

LESSON NOTES

Absolute Beginner S1 #25

Use your Spanish to Make Friends and Influence People!

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INFORMAL SPANISH

1. Conociendo a otras personas.
2. PACO: Hola. ¿Cómo se llaman?
3. SOFÍA: Yo, Sofía. Mucho gusto. ¿Y tú?
4. PACO: Igualmente. Yo soy Paco y mi amigo se llama Samuel.
5. NORA: Y yo soy Nora. Por favor, siéntense.

ENGLISH

1. Meeting new people
2. PACO: Hi. What are your names?
3. SOFIA: I'm Sofia. Nice to meet you! And you?
4. PACO: Same here. I'm Paco, and my friend here is Samuel.
5. NORA: And I'm Nora. Please have a seat.

VOCABULARY

Spanish	English	Class
llamarse	to be called	verb
mucho gusto	it's a pleasure	phrase
igualmente	likewise	adverb
sentarse	to take a seat	pronominal verb

ser	hello, hi	interjection, expression
tú	you	personal pronoun
yo	I	personal pronoun
cómo	how	adverb

SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>¿Cómo te llamas?</p> <p>"What's your name?"</p>	<p>Mucho gusto.</p> <p>"It's a pleasure."</p>
<p>¡Qué tenga mucha suerte!...</p> <p>¡Igualmente!</p> <p>"Good luck!... Same to you!"</p>	<p>Puedes sentarte donde tú quieras.</p> <p>"You can take a seat wherever you like."</p>
<p>Hola, ¿cómo esta ud?</p> <p>"Hi, how are you?" (formal)</p>	<p>Tú hablas bien.</p> <p>"You speak well."</p>
<p>Yo estoy feliz.</p> <p>"I am happy."</p>	<p>¿Cómo se dice?</p> <p>"How do you say it?"</p>
<p>Dime cómo usar el control remoto.</p> <p>"Tell me how to use the remote control."</p>	<p>¿Cómo se llama usted?</p> <p>"What's your name?" (formal)</p>

VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

llamarse ("to call")

This verb comes from the verb *llamar*. *Llama* is the third person plural, and its translation is "to call." When it comes to the usage, we use it to introduce ourselves or other people as well. As we can see in the dialogue, *se llama Samuel* does not translate as "to call Samuel." Instead, it means "his name is Samuel."

***mucho gusto* ("nice to meet you")**

When we use *mucho gusto* in a conversation where people are being introduced, then it means "nice to meet you." In introductions, the only meaning is "nice to meet

***igualmente* ("likewise")**

Although we often use *igualmente* to say "equally" or "likewise," sometimes it can also mean "you too" or "the same to you" depending on the context.

***sentarse* ("to sit down")**

In the dialogue, we use the verb *sentar* in the third person plural, which is *sientense*, which means to "sit down."

GRAMMAR

The Focus of This Lesson Is Reviewing How to Introduce Yourself and Others.

Igualmente. Yo soy Paco y mi amigo se llama Samuel

"Same here. I'm Paco, and my friend here is Samuel."

In this lesson, we'll review how to introduce yourself and others using *llamarse* and *ser*.

In the dialogue, we see how Paco is introducing himself as well as his friend. We also see how we use the verb *llamar* in the third person singular: we use *llama* to introduce Samuel.

Ways to Introduce Yourself and Others

Let's take a look at some common ways to introduce yourself.

Phrase	Name	"English"	Notes
<i>(Yo) soy</i>	___.	"I'm ___."	Literally means "I'm ___."
<i>Me llamo*</i>	___.	"I'm ___."	Literally means "I call myself ___."

<i>Mi nombre es</i>	_____.	"My name is _____."	Sometimes used in more formal situations (on the phone, etc.).
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*Conjugating *llamarse*:

The table below shows the conjugation of the verb *llamarse* in the present tense.

Spanish	"English"
<i>me llamo</i>	"I am called"
<i>te llamas</i>	"you are called" (familiar)
<i>se llama</i>	"he/she/it is called," "you are called" (formal)
<i>nos llamamos</i>	"we are called"
<i>os llamaís</i>	"you all are called"
<i>se llaman</i>	"you all are called," "they are called"

Introducing Someone Else

Phrase	Name	"English"	Notes
<i>Se llama*</i>	_____.	"He she is _____."	Literally means "He/she calls himself/herself _____."

Phrases Commonly Used in Introductions

Spanish	"English"
<i>Mucho gusto.</i>	"Nice to meet you."
<i>Encantado(a) de conocerle.</i>	"Pleased to meet you."
<i>Igualmente.</i>	"Same here" or "Likewise."

Examples from This Dialogue

1. *Yo soy Paco y mi amigo se llama Samuel*
"I'm Paco, and my friend here is Samuel."
2. *Y yo soy Nora.*
"And I'm Nora."

Sample Sentences

1. *Yo me llamo Juana y mi madre se llama Pilar.*
"My name is Juana, and my mom's name is Pilar."
2. *Hola Martin, mi amiga se llama Margarita.*
"Hello, Martin, my friend's name is Margarita."

CULTURAL INSIGHT

Being Safe While Being Friendly

Meeting people is very common in Spanish-speaking countries. Just with a simple hello, a long-lasting friendship can begin, but other times, a hello can be taken in a bad way. When we introduce ourselves or introduce other people, we only give our first name; last names are normally not given to others. One thing to remember is to always be careful. If we meet someone one day, make sure to always keep in mind that Spanish-speaking countries are known for not being all that safe. Do not go to places with strangers that you just met. Be safe, and even though you are having a good time, remember not to give too much

information to people.