

LESSON NOTES

# Newbie S1 #17

## It's cloudy out

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# DIALOGUE - SPANISH

## MAIN

1. MARCOS : Hay muchas nubes.
2. FÉLIX : Sí, está nublado.
3. OLIVIA : Siempre hay nubes en Concepción.
4. MARCOS : El cielo está gris.
5. OLIVIA : Hay niebla también.

## ENGLISH

1. MARCOS : There are a lot of clouds.
2. FÉLIX : Yeah, it's cloudy out.
3. OLIVIA : There are always clouds in Concepción.
4. MARCOS : The sky is grey.
5. OLIVIA : There is fog too.

## VOCABULARY

Spanish	English	Class	Gender
haber	to have, there is, there are	verb	
nube	cloud	noun	feminine
nublado, -a	cloudy	adjective, past participle	feminine
cielo	sky, the heavens	noun	masculine
gris	grey	noun	masculine
niebla	fog	noun	feminine

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

Mañana habrá conciertos en el parque. "Tomorrow, there will be a concert in the park."	Las nubes están grandes. "The clouds are big."
Está nublado. "It's cloudy."	El cielo está nublado. "The sky is cloudy."

Gris no es un color muy llamativo.

El cielo está gris.

"Gray is not a very flashy color."

"The sky is grey."

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La niebla siempre es gris.

"Fog is always grey."

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## GRAMMAR

In Lessons 15 and 16, we looked at weather expressions that use the word "hace" and a weather adjective. Today, we're going to have a look at weather expressions that take "está" and "hay". We know that "está" comes from "estar" (to be). Coming from the verb "haber" (to have), the form "hay" means "there is" or "there are". Let's look at some examples:

"hay nubes" (there *are* clouds)

"está nublado" (it is cloudy)

"hay niebla" (there *is* fog)

"está húmedo" (it is humid)

"hay humedad" (there *is* humidity)

"está gris" (it is grey)

So you can see that there are different ways to express weather conditions in Spanish, aside from using the word "hace". These words covered here "está" and "hay" are important for these expressions, as well as for many others that will be covered in future lessons.

## CULTURAL INSIGHT

In the city of Concepción, Chile, in what is known as the Lake District, just north of Patagonia, the coastal town wakes up everyday to a saline cloud cover rolling in off the Pacific Ocean. In the drier months, this curious fog gives you the impression that the sun will not only be hidden from you today, but will not be showing itself for a long time. Yet, lo and behold, on a daily basis, the sun burns off this Pacific fog by eight or nine in the morning, revealing a sky as blue as can be the day throughout. This fog is one of the enchantments of Concepción.