

## LESSON NOTES

# Newbie #7

## I'm Argentine. I'm American.

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## DIALOGUE - FORMAL SPANISH

### MAIN

1. SRA. ROSSI :                               ¿De qué país es usted?
2. SR. GUTIERREZ :                           Yo soy estadounidense. ¿Y usted, de qué país?
3. SRA. ROSSI :                               Yo soy argentina.
4. SR. GUTIERREZ :                           ¿De qué ciudad es usted?
5. SRA. ROSSI :                               Yo soy de Mendoza.

### ENGLISH

1. MRS. ROSSI :                               What country are you from, Sir?
2. MR. GUTIERREZ :                           I am American. And you Ma'am, what country?
3. MRS. ROSSI :                               I am Argentine.
4. MR. GUTIERREZ :                           What city are you from, Ma'am?
5. MRS. ROSSI :                               I am from Mendoza.

## DIALOGUE - INFORMAL SPANISH

### MAIN

1. SRA. ROSSI :                               ¿De qué país eres tú?
2. SR. GUTIERREZ :                           Yo soy estadounidense. ¿Y tú, de qué país?
3. SRA. ROSSI :                               Yo soy argentina.
4. SR. GUTIERREZ :                           ¿De qué ciudad eres tú?
5. SRA. ROSSI :                               Yo soy de Mendoza.

## ENGLISH

1. MRS. ROSSI : What country are ya' from?
2. MR. GUTIERREZ : I'm American. And you, what country?
3. MRS. ROSSI : I'm Argentine.
4. MR. GUTIERREZ : What city are ya' from?
5. MRS. ROSSI : I'm from Mendoza.

## VOCABULARY

Spanish	English	Class	Gender
qué	what	adjective, pronoun, adverb	
de qué	from what, from which	interrogative adjectival phrase	
país	country	noun	masculine
estadounidense	American	adjective, noun	masc. & fem.
argentino, -a	Argentine	adjective, noun	masc. & fem.
ciudad	city	noun	feminine

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

¿Qué tienes? "What do you have?"	¿De qué país eres? "What country are you from?"
¿En qué país vives? "What country do you live in?"	El es estadounidense. "He's American."
Ellos son argentinos. "They are Argentine."	La ciudad es grande. "The city is large."

## GRAMMAR

When the question "¿de qué país eres?" (What country are you from) is asked, the response can contain the adjectival form of the country, instead of the noun form. For example, I may respond "soy estadounidense" (I am American) or "soy de los Estados Unidos). In Spanish, the name of the country is used with the initial letter capitalized, and the adjectival form of the countries (i.e. the nationalities) is completely in lowercase. Here is a list of some countries with their corresponding adjectives:

English	Country in Spanish	Adjective in Spanish
Argentina	Argentina	argentino, -a
Bolivia	Bolivia	boliviano, -a
Chile	Chile	chileno, -a
Cuba	Cuba	cubano, -a
Ecuador	Ecuador	ecuatoriano, -a
England	Inglaterra	inglés, -a
France	Francia	francés, -a
Germany	Alemania	alemán, -a
Holland	Holanda	holandés, -a
Honduras	Honduras	hondureño, -a
Haiti	Haiti	haitiano, -a
Italy	Italia	italiano, -a
Peru	Perú	peruano, -a
Sweden	Suecia	sueco, -a
United States	Estados Unidos	estadounidense

## CULTURAL INSIGHT

As a result of economic and political instability in years past, many Latinos have come to the United States in search of safety and work. As of now, there are about 41.3 million Latinos living in the United States. About 2 million small businesses in America are owned by Latinos, and these bring in \$300 billion in gross annual income. It is also worth mentioning that about half of the Latinos living in the United States (41.3 million) have family members still living in Latin American countries. Having this perspective, it is not difficult to foresee the imminent need to learn Spanish as an American.