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A0033: It's Expensive

Introduction

Beware! This is the taboo lesson: rents, salaries, politics, religion, sex, and ... mamas! Liliana and JP give invaluable information about US-American and Latin-American culture. The keywords are: cara – expensive (for feminine nouns) and caro – expensive (for masculine nouns).

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Dialogue

hombre: Mi renta es de mil dólares.
mujer: ¿En serio? Es muy cara.
hombre: Pero todo es caro.
mujer: Tienes razón.
Dialogue with Translation

*hombre:* Mi renta es de mil dólares.
*man:* My rent is at a thousand dollars.

*mujer:* ¿En serio? Es muy cara.
*woman:* Seriously? It's very expensive.

*hombre:* Pero todo es caro
*man:* But everything is expensive.

*mujer:* Tienes razón.
*woman:* You're right.
### Vocabulary for Dialogue

- **el hombre** (*noun* (masculine)) the man
- **la mujer** (*noun* (feminine)) the woman
- **mi** (*adjective* (m./f.)) my
- **la renta** (*noun* (feminine)) the rent
- **ser** (*verb* (infinitive)) to be
- **(él/ella) es** (*verb* (present tense)) he/she(/it) is
- **de** (*preposition*) of
- **mil** (*number*) thousand
- **el dólar** (*noun* (masculine)) the dollar
- **los dólares** (*noun* (plural, masculine)) the dollars
- **en** (*preposition*) in
- **serio/seria** (*adjective* (m./f.)) serious
- **muy** (*adverb*) very
- **caro/cara** (*adjective* (m./f.)) expensive
- **pero** (*conjunction*) but
- **todo** (*pronoun*) everything, all
- **tener** (*verb* (infinitive)) to have
- **(tú) tienes** (*verb* (present tense)) you have (informal, singular)
- **la razón** (*noun* (feminine)) the reason
- **tener razón** *phrase* to be right

### Vocabulary for Audio Lesson

- **la cara** (*noun* (feminine)) the face
- **hasta luego** *phrase* see you later
More Vocabulary

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

- **mi** adjective: my
- **mis** adjective (plural): my
- **tu** adjective: your (informal, singular)
- **tus** adjective (plural): your (informal, singular)
- **su** adjective: his/her(/its)/their
- **sus** adjective (plural): his/her(/its)/their
- **su** adjective: your (formal)
- **sus** adjective (plural): your (formal)
- **nuestro/nuestra** adjective (m./f.): our
- **nuestros/nuestras** adjective (plural, m./f.): our
- **vueatro/vuestra** adjective (m./f.): your (informal, plural)
- **vuestros/vuestras** adjective (plural, m./f.): your (informal, plural)

- **ser** infinitive: to be
  - (yo) **soy** present tense: I am
  - (tú) **eres** present tense: you are (informal, singular)
  - (él/ella) **es** present tense: he/she(/it) is
  - (usted) **es** present tense: you are (formal, singular)
  - (nosotros/-as) **somos** present tense: we are (m./f.)
  - (vosotros/-as) **sois** present tense: you are (informal, plural, m./f.)
  - (ellos/ellas) **son** present tense: they are (m./f.)
  - (ustedes) **son** present tense: you are (formal, plural)

- **tener** infinitive: to have
  - (yo) **tengo** present tense: I have
  - (tú) **tienes** present tense: you have (informal, singular)
  - (él/ella) **tiene** present tense: he/she(/it) has
  - (usted) **tiene** present tense: you have (formal, singular)
(nosotros/-as) tenemos  
(vosotros/-as) tenéis  
(ellos/ellas) tienen  
(ustedes) tienen  

we have (m./f.)  
you have (informal, plural, m./f.)  
y they have (m./f.)  
you have (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.

Mi renta es de mil dólares.  
¿En serio? Es muy cara.  
Pero todo es caro.  
Tienes razón.  

My rent is at a thousand dollars.  
Seriously? It's very expensive.  
But everything is expensive.  
You're right.

Dialogue Recall

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

My rent is at a thousand dollars.  
Serious? It's very expensive.  
But everything is expensive.  
You're right.

Dialogue Remix

Translate this variant of the dialogue from English to Spanish.

Everything is very expensive.  
You are right. My rent is very expensive.  
Everything.  

Todo es muy caro.  
Tienes razón. Mi renta es muy caro.  
Todo.
My rent is at a thousand dollars. Mi renta es de mil dólares.
That is very, very expensive. Es muy, muy caro.
Seriously? ¿En serio?
Seriously! But everything is very expensive. ¡En serio! Pero todo es muy caro.
Everything. Todo.

Dialogue Recast

This exercise requires some of the words from the More Vocabulary section.

Our rent is at a thousand dollars. Nuestra renta es de mil dólares.
Seriously? It's very expensive. ¿En serio? Es muy cara.
But everything is expensive. Pero todo es caro.
You're right. (formal) Tiene razón.

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