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A0004: She's not Mexican

Introduction

Talking about others can be a lot of fun. To get started, JP and Liliana show us how to talk about the nationality of someone. Keywords are ¿Cómo se llama? – What's his/her name?, mexicana – Mexican (woman/girl), and guatemalteca – Guatemalan (woman/girl).

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Dialogue

hombre: ¿Cómo se llama tu amiga mexicana?
hombre: ¿De verdad? ¿De qué parte de Guatemala?
mujer: De Antigua.
**Dialogue with Translation**

*hombre*: ¿Cómo se llama tu amiga mexicana?

*man*: How does your Mexican friend call herself?

*mujer*: Se llama Tatiana. Pero no es mexicana. Es guatemalteca.

*woman*: She calls herself Tatiana. But she is not Mexican. She is Guatemalan.

*hombre*: ¿De verdad? ¿De qué parte de Guatemala?

*man*: Really? From what part of Guatemala?

*mujer*: De Antigua.

*woman*: From Antigua.

**Vocabulary for Dialogue**

- **el hombre**
  - noun (masculine)
  - the man

- **la mujer**
  - noun (feminine)
  - the woman

- **¿cómo?**
  - adverb
  - how?

- **se**
  - reflexive pronoun
  - himself/herself / itself

- **llamarse**
  - verb (infinitive)
  - to call oneself, to be called

- **(él) se llama**
  - verb (present tense)
  - she calls herself, she is called, her name is

- **tu**
  - adjective (informal,
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**Vocabulary for Audio Lesson**

(tú) te llamas  
verb (present tense)  
you call yourself, your name is  
(informal, singular)
¿Cómo te llamas?  
How do you call yourself? What is your name?

Volcán de Agua  
Volcán de Agua (Volcano of Water)

panameño/panameña  
Panamanian

colombiano/colombiana  
Brazilian

brasileño/brasileña  
Brazilian

americano/americana  
American

estadounidense  
(US) American

More Vocabulary

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

me reflexive pronoun  
myself

te  
yourself (informal, singular)

se  
himself/herself/itself

se  
yourself (formal, singular)

nos  
ourselves, each other

os  
yourselves, each other (informal, plural)

se  
themselves, each other

se  
yourselves, each other (formal, plural)

llamarse infinitive  
to call oneself, to be called

(yo) me llamo present tense  
I call myself

(tú) te llamas  
you call yourself (informal, singular)
(él/ella) se llama
he/she(/it) calls

(usted) se llama
you call yourself (formal, singular)

(nosotros/-as) nos llamamos
we call ourselves (m./f.)

(vosotros/-as) os llamáis
you call yourselves (informal, plural, m./f.)

(ellos/ellas) se llaman
they call themselves (m./f.)

(ustedes) se llaman
you call yourselves (formal, plural)

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

vuestro/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
you are (informal, singular)

(él/ella) es
he/she(/it) is

(usted) es
you are (formal, singular)

(nosotros/-as) somos
we are (m./f.)

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

(ellos/ellas) son
they are (m./f.)

(ustedes) son
you are (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.

¿Cómo se llama tu amiga mexicana? How does your Mexican friend call herself?
Se llama Tatiana. Pero no es mexicana. Es guatemalteca. She calls herself Tatiana. But she is not Mexican. She is Guatemalan.
¿De verdad? ¿De qué parte de Guatemala? Really? From what part of Guatemala?
De Antigua. From Antigua.

Dialogue Recall

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

¿Cómo se llama tu amiga mexicana? What's the name of your Mexican friend?
Se llama Tatiana. Pero no es mexicana. Es guatemalteca. Her name is Tatiana. But she isn't Mexican. She is Guatemalan.
¿De verdad? ¿De qué parte de Guatemala? Really? From which part of Guatemala?
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Dialogue Remix

Translate this variant of the dialogue from English to Spanish.

¿Cómo se llama tu amigo? What's the name of your friend (masculine)?
¿Mi amigo? My friend?
Tu amigo de Guatemala. Your friend from Guatemala.
He's not Guatemalan.  
Really? Is he Panamanian?  
No, he's not Panamanian.  
He is Colombian, isn't he?  
No, he's not Colombian.  
Is he from Mexico?  
No, he's not Mexican.  
But from which part of America is he?  
He is US American.  
Really? What's his name?  
His name is John.

No es guatemalteco.  
¿De verdad? ¿Es panameño?  
No, no es panameño.  
Es colombiano, ¿no?  
No, no es colombiano.  
¿Es de México?  
No, no es mexicano.  
¿Pero de qué parte de América es?  
Es estadounidense.  
¿De verdad? ¿Cómo se llama?  
Se llama John.

Dialogue Recast

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

What's the name of your Mexican friends? (formal)  
Their names are Tatiana, ... But they aren't Mexican. They are Guatemalan.

¿Cómo se llaman sus amigos mexicanos/amigas mexicanas?  
Se llaman Tatiana, ... Pero no son mexicanos/mexicanas. Son guatemaltecas/guatemaltecos.  
¿De verdad? ¿De qué parte de Guatemala?  
De Antigua.

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