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A0021: I'm Sleepy

Introduction

You only get what you ask for (in capitalism at least); thus, you better know how to express your preferences. Sometimes you might even have to give a reason for them. But don't worry, JP and Liliana tell us how. Furthermore, they talk about the many ways of saying good bye. Our keyphrase is **tengo sueño** – I'm sleepy.

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Dialogue

hombre: ¿Quieres salir hoy?

mujer: No, prefiero quedarme en casa.

hombre: ¿Por qué?

mujer: Tengo sueño.

hombre: Ni modo. Nos vemos mañana.



Dialogue with Translation



hombre: **¿Quieres salir hoy?**
(you) want go out today
man: Do you want to go out today?

mujer: **No, prefiero quedarme en casa.**
no (I) prefer stay (myself) in house
woman: No, I prefer to stay at home.

hombre: **¿Por qué?**
by what
man: Why?

mujer: **Tengo sueño.**
(I) have sleep
woman: I'm sleepy.

hombre: **Ni modo. Nos vemos mañana.**
no way each other (we) see tomorrow
man: Too bad. We see each other tomorrow.

Vocabulary for Dialogue

el hombre	<i>noun</i> <i>(masculine)</i>	the man
la mujer	<i>noun</i> <i>(feminine)</i>	the woman
querer	<i>verb (infinitive)</i>	to want, to like
(tú) quieres	<i>verb (present tense)</i>	you want (informal, singular)
salir	<i>verb (infinitive)</i>	to go out
hoy	<i>adverb</i>	today
no	<i>adverb</i>	no
preferir	<i>verb (infinitive)</i>	to prefer
(yo) prefiero	<i>verb (present tense)</i>	I prefer
se	<i>reflexive pronoun</i>	oneself
quedarse	<i>verb (infinitive)</i>	to stay (oneself)
me	<i>reflexive pronoun</i>	myself
en	<i>preposition</i>	in
la casa	<i>noun</i> <i>(feminine)</i>	the house
en casa	<i>phrase</i>	at home
¿por qué?	<i>adverb</i>	why?
tener	<i>verb (infinitive)</i>	to have
(yo) tengo	<i>verb (present tense)</i>	I have
el sueño	<i>noun</i> <i>(masculine)</i>	the sleep
tener sueño	<i>phrase</i>	to be sleepy
ni modo	<i>phrase</i>	too bad, no way
nos	<i>reflexive pronoun</i>	us, each other
ver	<i>verb (infinitive)</i>	to see



(nosotros/-as) vemos	<i>verb (present tense)</i>	we see
nos vemos	<i>phrase</i>	see ya, we see each other
mañana	<i>adverb</i>	tomorrow

Vocabulary for Audio Lesson

nos vemos	<i>phrase</i>	see ya, we see each other
adiós	<i>interjection</i>	good bye
hasta luego	<i>phrase</i>	until later
bye	<i>interjection</i>	bye
hasta pronto	<i>phrase</i>	until soon
nos vemos al rato	<i>phrase</i>	we see each other in a while
ciao	<i>interjection</i>	bye

More Vocabulary



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

querer <i>infinitive</i>	to want
(yo) quiero <i>present tense</i>	I want
(tú) quieres	you want (informal, singular)
(él/ella) quiere	he/she(/it) wants
(usted) quiere	you want (formal, singular)
(nosotros/-as) queremos	we want (m./f.)
(vosotros/-as) queréis	you want (informal, plural, m./f.)
(ellos/ellas) quieren	they want (m./f.)
(ustedes) quieren	you want (formal, plural)

salir <i>infinitive</i>	to go out
(yo) salgo <i>present tense</i>	I go out

(tú) sales	you go out (informal, singular)
(él/ella) sale	he/she(/it) goes out
(usted) sale	you go out (formal, singular)
(nosotros/-as) salimos	we go out (m./f.)
(vosotros/-as) salís	you go out (informal, plural, m./f.)
(ellos/ellas) salen	they go out (m./f.)
(ustedes) salen	you go out (formal, plural)

preferir <i>infinitive</i>	to prefer
(yo) prefiero <i>present tense</i>	I prefer
(tú) prefieres	you prefer (informal, singular)
(él/ella) prefiere	he/she(/it) prefers
(usted) prefiere	you prefer (formal, singular)
(nosotros/-as) preferimos	we prefer (m./f.)
(vosotros/-as) preferís	you prefer (informal, plural, m./f.)
(ellos/ellas) prefieren	they prefer (m./f.)
(ustedes) prefieren	you prefer (formal, plural)

me <i>reflexive pronoun</i>	myself
te	yourself (informal, singular)
se	himself/herself(/itself)
se	yourself (formal, singular)
nos	ourselves, each other
os	yourselves, each other (informal, plural)
se	themselves, each other
se	yourselves, each other (formal, plural)

quedarse <i>infinitive</i>	to stay (oneself)
(yo) me quedo <i>present tense</i>	I stay (myself)
(tú) te quedas	you stay (yourself) (informal, singular)
(él/ella) se queda	he/she(/it) stays (himself/herself/itself)
(usted) se queda	you stay (yourself) (formal, singular)

(nosotros/-as) nos quedamos	we stay (ourselves) (m./f.)
(vosotros/-as) os quedáis	you stay (yourselves) (informal, plural, m./f.)
(ellos/ellas) se quedan	they stay (themselves) (m./f.)
(ustedes) se quedan	you stay (yourselves) (formal, plural)
tener <i>infinitive</i>	to have
(yo) tengo <i>present tense</i>	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)
ver <i>infinitive</i>	to see
(yo) veo <i>present tense</i>	I see
(tú) ves	you see (informal, singular)
(él/ella) ve	he/she(/it) sees
(usted) ve	you see (formal, singular)
(nosotros/-as) vemos	we see (m./f.)
(vosotros/-as) veis	you see (informal, plural, m./f.)
(ellos/ellas) ven	they see (m./f.)
(ustedes) ven	you see (formal, plural)

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.

¿Quieres salir hoy?
No, prefiero quedarme en casa.
¿Por qué?
Tengo sueño.
Ni modo. Nos vemos mañana.

Do you want go out today?
No, I prefer to stay at home.
Why?
I'm sleepy.
Too bad. We see each other tomorrow.

Dialogue Recall

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

Do you want to go out today?
No, I prefer to stay at home.
Why?
I'm sleepy.
Too bad. We see each other tomorrow.

¿Quieres salir hoy?
No, prefiero quedarme en casa.
¿Por qué?
Tengo sueño.
Ni modo. Nos vemos mañana.

Dialogue Remix

Translate this variant of the dialogue from English to Spanish.

Do you want to go out?
No, not today. I prefer to go out tomorrow.
You don't want to go out today?
No. Why don't you want to go out tomorrow?
I prefer to go out today.
Why?
Tomorrow I'm sleepy.
What?
I prefer to stay at home tomorrow.
Too bad. Do we see each other tomorrow?
No. Good bye.
See you soon!

¿Quieres salir?
No, hoy no. Prefiero salir mañana.

¿No quieres salir hoy?
No. ¿Por qué no quieres salir mañana?
Prefiero salir hoy.
¿Por qué?
Mañana tengo sueño.
¿Qué?
Prefiero quedarme en casa mañana.
Ni modo. ¿Nos vemos mañana?

No. Adiós.
¿Hasta pronto!

Dialogue Recast

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

Do you want to go out today? (plural)	¿Queréis salir hoy?
No, we prefer to stay at home.	No, preferimos quedarnos en casa.
Why?	¿Por qué?
We're sleepy.	Tenemos sueño.
Too bad. We see each other tomorrow.	Ni modo. Nos vemos mañana.

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