

# Spanish by Choice/SpanishPod newbie lesson A0019/Print version

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## A0019: How Do You Spell ‘Beige?’

### Introduction

You have a question? Liliana and JP tell us how to ask it. Specifically, they talk about a spelling question; thus, the keyword is **be de burro** – b as in donkey (b as in Bob).

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### Dialogue

*hombre:* **Tengo una pregunta.**

*mujer:* **¡Dime!**

*hombre:* **¿Cómo se escribe beige?**

*mujer:* **¿El color? Se escribe con be de burro, e, i, ge, e.**

*hombre:* **Gracias.**



## Dialogue with Translation



*hombre:* **Tengo una pregunta.**

*(I) have a question*

*man:* I have a question.

*mujer:* **¡Dime!**

*tell me*

*woman:* Tell me!

*hombre:* **¿Cómo se escribe beige?**

*how itself/one writes beige*

*man:* How do you write beige?

*mujer:* **¡El color? Se escribe con be de burro, e, i, ge, e.**

*the color itself/one writes with b of donkey, e, i, g, e*

*woman:* The color? You write it with b as in Bob, e, i, g, e.

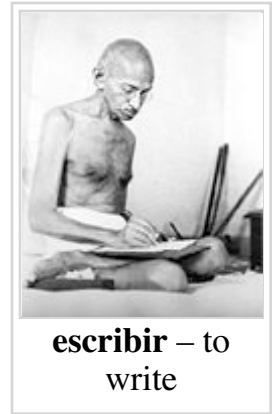
*hombre:* **Gracias.**

*thanks*

*man:* Thanks.

## Vocabulary for Dialogue

<b>el hombre</b>	<i>noun (masculine)</i>	the man
<b>la mujer</b>	<i>noun (feminine)</i>	the woman
<b>tener</b>	<i>verb (infinitive)</i>	to have
<b>(yo) tengo</b>	<i>verb (present tense)</i>	I have
<b>un/una</b>	<i>article (m./f.)</i>	a
<b>la pregunta</b>	<i>noun (feminine)</i>	the question
<b>decir</b>	<i>verb (infinitive)</i>	to say
<b>¡(tú) di!</b>	<i>verb (imperative)</i>	(you) say! (informal, singular)
<b>me</b>	<i>indirect object pronoun</i>	(to) me
<b>¡dime!</b>	<i>phrase</i>	tell me!
<b>¿cómo?</b>	<i>adverb</i>	how?
<b>se</b>	<i>pronoun</i>	itself, one, you
<b>escribir</b>	<i>verb (infinitive)</i>	to write
<b>(él/ella) escribe</b>	<i>verb (present tense)</i>	he/she(/it) writes
<b>beige</b>	<i>adjective</i>	beige
<b>el color</b>	<i>noun (masculine)</i>	the color
<b>con</b>	<i>preposition</i>	with
<b>de</b>	<i>preposition</i>	of
<b>el burro</b>	<i>noun (masculine)</i>	the donkey
<b>la be de burro</b>	<i>phrase</i>	the b as in donkey
<b>la e</b>	<i>noun (feminine)</i>	the e
<b>la i</b>	<i>noun (feminine)</i>	the i
<b>la g</b>	<i>noun (feminine)</i>	the g
<b>gracias</b>	<i>phrase</i>	thanks



## Vocabulary for Audio Lesson

<b>¿Cómo se escribe?</b>	<i>phrase</i>	How do you write?
<b>la a</b>	<i>noun (feminine)</i>	the a

<b>la ce</b>	<i>noun (feminine)</i> the c
<b>la ere</b>	<i>noun (feminine)</i> the r
<b>la ese</b>	<i>noun (feminine)</i> the s
<b>Parangaricutirimícuaro</b>	<i>proper noun</i> a tongue twister



## More Vocabulary

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

<b>tener</b> <i>infinitive</i>	to have
<b>(yo) tengo</b> <i>present tense</i>	I have
<b>(tú) tienes</b>	you have (informal, singular)
<b>(él/ella) tiene</b>	he/she(/it) has
<b>(usted) tiene</b>	you have (formal, singular)
<b>(nosotros/-as) tenemos</b>	we have (m./f.)
<b>(vosotros/-as) tenéis</b>	you have (informal, plural, m./f.)
<b>(ellos/ellas) tienen</b>	they have (m./f.)
<b>(ustedes) tienen</b>	you have (formal, plural)
<b>decir</b> <i>infinitive</i>	to say
<b>¡(tú) di!</b> <i>imperative</i>	(you) say! (informal, singular)
<b>¡(usted) diga!</b>	(you) say! (formal, singular)
<b>¡(nosotros/-as) digamos!</b>	(let's) say! (m./f.)
<b>¡(vosotros/-as) decid!</b>	(you) say! (informal, plural, m./f.)
<b>¡(ustedes) digan!</b>	(you) say! (formal, plural)
<b>me</b> <i>indirect object pronoun</i>	(to) me
<b>te</b>	(to) you (informal, singular)
<b>le</b>	(to) him/her(/it)
<b>le</b>	(to) you (formal, singular)

<b>nos</b>	(to) us
<b>os</b>	(to) you (informal, plural)
<b>les</b>	(to) them
<b>les</b>	(to) you (formal, plural)

<b>escribir</b> <i>infinitive</i>	to write
<b>(yo) escribo</b> <i>present tense</i>	I write
<b>(tú) escribes</b>	you write (informal, singular)
<b>(él/ella) escribe</b>	he/she(/it) writes
<b>(usted) escribe</b>	you write (formal, singular)
<b>(nosotros/-as) escribimos</b>	we write (m./f.)
<b>(vosotros/-as) escribís</b>	you write (informal, plural, m./f.)
<b>(ellos/ellas) escriben</b>	they write (m./f.)
<b>(ustedes) escriben</b>	you write (formal, plural)

**a, be, ce, che, de, e,** *proper names* letters from a to z  
**efe, ge, hache, i, jota,**  
**ka, ele, elle, eme, ene, ñe,**  
**o, pe, cu, ere, ese, te,**  
**u, ve, doble ve,**  
**equis, i griega, zeta**

## 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.

**Tengo una pregunta.  
 ¡Dime!**

I have a question.  
 Tell me!

**¿Cómo se escribe beige?**  
**¿El color? Se escribe con be de burro, e, i, ge, e.**  
**Gracias.**

How do you write beige?  
The color? You write it with b as in Bob, e, i, g, e.  
Thanks.

### **Dialogue Recall**

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

I have a question.  
Tell me!  
How do you write beige?  
The color? You write it with b as in Bob, e, i, g, e.  
Thanks.

**Tengo una pregunta.**  
**¿Dime!**  
**¿Cómo se escribe beige?**  
**¿El color? Se escribe con be de burro, e, i, ge, e.**  
**Gracias.**

### **Dialogue Remix**

Translate this variant of the dialogue from English to Spanish.

Tell me a question!  
I have one.  
Tell me!  
How do you write escribir?  
One writes e, s, c, r, i, b, i, r.  
  
Thanks.

**¿Dime una pregunta!**  
**Tengo una.**  
**¿Dime!**  
**¿Cómo se escribe escribir?**  
**Se escribe e, ese, ce, ere, i, be de burro, i, ere.**  
**Gracias.**

### **Dialogue Recast**

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

We have a question.  
You tell me! (formal, plural)  
How do you write beige?

**Tenemos una pregunta.**  
**¿Diganme!**  
**¿Cómo se escribe beige?**

The color? You write it with b as in  
Bob, e, i, g, e.  
Thanks.

¿El color? Se escribe con be de  
burro, e, i, ge, e.  
Gracias.

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