

# Spanish by Choice/SpanishPod newbie lesson A0092/Print version

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## A0092: How Old Are You?

### Introduction

We are entering dangerous territory: questions about age. Get your compliments ready, someone might be fishing! But first JP and Liliana give us the keyword of this lesson: **años** — years.

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### Dialogue

*hombre:* **¿Cuántos años tienes?**

*mujer:* **Tengo treinta años.**

*hombre:* **Pareces más joven.**

*mujer:* **Muchas gracias.**



## Dialogue with Translation



*hombre:* **¿Cuántos años tienes?**  
*how many years (you) have*  
*man:* How old are you?

*mujer:* **Tengo treinta años.**  
*(I) have thirty years*  
*woman:* I'm thirty years old.

*hombre:* **Pareces más joven.**  
*(you) appear more young*  
*man:* You seem younger.

*mujer:* **Muchas gracias.**  
*many thanks*  
*woman:* Thanks a lot.

## Vocabulary for Dialogue

<b>el hombre</b>	<i>noun (masculine)</i>	the man
<b>la mujer</b>	<i>noun (feminine)</i>	the woman
<b>¿cuánto?/¿cuánta?</b>	<i>pronoun (m./f.)</i>	how much?
<b>¿cuántos?/¿cuántas?</b>	<i>pronoun (plural, m./f.)</i>	how many?
<b>el año</b>	<i>noun (masculine)</i>	the year
<b>los años</b>	<i>noun (plural, masculine)</i>	the years
<b>tener</b>	<i>verb (infinitive)</i>	to have
<b>(tú) tienes</b>	<i>verb (present tense)</i>	you have (informal, singular)
<b>treinta</b>	<i>number</i>	thirty
<b>parecer</b>	<i>verb (infinitive)</i>	to seem



**treinta años –**  
30 years

<b>(tú) pareces</b>	<i>verb (present tense)</i>	you seem (informal, singular)
<b>más</b>	<i>adverb</i>	more
<b>joven</b>	<i>adjective (m./f.)</i>	young
<b>más joven</b>	<i>phrase</i>	younger
<b>mucho/mucha</b>	<i>adjective (m./f.)</i>	much
<b>muchos/muchas</b>	<i>adjective (plural, m./f.)</i>	many
<b>gracias</b>	<i>phrase</i>	thank you
<b>muchas gracias</b>	<i>phrase</i>	thank you a lot

## Vocabulary for Audio Lesson

<b>treinta y cinco</b>	<i>number</i>	35
<b>veinticinco</b>	<i>number</i>	25
<b>veintinueve</b>	<i>number</i>	29
<b>así</b>	<i>adverb</i>	so, like this
<b>ser</b>	<i>verb (infinitive)</i>	to be
<b>(él/ella) es</b>	<i>verb (present tense)</i>	he/she(/it) is
<b>así es</b>	<i>phrase</i>	exactly
<b>hasta luego</b>	<i>phrase</i>	see you later
<b>hasta mañana</b>	<i>phrase</i>	until tomorrow



**veinticinco años** – 25 years

## 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>parecer</b> <i>infinitive</i>	to seem
<b>(yo) parezco</b> <i>present tense</i>	I seem
<b>(tú) pareces</b>	you seem (informal, singular)
<b>(él/ella) parece</b>	he/she(/it) seems
<b>(usted) parece</b>	you seem (formal, singular)
<b>(nosotros/-as) parecemos</b>	we seem (m./f.)
<b>(vosotros/-as) parecéis</b>	you seem (informal, plural, m./f.)
<b>(ellos/ellas) parecen</b>	they seem (m./f.)
<b>(ustedes) parecen</b>	you seem (formal, plural)

<b>ser</b> <i>infinitive</i>	to be
<b>(yo) soy</b> <i>present tense</i>	I am
<b>(tú) eres</b>	you are (informal, singular)
<b>(él/ella) es</b>	he/she(/it) is
<b>(usted) es</b>	you are (formal, singular)
<b>(nosotros/-as) somos</b>	we are (m./f.)
<b>(vosotros/-as) sois</b>	you are (informal, plural, m./f.)
<b>(ellos/ellas) son</b>	they are (m./f.)
<b>(ustedes) son</b>	you are (formal, plural)

<b>uno</b> <i>number</i>	one	
<b>un/una</b> <i>article (m./f.)</i>	a	
<b>zero</b> 0	<b>veinte</b> 20	<b>cuarenta</b> 40
<b>uno/un/una</b> 1	<b>veintiuno/-ún/-una</b> 21	<b>cuarenta y uno/un/una</b> 41
<b>dos</b> 2	<b>veintidós</b> 22	<b>cuarenta y dos</b> 42
<b>tres</b> 3	<b>veintitrés</b> 23	<b>cuarenta y tres</b> 43
<b>cuatro</b> 4	<b>veinticuatro</b> 24	... ..
<b>cinco</b> 5	<b>veinticinco</b> 25	<b>cincuenta</b> 50

<b>seis</b> 6	<b>veintiséis</b> 26	<b>sesenta</b> 60
<b>siete</b> 7	<b>veintisiete</b> 27	<b>setenta</b> 70
<b>ocho</b> 8	<b>veintiocho</b> 28	<b>ochenta</b> 80
<b>nueve</b> 9	<b>veintinueve</b> 29	<b>noventa</b> 90
<b>diez</b> 10	<b>treinta</b> 30	<b>cien</b> 100
<b>once</b> 11	<b>treinta y uno/un/una</b> 31	
<b>doce</b> 12	<b>treinta y dos</b> 32	
<b>trece</b> 13	<b>treinta y tres</b> 33	
<b>catorce</b> 14	<b>treinta y cuatro</b> 34	
<b>quince</b> 15	<b>treinta y cinco</b> 35	
<b>dieciséis</b> 16	<b>treinta y seis</b> 36	
<b>diecisiete</b> 17	<b>treinta y siete</b> 37	
<b>dieciocho</b> 18	<b>treinta y ocho</b> 38	
<b>diecinueve</b> 19	<b>treinta y nueve</b> 39	

## 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.

**¿Cuántos años tienes?**

**Tengo treinta años.**

**Pareces más joven.**

**Muchas gracias.**

How old are you?

I'm thirty years old.

You seem younger.

Thanks a lot.

### Dialogue Recall

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

How old are you?

I'm thirty years old.

**¿Cuántos años tienes?**

**Tengo treinta años.**

You seem younger.  
Thanks a lot.

**Pareces más joven.  
Muchas gracias.**

## Dialogue Remix

Translate this variant of the dialogue from English to Spanish.

How old are you? 25?  
Many more!  
More than (= **de**) 35 years?  
Thanks a lot!  
How many?  
I'm 29 years old.  
You seem younger.  
Thanks, youngster.

**¿Cuántos años tienes? ¿Veinticinco?  
¡Muchos más!  
¿Más de treinta y cinco años?  
¡Muchas gracias!  
¿Cuántos?  
Tengo veintinueve años.  
Pareces más joven.  
Gracias, joven.**

## Dialogue Recast

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

How old are you? (formal)  
I'm fifty years old.  
You seem younger. (formal)  
Thanks a lot.

**¿Cuántos años tiene (usted)?  
Tengo cincuenta años.  
(Usted) parece más joven.  
Muchas gracias.**


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