A0003: At the Bar

Introduction

Ordering beer, one of the essential surviving techniques in the civilized world. At least for some people. Probably the keyword *una cerveza* – a beer is sufficient to order beer, but in the civilized world we might want to use a few more words. JP and Liliana tell us all about it.

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Dialogue

*hombre:* **Buenas tardes. ¿Qué le sirvo?**  
*mujer:* **Quiero una cerveza.**  
*hombre:* **¿Clara u obscura?**  
*mujer:* **Obscura por favor.**
Dialogue with Translation

*hombre:* **Buenas tardes. ¿Qué le sirvo?**

*man:* Good afternoons. What can I serve you?

*mujer:* **Quiero una cerveza.**

*woman:* I want a beer.

*hombre:* ¿**Clara u obscura?**

*man:* Regular or dark?

*mujer:* **Obscura por favor.**

*woman:* Dark, please.

Vocabulary for Dialogue

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la cerveza – the beer
(yo) quiero | verb (present tense) | I want, I like
uno/una | number (m./f.) | one
un/una | article (m./f.) | a
la cerveza | noun (feminine) | the beer
claro/clara | adjective (m./f.) | clear, bright
o | conjunction | or
u | conjunction (before “o”) | or
obsuco/obscura | adjective (m./f.) | dark
por favor | phrase | please

Vocabulary for Audio Lesson

¿Me da una cerveza por favor? | phrase | Do you give me a beer, please?
cerveza light | phrase | light beer
la cerveza clara | phrase | the regular beer
claros/claras | adjective (plural, m./f.) | clear, bright
la cerveza obscura | phrase | the dark beer
obscuros/obscuras | adjective (plural, m./f.) | dark
el vino | noun (masculine) | the wine
blanco/blanca | adjective (m./f.) | white
el vino blanco | phrase | the white wine
el vino tinto | phrase | the red wine
la michelada | noun (feminine) | the beer with lime, salt, and sauces
Méjico/México lindo | phrase | beautiful Mexico
hasta luego | phrase | see you later
More Vocabulary

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

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you want (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.

Buenas tardes. ¿Qué le sirvo? Good afternoon. What can I serve you?
Quiero una cerveza. I like a beer.
¿Clara u obscura? Regular or dark?
Obscura por favor. Dark, please.

Dialogue Recall

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

Good afternoon. What do I serve you? Buenas tardes. ¿Qué le sirvo?
(formal)
I like a beer. Quiero una cerveza.
Regular or dark? ¿Clara u obscura?
Dark, please. Obscura por favor.

Dialogue Remix

Translate this variant of the dialogue from English to Spanish.

Good afternoon. Buenas tardes.
Good. (plural, feminine) Buenas. (short for buenas tardes)
I want one, please. Quiero una por favor.
What?
One afternoon, please.
Good. What can I serve you? (formal)
I want a ...
A beer or a red wine or a white wine?

¿Qué?
Una tarde por favor.
Bueno. ¿Qué le sirvo?
Quiero un/una ...
¿Una cerveza o un vino tinto o un vino blanco?

I like a good beer.
A good beer? A dark beer?

Quiero una cerveza buena.
¿Una cerveza buena? ¿Una cerveza obscura?

I want a michelada, please.
Good. I serve you a good michelada.
(formal)
Good.

Quiero una michelada por favor.
Bueno. Le sirvo una michelada buena.
Bueno.

Dialogue Recast

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

Good afternoon. What do I serve you? Buenas tardes. ¿Qué les sirvo?
(formal, plural)
We like a beer. Queremos una cerveza.
Regular or dark? ¿Clara u obscura?
Dark, please. Obscura por favor.

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