

## LESSON TRANSCRIPT

# Absolute Beginner S3 #19

## Making an Appointment in Spanish

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## INTRODUCTION

Alisha: Hi everybody, this is Alisha.

Fernando: Hola amigos, soy Fernando.

Alisha: Welcome back to SpanishPod101.com. This is Absolute Beginner Season 3, Lesson 19 – Making an Appointment in Mexico

Fernando: In this lesson you'll learn how to make plans and schedule activities with friends using Spanish.

Alisha: This conversation is between Ashley and her friend Jorge and takes place during a car ride in Mexico City.

Fernando: The speakers already know each other, so they'll be using casual Spanish.

Alisha: Let's listen to the conversation.

## LESSON CONVERSATION

Alisha: Buenas noches, Jorge, ¿a qué hora nos vemos mañana?

Jorge: A las diez, ¿está bien?

Alisha: Sí, está bien.

Jorge: Ok, hasta mañana.

Alisha: Let's hear the conversation one time slowly.

Alisha: Buenas noches, Jorge, ¿a qué hora nos vemos mañana?

Jorge: A las diez, ¿está bien?

Alisha: Sí, está bien.

Jorge: Ok, hasta mañana.

Alisha: Now let's hear it with the English translation.

Alisha: Buenas noches, Jorge, ¿a qué hora nos vemos mañana?

Good night, Jorge, what time shall we meet tomorrow?

Jorge: A las diez, ¿está bien?

At ten o'clock, is that ok?

Alisha: Sí, está bien.

Sure, that's fine.

Jorge: Ok, hasta mañana.

Ok, see you tomorrow.

## POST CONVERSATION BANTER

Alisha: So the conversation starts with Ashley saying “good night”.

Fernando: Buenas noches.

Alisha: It was interesting because I think in English, good night is something you’d say as the last thing before you part ways.

Fernando: Yes, in that way, this phrase is a little different in Spanish. It works as a greeting too.

Alisha: So, for example, if you see someone at nighttime, and want to say hi, you could say “good night?”

Fernando: Right! ‘Buenas noches’. It’d be like saying “good evening” in English.

Alisha: Ohh okay, that makes sense! Can you remind us again when we use the different greetings?

Fernando: Sure, we say ‘buenos días’ until about 11 or 12 o’clock, ‘buenas tardes’ until 7 or 8, and ‘buenas noches’ until we go home.

Alisha: Okay, sounds good! Now it’s time for the vocab.

## VOCAB LIST

Let's take a look at the vocabulary for this lesson.

The first word we shall see is:

Fernando: buenas noches [natural native speed]

good night

Fernando: buenas noches [slowly - broken down by syllable]

Fernando: buenas noches [natural native speed]

Next:

Fernando: a [natural native speed]

to, at

Fernando: a [slowly - broken down by syllable]

Fernando: a [natural native speed]

Next:

Alisha: qué [natural native speed]

what

Alisha: qué [slowly - broken down by syllable]

Alisha: qué [natural native speed]

Next:

Fernando: hora [natural native speed]

time,

hour

Fernando: hora [slowly - broken down by syllable]

Fernando: hora [natural native speed]

Next:

Alisha: verse [natural native speed]

to see each other, to meet

Alisha: verse [slowly - broken down by syllable]

Alisha: verse [natural native speed]

Next:

Fernando: mañana [natural native speed]

tomorrow, morning

Fernando: mañana [slowly - broken down by syllable]

Fernando: mañana [natural native speed]

Next:

Alisha: diez [natural native speed]

ten

Alisha: diez [slowly - broken down by syllable]

Alisha: diez [natural native speed]

Next:

Fernando: bien [natural native speed]

good/well

Fernando: bien [slowly - broken down by syllable]

Fernando: bien [natural native speed]

Next:

Alisha: hasta [natural native speed]

until, up to

Alisha: hasta [slowly - broken down by syllable]

Alisha: hasta [natural native speed]

## KEY VOCABULARY AND PHRASES

Alisha Let's have a closer look at the usage for some of the words and phrases from this lesson. The first phrase we'll look at is....

Fernando: "nos vemos".

Alisha: Can you explain this please?

Fernando: Ok. Ashley was trying to set a time to meet Jorge the next day, so she said

'nos vemos'. Actually she said, 'nos vemos mañana.'

Alisha: Let's meet tomorrow.

Fernando: Repeat after me- 'nos vemos mañana' [pause]

Alisha: What is the root verb of 'vemos'?

Fernando: 'Ver' meaning "to see". So 'nos vemos' actually means "we see each other".

Alisha: 'Nos' means we?

Fernando: That's right, we will study that in future lessons.

Alisha: Ok. Is there anything else we can say instead of "see you tomorrow"? Like, "see you later"?

Fernando: Sure, that would be - 'Nos vemos después'. "We'll meet later", or "let's meet later".

Alisha: Ok, and our next phrase is...

Fernando: Hasta mañana.

Alisha: See you tomorrow.

Fernando: Repeat after me - 'hasta mañana' [pause]

Alisha: So 'hasta' means "see you"?

Fernando: Not really. 'Hasta' literally means "until", but the entire phrase has the meaning of "see you later".

Alisha: Is it okay to say this just casually every time we part ways with somebody?

Fernando: Well, only if you're actually planning to meet them the next day.

Alisha: So if we are unsure if we're meeting the next day, what should we say?

Fernando: 'Nos vemos pronto', which is "see you soon", or simply "nos vemos..."

Alisha: Everyone, please repeat.

Fernando: Nos vemos pronto [pause]

Nos vemos... [pause]

Alisha: Ok, time to move onto the grammar.

## LESSON FOCUS

Alisha: In this lesson, you'll learn how to make appointments.

Fernando: Yes, and in order to do this, we need to review a key expression.

Alisha: At what time.

Fernando: A qué hora.

Alisha: So for example, if you want to say "at what time shall we meet, what would that be?"

Fernando: Repeat after me - 'A qué hora nos vemos'

([pause])

Fernando: So just remember 'A qué hora' plus the action.

Alisha: The action will be in the first person plural form - "we". So let's look at some other examples. At what time shall we leave?

Fernando: A qué hora nos vamos?

Alisha: At what time shall we eat?

Fernando: A qué hora comemos?

Alisha: Now, how would we answer this type of question?

Fernando: It's quite simple. Just repeat the verb, and then say what time. Remember, to say what time something happens, we say 'a', and then the time.

Alisha: So if we were to say... "Let's meet at 10 o'clock", what would that be?

Fernando: Well, let's look at the question again. 'A qué hora nos vemos?'

Alisha: What time shall we meet?

Fernando: So we take the verb - 'Nos vemos'

Alisha: We'll meet

Fernando: and then add the time. 'A las diez.'

Alisha: At 10 o'clock.

Fernando: Nos vemos a las diez.

Alisha: "We'll meet at 10 o'clock", or "Let's meet at 10 o'clock". Please repeat.

Fernando: Nos vemos a las diez [pause]

Alisha: Let's try it with some other times. How about, "let's meet at twelve o'clock."

Fernando: 'Nos vemos a las doce.' Please repeat - 'Nos vemos a las doce.' [pause]

Alisha: Let's meet at one o'clock.

Fernando: 'Nos vemos a la una.' Please repeat - 'Nos vemos a la una.' [pause]

Alisha: Let's look at the examples from the dialogue. Ashley said -

Fernando: a qué hora nos vemos mañana?

Alisha: "What time shall we meet tomorrow?" And Jorge's answer was...?

Fernando: A las diez, ¿está bien?

Alisha: "At 10, is that okay?" So he didn't even repeat the verb here.

Fernando: Right, simply saying the time itself is fine too, like in English. 'A las diez'. "At 10". And then he follows it with, '¿está bien?'

Alisha: Is that okay? That's a good phrase to include when you're making plans with someone. Please repeat.

Fernando: ¿está bien? [pause]

Fernando: And then Ashley said 'Sí, está bien.'

Alisha: "Sure, that's fine." Please

repeat.

Fernando: Sí, está bien. [pause]

Fernando: And Jorge replied with 'Ok, hasta mañana.'

Alisha: "Okay, see you tomorrow." Please repeat -

Fernando: Ok, hasta mañana. [pause]

Alisha: Ok, I think that's going to do it for today!

Fernando: Thanks for listening!

Alisha: Try making your own sentences in the comment section using what you've learned!

Fernando: Yes, and we'll help you out.

Alisha: Bye everyone!

Fernando: See you next time, listeners. Nos vemos pronto!