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 as in Bob, 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

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<td>itself, one, you</td>
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la ce  noun (feminine) the c
la ere  noun (feminine) the r
la ese  noun (feminine) the s
Parangaricutirimícuaro proper noun a tongue twister

More Vocabulary

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

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

**decir** infinitive
¡(tú) di! imperative (you) say! (informal, singular)
¡(usted) diga! (you) say! (formal, singular)
¡(nosotros/-as) digamos! (let's) say! (m./f.)
¡(vosotros/-as) decid! (you) say! (informal, plural, m./f.)
¡(ustedes) digan! (you) say! (formal, plural)

**me** indirect object pronoun
(to) me

te (to) you (informal, singular)

te (to) him/her(/it)

te (to) you (formal, singular)
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<td>os</td>
<td>escribes</td>
<td>you write (informal, plural)</td>
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<td>les</td>
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<td>(ustedes) escriben</td>
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<td>(vosotros/-as) escribís</td>
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<td>you write (informal, plural, m./f.)</td>
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<td>(ellos/ellas) escriben</td>
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<td>they write (m./f.)</td>
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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.

Tengo una pregunta. I have a question.
¡Dime! Tell me!
¿Cómo se escribe beige?
¡Dime una pregunta!
Tengo una pregunta.
¡Dime uno.
¿Cómo se escribe escribir?
Se escribe e, ese, ce, ere, i, be de burro, i, ere.
Gracias.
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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