

Spanish by Choice/SpanishPod newbie lesson A0035/Print version

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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

mujer: **Está ocupado.**

hombre: **Ah, disculpe.**

mujer: **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	<i>noun (feminine)</i>	the woman
el hombre	<i>noun (masculine)</i>	the man
estar	<i>verb (infinitive)</i>	to be
ocupar	<i>verb (infinitive)</i>	to occupy
ocupado	<i>verb (participle)</i>	occupied
ocupado/ocupada	<i>adjective (m./f.)</i>	busy, taken
ah	<i>interjection</i>	oh
disculpar	<i>verb (infinitive)</i>	to pardon
¡(usted) disculpe!	<i>verb (imperative)</i>	you pardon! (formal, singular)
no	<i>adverb</i>	not
hay	<i>verb (present tense)</i>	there is, there are
el problema	<i>noun (masculine)</i>	the problem
poder	<i>verb (infinitive)</i>	to be able
(usted) puede	<i>verb (present tense)</i>	you can (formal, singular)
pasar	<i>verb (infinitive)</i>	to pass
(usted) puede pasar	<i>phrase</i>	you can go ahead



Vocabulary for Audio Lesson

el baño	<i>noun (masculine)</i>	the bathroom
comer	<i>verb (infinitive)</i>	to eat
bailar	<i>verb (infinitive)</i>	to dance
vomit	<i>verb (infinitive)</i>	to vomit
la dama	<i>noun (feminine)</i>	the lady
las damas	<i>noun (plural, feminine)</i>	the ladies
el caballero	<i>noun (masculine)</i>	the gentleman
los caballeros	<i>noun (plural, masculine)</i>	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 <i>infinitive</i>	to be
(yo) estoy <i>present tense</i>	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 <i>infinitive</i>	to pardon
¡(tú) disculpa! <i>imperative</i>	(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 <i>infinitive</i>	to be able
(yo) puedo <i>present tense</i>	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.

Está ocupado.

It's busy.

Ah, disculpe.

Oh, sorry.

No hay problema. Puede pasar.

There's no problem. You can go in.

Dialogue Recall

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

It's busy.

Está ocupado.

Oh, sorry. (formal)

Ah, disculpe.

There's no problem. You can go in.
(formal)

No hay problema. Puede pasar.

Dialogue Remix

Translate this variant of the dialogue from English to Spanish.

Is the bathroom busy?

¿El baño está ocupado?

It's busy!

¡Está ocupado!

No problem.

No hay problema.

You cannot enter! (formal)

¡No puede pasar!

Oh, sorry! (formal)

Ah, disculpe.

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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