

## LESSON NOTES

# Absolute Beginner S1 #21

## I have a Spanish request for you!

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# # 21

## FORMAL SPANISH

1. Pidiendo un taxi por teléfono
2. MANUEL: Buenas tardes. Un taxi a la avenida Sierra, número 732, por favor.
3. TAXISTA: Claro que sí. En quince minutos llega.
4. MANUEL: Gracias. ¿Aceptan tarjeta de crédito?
5. TAXISTA: Por supuesto.

## ENGLISH

1. Calling for a taxi on the phone
2. MANUEL: Good afternoon. A taxi to 732 Sierra Avenue, please.
3. TAXI COMPANY: Certainly. It'll arrive in 15 minutes.
4. MANUEL: Thanks. Do you accept credit cards?
5. TAXI COMPANY: Of course.

## VOCABULARY

Spanish	English	Class
por favor	please	phrase
Claro que sí.	Yes, of course.	phrase
llegar	to arrive	verb

aceptar	accept
por supuesto	Of course

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>¡Vamos por favor!</p> <p>"Let's go please!"</p>	<p>¿Si quiero venir? ¡Claro que sí!</p> <p>"Do I want to come? Yes, of course!"</p>
<p>¿A qué hora piensas llegar?</p> <p>"What time are you thinking of arriving?"</p>	<p>He aceptado tu propuesta.</p> <p>"I have accepted your proposal."</p>

Por supuesto que voy a tu fiesta de cumpleaños!

"Of course I'm going to your birthday party!"

## VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

### **por favor ("please")**

Whenever someone uses *por favor*, it always means "please."

### **claro que sí ("of course")**

We very often use the phrase *claro que sí* in Spanish to say "of course, yes." We can also use *no* instead of *si* to make it negative if we want to say "of course not."

### **llegar ("to arrive")**

*Llega* comes from the verb *llegar*. In the dialogue, we use *llega* in the third person singular. It means "to arrive."

### **aceptar ("to accept")**

*Acepta* comes from the verb *aceptar*. In the dialogue, we use *aceptar* in the third person singular. It means "to accept."

## ***por supuesto* ("of course")**

The translation of *por supuesto* is "of course" or "for sure." We very commonly use it in Spanish, especially when someone is asking us a question.

## GRAMMAR

### **The Focus of This Lesson Is Forming a Request Using *Por Favor*.**

***Buenas tardes. Un taxi a la avenida Sierra, número 732, por favor.***

**"Good afternoon. A taxi to 732 Sierra Avenue, please."**

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When making a request in Spanish, we often use *por favor*, which means "please," to ask for it. *Por* is a preposition, and *favor* has the meaning of "favor" in English. Remember that when you need to ask for something, you can use *un\_\_\_, por favor*. Remember to put the item you want before *por favor*.

### Formation

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**[item you want] + *por favor***

<b>Article</b>	<b>Noun</b>	<b><i>Por favor</i></b>	<b>"English"</b>
<i>Un</i>	<i>pan</i>	<i>por favor</i>	"One (piece of) bread, please"
<i>Una</i>	<i>caja</i>	<i>por favor</i>	"One box, please"
<i>Unas</i>	<i>monedas</i>	<i>por favor</i>	"Some coins, please"

### Examples from This Dialogue

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1. *Buenas tardes. Un taxi a la avenida Sierra, número 732, por favor.*  
"Good afternoon. A taxi to Sierra Avenue, Number 732, please."

### Sample Sentences

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1. *Una camisa blanca, por favor.*  
"One white shirt, please."
2. *Un collar de oro, por favor.*  
"One gold necklace, please."

## CULTURAL INSIGHT

Taxis are very helpful when we want to get to places. It does not matter where we are, but we know that in most countries, taxis are available to people. Be aware that in Spanish-speaking countries, there are two ways to access taxis. One way is by calling a taxi from a company and requesting one. The other way is by going on the street and stopping a taxi there; however, this is not the best way to go. It is better to pay a little more money for a taxi while being safe.