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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

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

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

**¿cuánto?/¿cuánta?** pronoun (m./f.)  
how much?

**¿cuántos?/¿cuántas?** pronoun (plural, m./f.)  
how many?

**el año** noun (masculine)  
the year

**los años** noun (plural, masculine)  
the years

**tener** verb (infinitive)  
to have

**(tú) tienes** verb (present tense)  
you have  
(informal, singular)

**treinta** number  
thirty

**parecer** verb (infinitive)  
to seem
Vocabulary for Audio Lesson

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More Vocabulary

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

- **tener** infinitive to have
  - (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)

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

**uno** number  one
**un/una** article (m./f.)  a

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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.

¿Cuántos años tienes?  How old are you?
Tengo treinta años.  I'm thirty years old.
Pareces más joven.  You seem younger.
Muchas gracias.  Thanks a lot.

Dialogue Recall

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

How old are you?  ¿Cuántos años tienes?
I'm thirty years old.  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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