

Spanish by Choice/SpanishPod newbie lesson A0007/Print version

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A0007: Where Are You From?

Introduction

Yes, this is about the easiest way to find something to talk about: asking where people are from. Invaluable small talk strategies offered by Liliana and JP.

Keywords are **Perú** – Peru and **Colombia** – Colombia.

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Dialogue

mujer: ¿De dónde eres?

hombre: Soy de Perú. ¿Y tú?

mujer: Yo soy de Colombia.

hombre: ¡Qué bien!



Dialogue with Translation



mujer: **¿De dónde eres?**
from where (you) are
woman: Where are you from?

hombre: **Soy de Perú. ¿Y tú?**
(I) am from Peru and you
man: I'm from Peru. And you?

mujer: **Yo soy de Colombia.**
I am from Colombia
woman: I'm from Colombia.

hombre: **¡Qué bien!**
how good
man: How nice!

Vocabulary for Dialogue

la mujer	<i>noun (feminine)</i>	the woman
el hombre	<i>noun (masculine)</i>	the man
de	<i>preposition</i>	from, of
¿dónde?	<i>adverb</i>	where?
¿de dónde?	<i>adverb</i>	from where?
ser	<i>verb (infinitive)</i>	to be
(tú) eres	<i>verb (present tense)</i>	you are (informal, singular)
(yo) soy	<i>verb (present tense)</i>	I am
Perú	<i>proper noun (masculine)</i>	Peru
y	<i>conjunction</i>	and
tú	<i>subject pronoun</i>	you (informal, singular)
yo	<i>subject pronoun</i>	I
Colombia	<i>proper noun (feminine)</i>	Colombia
¿qué?	<i>adverb</i>	how?, what?
bien	<i>adverb</i>	well, good

Vocabulary for Audio Lesson

el ceviche	<i>proper noun</i>	the citrus-marinated seafood salad
los incas	<i>proper noun</i>	the Incas
Machu Picchu	<i>proper noun</i>	a Inca city
Gabriel García Márquez	<i>proper noun</i>	a Colombian writer
Shakira Isabel Mebarak Ripoll	<i>proper noun</i>	a Colombian goddess
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.

ser <i>infinitive</i>	to be
(yo) soy <i>present tense</i>	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)

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.

¿De dónde eres?
Soy de Perú. ¿Y tú?
Yo soy de Colombia.
¡Qué bien!

Where are you from?
I'm from Peru. And you?
I'm from Colombia.
How nice!

Dialogue Recall

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

Where are you from?
I'm from Peru. And you?
I'm from Colombia.
How nice!

¿De dónde eres?
Soy de Perú. ¿Y tú?
Yo soy de Colombia.
¡Qué bien!

Dialogue Remix

Translate this variant of the dialogue from English to Spanish.

Where are you from?
Where am I from?
From Peru, from Colombia, ...?
Are you from Peru?
I'm from Colombia.
How nice!
And you?
What?
Where are you from?

¿De dónde eres?
¿De dónde soy?
¿De Perú, de Colombia, ...?
¿(Tú) eres de Perú?
(Yo) soy de Colombia.
¡Qué bien!
¿Y tú?
¿Qué?
¿De dónde eres?

Dialogue Recast

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

Where are you from? (formal)
I'm from Peru. And you? (formal,
plural)
We are from Colombia.
How nice!

¿De dónde es (usted)?
Soy de Perú. ¿Y ustedes?
Nosotros somos de Colombia.
¿Qué bien!

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