A0030: Call back later

Introduction

Making a phone call in Spanish can be somewhat challenging. (I'll never forget my first phone call in Spanish; that's for sure.) Thus, the information provided by Liliana and JP in this lesson is particular useful. The keywords are: está – he/she is (in), no está – he/she is not (in).

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Dialogue

hombre: ¿Hola?
mujer: ¿Está Mauricio?
hombre: No, no está. Llámalo más tarde.
mujer: Muy bien. Gracias.
Dialogo con Traducción

**hombre:** ¿Hola?
*hello
*man: Hello?

**mujer:** ¿Está **Mauricio**?
*(he) is (in) Mauricio
*woman: Is Mauricio in?

**hombre:** No, no está. Llámalo más tarde.
*no not (he) is (in) call him more late
*man: No, he's not in. Call him back later.

**mujer:** Muy bien. Gracias.
*very well thanks
*woman: Fine. Thank you.

**Vocabulario para el Diálogo**

- **el hombre** noun (masculine) the man
- **la mujer** noun (feminine) the woman
- **¿hola?** interjection hello
- **estar** verb (infinitive) to be (at a location)
- **(él/ella)** verb (present tense) he/she(/it) is
- **Mauricio** proper name
- **no** adverb no, not
- **llamar** verb (infinitive) to call
- **¡llama!** verb (imperative) you call! (informal, singular)
- **lo** direct object pronoun him, it
- **¡llámalo!** verb (imperative) you call him! (informal, singular)

**llamar** – to call
más  adverb       more
tarde  adverb       late
más tarde  phrase       later
muy  adverb       very
bien  adverb       well
gracias  phrase       thanks

Vocabulary for Audio Lesson

la tarde  noun (feminine)       the afternoon
bonito/bonita  adjective (m./f.)       pretty
salado/salada  adjective (m./f.)       salty
está bien  phrase       alright
la llamada  noun (feminine)       the phone call
se  reflexive pronoun       oneself
llamarse  verb (infinitive)       to call oneself, to be called
me  reflexive pronoun       myself
(yo) me  verb (present tense)       I call myself, my name is
llamo  verb (present tense)       I call myself, my name
¡aló!  interjection       hello!
¡bueno!  interjection       good!
¡dime!  phrase       tell me!
¡diga!  phrase       speak! (formal)
¡dímelo!  phrase       tell it to me!
hasta luego  phrase       see you later

More Vocabulary

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

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they say (m./f.)
you say (formal, plural)

Exercises

Cover the right column, translate from English to Spanish and uncover the right column line by line to check your answers.

Dialogue Translation

¿Hola?
¿Está Mauricio?
No, no está. Llámalo más tarde.
Muy bien. Gracias.
Hello?
Is Mauricio in?
No, he's not in. Call him back later.
Fine. Thank you.

Dialogue Recall

Hello?
Is Mauricio in?
No, he's not in. Call him back later.
Fine. Thanks.
¿Hola?
¿Está Mauricio?
No, no está. Llámalo más tarde.
Muy bien. Gracias.

Dialogue Remix

Tell me!
Hello?
Hello! Tell it to me!
Mauricio?
No, Mauricio is not in.
Mauricio is not in?
No, he's not in. Call him back later.
Alright. Thanks.
¡Dime!
¿Hola?
¡Hola! ¡Dímelo!
¿Mauricio?
No, Mauricio no está.
¿No está Mauricio?
No, no está. Llámalo más tarde.
Muy bien/está bien. Gracias.
Dialogue Recast

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

Hello? ¿Hola?
Is Ana in? ¿Está Ana?
No, she's not in. Call her back later. No, no está. Llámala más tarde.

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