

LESSON NOTES

Newbie #24

Can you all speak English?

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DIALOGUE - FORMAL SPANISH

MAIN

1. YMA : ¿Ustedes entienden inglés?
2. MARISSA : Sí, yo entiendo, si usted habla despacio.
3. LUKE : Sí. Mi esposa y yo entendemos inglés.
4. YMA : Muy bien. Empecemos el tour con la tumba de Francisco Pizarro.

ENGLISH

1. YMA : Can you all understand English?
2. MARISSA : Yes, I can, if you speak slowly.
3. LUKE : Yes. My wife and I understand English
4. YMA : Very well. We begin the tour with the tomb of Francisco Pizarro.

DIALOGUE - INFORMAL SPANISH

MAIN

1. YMA : Vosotros entendedéis inglés?
2. MARISSA : Sí, yo entiendo, si hablas despacio.
3. LUKE : Sí. Mi esposa y yo entendemos inglés.
4. YMA : Muy bien. Empecemos el tour con la tumba de Francisco Pizarro.

ENGLISH

1. YMA : Are ya' ll able to understand English?
2. MARISSA : Yeah, I can, if ya' speak slowly.
3. LUKE : Yeah. My wife and I can understand English
4. YMA : Very well. We begin the tour with the tomb of Fransisco Pizarro.

VOCABULARY

Spanish	English	Class	Gender
entender	to understand	verb	
despacio	slow, slowly	adverb	
esposo(-a)	husband, wife	noun	masculine
empezar	to begin, to start	verb	
tour	tour	noun	masculine
tumba	tomb, grave	noun	feminine

SAMPLE SENTENCES

¿Entendiste? "Did you understand?"	Creo que te entendí mal. ¿Me lo puedes repetir? "I think I misunderstood you. Can you repeat it for me?"
Entendemos el inglés. "We understand English."	¡Vamos despacio! "Let's go slowly!"
Mi esposo trabaja en el centro, cerca de la plaza mayor. "My husband works at the center, close to the Mayor Plaza."	El empezó a trabajar en la gasolinería hace una semana. "He started working at the gas station a week ago."
Yo empecé mis clases hace un mes. "I began my classes a month ago."	El tour empieza acá. "The tour begins here."
La tumba de Pizarro está aquí. "Pizarro's tomb is here."	

GRAMMAR

In Spanish, the word for "language" is "idioma". Even though this ends with an "-a", it is *masculine*. That is, we saw "*el idioma*" (*the language*). The same happens when we use an adjective to describe 'what kind' of language. For example, "*el idioma español*" (the Spanish language). Moreover, we often omit the word "idioma" (language) and simply say "*el español*" (Spanish). In English, when we do this, we also omit the article, but in Spanish, we need the article in order to know that we are talking about a language. Here is a list of languages in Spanish:

Language in English	Language in Spanish
Spanish	el español
English	el inglés
Japanses	el japonés
German	el alemán
Dutch	el holandés
French	el francés
Chinese	el chino
Italian	el italiano
Potuguese	el portugués
Swedish	el sueco

CULTURAL INSIGHT

As is well known, the English language is spoken in many parts of the world. Latin America is no exception. But, in Latin America, everyone does not speak English, in fact most people do not. The English language is often spoken by business professionals who work in some field that participates in the global market. It's also spoken by many academics in a whole range of fields. You will also find that English is spoken all through the tourism industry. It is, by far, the first language, after Spanish, spoken in tourism. English is also spoken frequently by children, who are growing up with English in their schools, on the internet, and on television. In general, English is spoken by much of the upper class in most Latin American countries, as a result of private education curriculum and a number of other factors.