SPANISH LANGUAGE

Introduction to Spanish Language and Culture

Lesson 1:1

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Language: Greetings

- Saying hello and goodbye
- Introducing yourself
- Getting to know people
- Background: in Spanish we say
- Senor (Sr) for a man
- Senora Sra) for a woman

Greetings: morning, afternoon, evening. In Spanish greetings are both formal and informal

Saying 'hello'/ 'hi': Listen to the pronunciation/ then repeat after me

- Good morning: buenos dias
- Good afternoon/ good evening: buenas tardes
- Good evening: buenas noches
- Hello/hi: hola, buenos dias
- ¿Como esta?: how are you
- Fine, thanks: bien gracias
- And you?: ¿y usted?

Listen to the receptionist greet guests and fill in the forms:

1. ……Sanchez
2. …… Garcia
3. ……..Gutierrez
4. ……Robles

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Senor Garcia (person A) meets Senora Sanchez in the hotel (person B)
Listen then repeat:

A: Buenas tardes, señora Sanchez.
B: Hola, buenas tardes. ¿Cómo esta?
A: Bien, gracias. ¿Y usted?
B: Bien, bien

Let's role play the dialogue

Background: In Spanish/ en espanol greetings are also informal

- You, informal: tu
- To ask how they are: ¿que tal? ¿ como estas?

Dialogue: Listen to two friends greet each other:

A:Hola Amelia. ¿Qué tal?
B: Bien. Y tu, ¿como estas?
A: Bien

Background: Why do Spanish have 2 last names?

Within the Hispanic tradition, the woman does not change her surnames when she gets married. Instead, the combination of our parents' first surnames represents the unity of two families and the formation of a new one. Hence, **both surnames carry great value for many Hispanics**

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Saying goodbye

Key phrases:
Listen then repeat:

- Goodbye: Adios
- See you later: hasta luego
- Goodnight/ goodbye: buenas noches
- Bye, have a nice day: Adios buenos dias
- Bye, have a nice evening: Adiós, buenas tarde
- Bye, see you later : Adiós, hasta luego

The receptionist says goodbye to two guests: Listen, then repeat:

1. Adios, hasta luego, señor Rodriguez
2. Adiós, buenas tardes, señora Sanchez

At 11 pm senor Garcia leaves the hotel: Listen and fill in the gaps:

1. ……., senor Garcia.
2. ……,.....

Your turn: How would you greet the following people at the time given?

1. @ 11:15 am The hotel receptionist
2. @ 14:25 a business colleague
3. @ 17:50 a good friend
4. @ 21: 45 an elderly neighbour

Your turn: how would you:

1. Greet your friend
2. Ask an elderly neighbour how she is
3. Say goodby at 5pm
4. Say goodbye to a friend whom you expect to see later

Culture: The History of Spain (click the link)

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Language: Introducing yourself

Background: In Spanish we do not always say 'I', 'we', 'you' these words are included in the verb

Key phrases: listen then repeat:

- I am: (yo) soy….
- You are: (usted) es….

Dialogues: At a conference: listen then repeat:

1.
A: Buenos días. ¿Usted es Juan Valcarcel?
B: Si, soy yo

2.
A: Hola, buenos días. ¿Usted es?
B: Hola. Soy Carmen Terras

3.
A: Buenos dias. ¿Usted es Olga Lopez?
B: No, yo soy Olga Sanchez

Listen, then fill in the gaps:

Javier: Hola, buenos dias. ……Javier Penalver.
Luis: Buenos días, ……. Luis Roman.¿ Como esta?
Javier: Bien, gracias. Hola. ¿Usted Gemma Miranda?
Julia: No, …..Julia Miranda.

Now repeat after me

Now role play

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Getting to know people

Background: in Spanish 'usted' and 'tu' both mean 'you'

- Usted: to someone you don't know well or an older person
- Tu: to someone you might call by their first name

Usted: ¿Cómo está?.....¿ cómo se llama?
Tu: ¿Cómo estás?.....¿ cómo te llamas?

Listen to key phrases, then repeat:

- What's your name? Usted: ¿Cómo se llama?
- What's your name ? tu: ¿Cómo te llamas?
- My name is Susan: Me llamo Susan
- Excuse me? ; Perdon?
- Pleased to meet you: Mucho gusto

Dialogue

Listen then repeat:

- A: Hola, soy Eduardo Flores. ¿Cómo se llama?
- B: Me llamo Mercedes Guillen.
- A: Perdon?
- B: Me llamo Mercedes Guillen.
- A: Mucho gusto

Role play

Dialogue: Two young people are asking each other's names.

Listen, then repeat:

- Paco: Hola. ¿Cómo te llamas?
- Alejandra: Alejandra. ¿Y tu?
- Paco: Yo, me llamo Paco. Y tú , ¿cómo te llamas?
- Rocio: Me llamo Rocio.

Now role play

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Listen to four conversations, note which uses the 'usted' form and which uses 'tu':

A……. B…….. C……. D…….

Dialogues: fill in the gaps:

1.It's midday and you sit down at a table in a cafe. The woman sitting next to you greets you.

- Buenos dias
- Greet her and introduce yourself.
- Mucho gusto. Yo soy Susan James.
- You didn't hear, so say 'excuse me'
- Susan James
- Say you're pleased to meet her.

3. Later you meet your friend Juan

- Greet your friend and ask him how he is
- Bien. Y tu?
- Say you're well.

4. Your friend introduces you to his mother and son

- Say you're pleased to meet her and ask her how she is.
- Bien, bien. Gracias.
- Say hello to the boy and ask him his name.
- Jaime.
- Say goodbye to the mother and wish her a nice evening.
- Adios
- Say goodbye to your friend. Say you'll see him later.

QUIZ

1. What greeting would you use at 5pm?
2. How do you say 'see you later' in Spanish?'
3. When do you use 'buenas noches'?
4. To whom would you say como estas?
5. Would you use tu or usted with someone you don't know?
6. How do you say' I'm not Cristiana?
7. What are two ways of introducing yourself?
8. Which phrase means 'how are you'?
9. How do you say you are pleased to meet someone?

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Spanish Number song: Numbers 1-10 (click on the link)

Culture: Regions of Spain (click on the link)

Suggestions:

- Repeat the phrases out loud several times to remember them.
- Go to the links to watch the videos again
- And keep singing!

Adiós y hasta la semana que viene!
Bye and see you next week!

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