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A0041: Cheers!

Introduction

Here is a true story: the first time I tried to say “cheers” in Spanish, I said “qué aproveche,” which means “enjoy your meal” and is just wrong when everyone is drinking instead of eating. Well, it's from our mistakes that we learn. And from JP and Liliana, of course. The keyword of this lesson is: felicidades – congratulations.

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Dialogue

mujer: ¡Toma una copa!
hombre: ¿Por qué brindamos?
mujer: Por mi nuevo trabajo.
hombre: ¡Felicidades!
mujer: ¡Salud!
hombre: ¡Salud!
Dialogue with Translation

mujer: ¡Toma una copa!
(you) take a drink
woman: Take a drink!

hombre: ¿Por qué brindamos?
why (we) toast
man: What are we toasting to?

mujer: Por mi nuevo trabajo.
to my new job
woman: To my new job.

hombre: ¡Felicidades!
congratulations
man: Congratulations!

mujer: ¡Salud!
health
woman: Cheers!

hombre: ¡Salud!
health
man: Cheers!
## Vocabulary for Dialogue

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<td>noun (feminine) – the health</td>
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Vocabulary for Audio Lesson

querer  
verb (infinitive) to want
(tú) quieres  
verb (present tense) you want (informal, singular)
¿Quieres una copa?  
phrase Do you want a drink?
feliz  
adjective (m./f.) happy
¡arriba, abajo, al centro, pa' dentro!  
phrase up, down, to the center, inside!
hasta luego  
phrase see you later

More Vocabulary

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

tomar  
infinitive to take
¡(tú) toma!  
imperative (you) take! (informal, singular)
¡(usted) tome!  
(you) take! (formal, singular)
¡(nosotros/-as) tomemos!  
(let's) take! (m./f.)
¡(vosotros/-as) tomad!  
(you) take! (informal, plural, m./f.)
¡(ustedes) tomen!  
(you) take! (formal, plural)

brindar  
infinitive to toast
(yo) brindo  
present tense I toast
(tú) brindas  
you toast (informal, singular)
(él/ella) brinda  
he/she/(it) toasts
(usted) brinda  
you toast (formal, singular)
(nosotros/-as)  
we toast (m./f.)
brindamos  
(you) toast (informal, plural, m./f.)
(vosotros/-as) brindáis  
they toast (m./f.)
(ellos/ellas) brindan
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**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.

- ¡Toma una copa! Take a drink!
- ¿Por qué brindamos? What are we toasting to?
- Por mi nuevo trabajo. To my new job.
- ¡Felicidades! Congratulations!
- ¡Salud! Cheers!
- ¡Salud! Cheers!

**Dialogue Recall**

Now translate from English to Spanish. Remember to say the Spanish sentences aloud.
Take a drink!  ¡Toma una copa!
What are we toasting to?  ¿Por qué brindamos?
To my new job.  Por mi nuevo trabajo.
Congratulations!  ¡Felicidades!
Cheers!  ¡Salud!
Cheers!  ¡Salud!

Dialogue Remix

Translate this variant of the dialogue from English to Spanish.

Do you want a drink? Take (it)!  ¿Quieres una copa? ¡Toma!
Why?  ¿Por qué?
We drink to my new job.  Brindamos por mi nuevo trabajo.
Congratulations!  ¡Felicidades!
Cheers!  ¡Salud!
Cheers!  ¡Salud!

Dialogue Recast

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

Take a drink! (formal)  ¡Tome una copa (usted)!
What are you toasting to? (formal)  ¿Por qué brinda (usted)?
To your new job. (formal)  Por su nuevo trabajo.
Congratulations!  ¡Felicidades!
Cheers!  ¡Salud!
Cheers!  ¡Salud!

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