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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.



Dialogue with Translation



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.

Vocabulary for Dialogue

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



más	<i>adverb</i>	more
tarde	<i>adverb</i>	late
más tarde	<i>phrase</i>	later
muy	<i>adverb</i>	very
bien	<i>adverb</i>	well
gracias	<i>phrase</i>	thanks

Vocabulary for Audio Lesson

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



More Vocabulary

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



estar *infinitive*

to be

(yo) estoy *present tense*
(tú) estás
(él/ella) está
(usted) está
(nosotros/-as) estamos
(vosotros/-as) estáis
(ellos/ellas) están
(ustedes) están

I am
you are (informal, singular)
he/she(/it) is
you are (formal, singular)
we are (m./f.)
you are (informal, plural, m./f.)
they are (m./f.)
you are (formal, plural)

llamar *infinitive*
(yo) llamo *present tense*
(tú) llamas
(él/ella) llama
(usted) llama
(nosotros/-as) llamamos
(vosotros/-as) llamáis
(ellos/ellas) llaman
(ustedes) llaman

to call
I call
you call (informal, singular)
he/she(/it) calls
you call (formal, singular)
we call (m./f.)
you call (informal, plural, m./f.)
they call (m./f.)
you call (formal, plural)

me *direct object pronoun* me

te
lo/la
lo/la
nos
os
los/las
los/las

you (informal, singular)
him/her(/it)
you (formal, singular, m./f.)
us
you (informal, plural)
them (m./f.)
you (formal, plural, m./f.)

decir *infinitive*
(yo) digo *present tense*
(tú) dices
(él/ella) dice
(usted) dice
(nosotros/-as) decimos

to say
I say
you say (informal, singular)
he/she(/it) says
you say (formal, singular)
we say (m./f.)

(vosotros/-as) **decís**
(ellos/ellas) **dicen**
(ustedes) **dicen**

you say (informal, plural, m./f.)
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?

Is Ana in?

No, she's not in. Call her back later.

Fine. Thank you.

¿Hola?

¿Está Ana?

No, no está. Llámala más tarde.

Muy bien. Gracias.

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