A0035: Is Anyone in There?

Introduction

You never know who is in a bathroom! Thus, better check before you enter. JP and Liliana talk about how to do this and all the other things that can happen in Mexican bathrooms ... The key sentence is: **está ocupado** – it's busy/someone's in here.

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Dialogue

*muñeca:* **Está ocupado.**
*hombre:* **Ah, disculpe.**
*muñeca:* **No hay problema. Puede pasar.**
Dialogue with Translation

*mujer:* Está ocupado.  
(it) is busy  
woman: It's busy.

*hombre:* Ah, disculpe.  
oh (you) pardon (me)  
man: Oh, sorry.

*mujer:* No hay problema. Puede pasar.  
not there is problem (you) can pass  
woman: There's no problem. You can go in.
Vocabulary for Dialogue

la mujer  
noun (feminine)  the woman

el hombre  
noun  (masculine)  the man

estar  
verb (infinitive)  to be

ocupar  
verb (infinitive)  to occupy

ocupado  
verb (participle)  occupied

ocupado/ocupada  
adjective (m./f.)  busy, taken

ah  
interjection  oh

disculpar  
verb (infinitive)  to pardon

¡(usted) disculpe!  
verb  you pardon! (formal, singular)

no  
adverb  not

hay  
verb (present tense)  there is, there are

el problema  
noun  (masculine)  the problem

poder  
verb (infinitive)  to be able

(usted) puede  
verb (present tense)  you can (formal, singular)

pasar  
verb (infinitive) to pass

(usted) puede pasar  
phrase  you can go ahead

Vocabulary for Audio Lesson

el baño  
noun (masculine)  the bathroom

comer  
verb (infinitive)  to eat

bailar  
verb (infinitive)  to dance

vomitar  
verb (infinitive)  to vomit

la dama  
noun (feminine)  the lady

las damas  
noun (plural, feminine)  the ladies

el caballero  
noun (masculine)  the gentleman

los caballeros  
noun (plural, masculine)  the gentlemen
¿está ocupado? phrase is it busy/taken?

More Vocabulary

This section includes grammatically related words. Some of them are required by the exercise Dialogue Recast.

**estar** infinitive to be

(yo) *estoy* present tense I am

(tú) *estás* you are (informal, singular)

(él/ella) *está* he/she(/it) is

(usted) *está* you are (formal, singular)

(nosotros/-as) *estamos* we are (m./f.)

(vosotros/-as) *estáis* you are (informal, plural, m./f.)

(ellos/ellas) *están* they are (m./f.)

(ustedes) *están* you are (formal, plural)

**disculpar** infinitive to pardon

¡(tú) *disculpa!* imperative (you) pardon! (informal, singular)

¡(usted) *disculpe!* (you) pardon! (formal, singular)

¡(nosotros/-as) *disculpemos!* (let's) pardon! (m./f.)

¡(vosotros/-as) *disculpad!* (you) pardon! (informal, plural, m./f.)

¡(ustedes) *disculpen!* (you) pardon! (formal, plural)

**poder** infinitive to be able

(yo) *puedo* present tense I can

(tú) *puedes* you can (informal, singular)

(él/ella) *puede* he/she(/it) can

(usted) *puede* you can (formal, singular)

(nosotros/-as) *podemos* we can (m./f.)

(vosotros/-as) *podéis* you can (informal, plural, m./f.)

(ellos/ellas) *pueden* they can (m./f.)

(ustedes) *pueden* you can (formal, plural)
Exercises

Dialogue Translation

Cover the right column, translate from Spanish to English and uncover the right column line by line to check your answers. If possible, read the Spanish sentences aloud.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Estánd ocupado.</th>
<th>It's busy.</th>
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<tr>
<td>Ah, disculpe.</td>
<td>Oh, sorry.</td>
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<tr>
<td>No hay problema. Puede pasar.</td>
<td>There's no problem. You can go in.</td>
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Dialogue Recall

Now translate from English to Spanish. Remember to say the Spanish sentences aloud.

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<tr>
<th>It's busy.</th>
<th>Estánd ocupado.</th>
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<td>Oh, sorry. (formal)</td>
<td>Ah, disculpe.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>There's no problem. You can go in. (formal)</td>
<td>No hay problema. Puede pasar.</td>
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Dialogue Remix

Translate this variant of the dialogue from English to Spanish.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Is the bathroom busy?</th>
<th>¿El baño está ocupado?</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>It's busy!</td>
<td>¡Está ocupado!</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>No problem.</td>
<td>No hay problema.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>You cannot enter! (formal)</td>
<td>¿No puede pasar!</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oh, sorry! (formal)</td>
<td>Ah, disculpe.</td>
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Dialogue Recast

This translation exercise requires some of the words from the More Vocabulary section.
It's busy.
Oh, sorry. (informal)
There's no problem. You can go in.
(informal)

Está ocupado.
Ah, disculpa.
No hay problema. Puedes pasar.

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