
no concordancia *nf* nonconformity
nochistle *nm* [Méx] chalcopyrite | [Tasco, Méx] proustite
nódulo *nm* nodule | [Col] ore shoot | *n. ferruginoso* ferruginous nodule | *n. ferrífero* ball ironstone
noduloso,-sa *adj* nodular

- no estratificado,-da** *adj* unstratified
no explorado,-da *adj* unexplored
no explotado,-da *adj* unexploited, unworked
no ferroso,-sa *adj* nonferrous
no indurado,-da *adj* not indurated
nolí *nm* [Col] antimony oxysulphide derived by oxidation of stibnite
no metálico *nm* nonmetallic
nomograma *nm* nomograph
no polar *adj* non-polar
noque *nm* [Ch] large stone receptacle for calcining ores | stone through which amalgam is washed in the *patio* process | [Pe] canvas sack used to recover mercury from amalgam
nordfieldita *nf* esmeraldite
no renovable *adj* nonrenewable
norfolkense *adj* Norfolk | *nm* Norfolk
noría *nf* chain of buckets used to dewater mines | water wheel used to dewater mines
noriano,-na *adj* Norain
norriense *adj* Norian
norilskita *nf* norilskite
norma *nf* norm | pattern
normalización *nf* normalization
normalizar *vt* to normalize (math)
normativo,-va *adj* normative
norte *nm* north | *n. de brújula* compass north | *n magnético* magnetic north | *n. verdadero* true north
northfieldita *nf* esmeraldite
noseanolito *nm* noseanolith
nosena *nf* nosean, noselite
Notosilopeano *nm* [Patagonia, Arg] a local age at the base of the Miocene
novaculítico,-ca *adj* novaculitic
novato *nf* worker with no experience in drilling wells, "boll weevil"
nube *nm* cloud | *n. ardiente* ash flow | *n. de cenizas* ash cloud
núcleo *nm* nucleus | core | [Río Tinto, Sp] nodule of copper ore | *n. antiguo* shield | *n. atómico* atomic nucleus | *n. de la tierra* earth's core | *n. de pliegue* arch core | *n. del sinclinal* trough core | *n. mineralizado* ore shoot | *n. terrestre* earth's core | *n. testigo* drill core
nucleogénesis *nf* nucleogenesis
nudo *nm* kink | knot of ore, etc. | junction of two mountain ranges
nudoso,-sa *adj* knotty, bunched
nuevita *nf* samarskite
nuevoleoniense *adj* Nuevoleonian
numérico,-ca *adj* numerical
número *nm* number | *n. al azar* random number | *n. atómico* atomic number | *n. de octano* octane number
numulítico,-ca *adj* Paleogene
nusco *nm* [Amazonas, Pe] gold-bearing iron and manganese oxide-talc-quartz ore