

Lexical varieties: refresco

An illustration features three young people, likely teenagers, each drinking a beverage with a straw.

To the left:

- a boy with short dark hair is drinking from a red and white cup. Above him, a text box defines "la soda" as used in Cuba, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, and Panama.
 - [Listen to "La soda" being pronounced.](#)

Below him:

- another text box defines "la gaseosa" as used in Argentina, Bolivia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Panama, and Ecuador.
 - [Listen to "La gaseosa" being pronounced.](#)

In the center:

- a girl with light brown hair in pigtails is smiling and drinking from a clear cup with a red lid.

To the right:

- a girl with dark brown hair in a bun is drinking from a clear cup with a dark lid. Below her, a text box defines "el refresco" as used in the Dominican Republic, Spain, Bolivia, Cuba, Honduras, Mexico, and Puerto Rico. Above her, a text box defines "la bebida" as used in Chile and Ecuador.
 - [Listen to "El refresco" being pronounced.](#)
 - [Listen to "La bebida" being pronounced.](#)

All three figures appear to be enjoying their drinks, and the illustration seems to be categorizing different Spanish terms for "soda" or "soft drink" based on regional usage.