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## A0005: Take a Picture

### Introduction

Asking strangers for a favor can be pretty difficult for the less extrovert of us—even in our native language. But with a few Spanish words it's actually not that hard as Liliana and JP show us in this lesson. The keyphrase is **tomar una foto** – to take a picture.

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### Dialogue

*hombre:* ¡Señorita!

*mujer:* ¿Sí?

*hombre:* ¡Disculpe! ¿Nos podría tomar una foto por favor?

*mujer:* ¿Cómo no? ¡Sonrían!

*hombre:* Gracias.



## Dialogue with Translation



*hombre:* ¡Señorita!

*miss*

*man:* Miss!

*mujer:* ¿Sí?

*yes*

*woman:* Yes?

*hombre:* ¡Disculpe! ¿Nos podría tomar una foto por favor?

*(you) excuse (for) us (you) could take a photo please*

*man:* Excuse me, could you please take a picture for us?

*mujer:* ¿Cómo no? ¡Sonrían!

*how not (you) smile*

*woman:* How could I not? Smile!

*hombre:* Gracias.

*thanks*

*man:* Thanks.

## Vocabulary for Dialogue

<b>el hombre</b>	<i>noun (masculine)</i>	the man
<b>la mujer</b>	<i>noun (feminine)</i>	the woman
<b>la señorita</b>	<i>noun (feminine)</i>	the miss
<b>sí</b>	<i>adverb</i>	yes
<b>disculpar</b>	<i>verb (infinitive)</i>	to excuse
<b>¡(usted) disculpe!</b>	<i>verb (imperative)</i>	(you) excuse! (formal)
<b>nos</b>	<i>indirect object pronoun</i>	(to/for) us
<b>poder</b>	<i>verb (infinitive)</i>	can



**la señorita** –  
the miss

<b>(usted) podría</b>	<i>verb (conditional tense)</i>	you could (formal)
<b>tomar</b>	<i>verb (infinitive)</i>	to take
<b>un/una</b>	<i>article (m./f.)</i>	a
<b>la fotografía</b>	<i>noun (feminine)</i>	the photo
<b>la foto</b>	<i>noun (feminine)</i>	the photo
<b>por favor</b>	<i>phrase</i>	please
<b>¿cómo?</b>	<i>adverb</i>	how?
<b>no</b>	<i>adverb</i>	not, no
<b>sonreír</b>	<i>verb (infinitive)</i>	to smile
<b>¡(ustedes) sonrían!</b>	<i>verb (imperative)</i>	(you) smile! (formal, plural)
<b>gracias</b>	<i>noun (feminine, plural)</i>	thanks

## Vocabulary for Audio Lesson

<b>el señor</b>	<i>noun (masculine)</i>	the mister
<b>la tarea</b>	<i>noun (feminine)</i>	the exercise
<b>la señora</b>	<i>noun (feminine)</i>	the mistress
<b>Don Pedro</b>	<i>phrase</i>	very respectful form of address
<b>Doña Paula</b>	<i>phrase</i>	very respectful form of address
<b>hasta luego</b>	<i>phrase</i>	see you soon

## More Vocabulary

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



<b>poder</b>	<i>infinitive</i>	can
<b>(yo) podría</b>	<i>conditional tense</i>	I could
<b>(tú) podrías</b>		you could (informal, singular)
<b>(él/ella) podría</b>		he/she(/it) could

<b>(usted) podría</b>	you could (formal, singular)
<b>(nosotros/-as) podríamos</b>	we could (m./f.)
<b>(vosotros/-as) podríais</b>	you could (informal, plural, m./f.)
<b>(ellos/ellas) podrían</b>	they could (m./f.)
<b>(ustedes) podrían</b>	you could (formal, plural)

**me** *indirect object pronoun*

(to) me

**te**

(to) you (informal, singular)

**le**

(to) him/her(/it)

**le**

(to) you (formal, singular)

**nos**

(to) us

**os**

(to) you (informal, plural)

**les**

(to) them

**les**

(to) you (formal, plural)

**disculpar** *infinitive*

to excuse

**¡(tú) disculpa!** *imperative*

(you) excuse! (informal, singular)

**¡(usted) disculpe!**

(you) excuse! (formal, singular)

**¡(nosotros/-as) disculpemos!**

(let's) excuse! (m./f.)

**¡(vosotros/-as) disculpad!**

(you) excuse! (informal, plural, m./f.)

**¡(ustedes) disculpen!**

(you) excuse! (formal, plural)

**sonreír** *infinitive*

to smile

**¡(tú) sonríe!** *imperative*

(you) smile! (informal, singular)

**¡(usted) sonría!**

(you) smile! (formal, singular)

**¡(nosotros/-as) sonriamos!**

(let's) smile! (m./f.)

**¡(vosotros/-as) sonreíd!**

(you) smile! (informal, plural)

**¡(ustedes) sonrían!**

(you) smile! (formal, plural)

<b>tomar</b> <i>infinitive</i>	to take
<b>(yo) tomo</b> <i>present tense</i>	I take
<b>(tú) tomas</b>	you take (informal, singular)
<b>(él/ella) toma</b>	he/she(/it) takes
<b>(usted) toma</b>	you take (formal, singular)
<b>(nosotros/-as) tomamos</b>	we take (m./f.)
<b>(vosotros/-as) tomáis</b>	you take (informal, plural, m./f.)
<b>(ellos/ellas) toman</b>	they take (m./f.)
<b>(ustedes) toman</b>	you take (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.

<b>¡Señorita!</b>	Miss!
<b>¿Sí?</b>	Yes?
<b>¡Disculpe! ¿Nos podría tomar una foto por favor?</b>	Excuse me, could you please take a picture for us?
<b>¿Cómo no? ¡Sonrían!</b>	Of course./How could I not? Smile!
<b>Gracias.</b>	Thanks.

### Dialogue Recall

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

Miss!	<b>¡Señorita!</b>
Yes?	<b>¿Sí?</b>
Excuse me! Could you take a photo for us, please? (formal)	<b>¡Disculpe! ¿Nos podría tomar una foto por favor?</b>
Of course! Smile! (formal)	<b>¿Cómo no? ¡Sonrían!</b>
Thanks.	<b>Gracias.</b>

## Dialogue Remix

Translate this variant of the dialogue from English to Spanish.

Sir! Excuse me!	<b>¡Señor! ¡Disculpe!</b>
Yes?	<b>¿Sí?</b>
Could you take a picture for us?	<b>¿Nos podría tomar una foto?</b>
No!	<b>¡No!</b>
Sir, please!	<b>Señor, ¡por favor!</b>
Yes, of course.	<b>Sí, ¿cómo no?</b>
Thanks!	<b>Gracias!</b>
Sir, miss, smile.	<b>Señor, señorita, sonrían.</b>

## Dialogue Recast

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

Miss!	<b>¡Señorita!</b>
Yes?	<b>¿Sí?</b>
Excuse me! Could you take a photo for me, please? (informal)	<b>¡Disculpa! ¿Me podrías tomar una foto por favor?</b>
Of course! Smile! (informal)	<b>¿Cómo no? ¡Sonríe!</b>
Thanks.	<b>Gracias.</b>

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