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A0016: I Feel Sick

Introduction

It's never good when someone doesn't feel well but at least you can use the opportunity to start a small conversation in Spanish. The keywords are **pobrecito** – poor guy, and **¿Qué tienes?** – What's wrong with you?

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Dialogue

mujer: **Hombre, ¿qué te pasa?**
hombre: **Me siento mal.**
mujer: **¿Qué tienes?**
hombre: **Me duele el estómago.**
mujer: **Pobrecito.**



Dialogue with Translation



mujer: **Hombre, ¿qué te pasa?**
man *what (to) you (it) happens*
woman: Hey, what's happening to you?

hombre: **Me siento mal.**
myself (I) feel badly
man: I don't feel so good.

mujer: **¿Qué tienes?**
what (you) have
woman: What's wrong with you?

hombre: **Me duele el estómago.**
(to) me hurts the stomach
man: My stomach hurts.

mujer: **Pobrecito.**
poor guy
woman: Poor little dude.

Vocabulary for Dialogue

el hombre	<i>noun (masculine)</i>	the man
la mujer	<i>noun (feminine)</i>	the woman
¿qué?	<i>pronoun</i>	what?
te	<i>indirect object pronoun</i>	(to) you
pasar	<i>verb (infinitive)</i>	to happen
(él/ella) pasa	<i>verb (present tense)</i>	he/she(/it) happens
se	<i>reflexive pronoun</i>	oneself
sentirse	<i>verb (infinitive)</i>	to feel (oneself)
me	<i>reflexive pronoun</i>	myself
(yó) me siento	<i>verb (present tense)</i>	I feel (myself)
mal	<i>adverb</i>	badly
tener	<i>verb (infinitive)</i>	to have
(tú) tienes	<i>verb (present tense)</i>	you have (informal, singular)
me	<i>indirect object pronoun</i>	(to) me
doler	<i>verb (infinitive)</i>	to hurt
(él/ella) duele	<i>verb (present tense)</i>	he/she(/it) hurts
el estómago	<i>noun (masculine)</i>	the stomach
pobre	<i>adjective (m./f.)</i>	poor
el pobrecito	<i>noun (masculine)</i>	the poor little guy



Vocabulary for Audio Lesson

gordo/gorda	<i>adjective (m./f.)</i>	fat
el gordito	<i>noun (masculine)</i>	the chubby guy
poco/poca	<i>adjective (m./f.)</i>	little
el poquito	<i>noun (masculine)</i>	the little cute bit
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.

me <i>indirect object pronoun</i>	(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)

pasar <i>infinitive</i>	to happen
(yo) paso <i>present tense</i>	I happen
(tú) pasas	you happen (informal, singular)
(él/ella) pasa	he/she(/it) happens
(usted) pasa	you happen (formal, singular)
(nosotros/-as) pasamos	we happen (m./f.)
(vosotros/-as) pasáis	you happen (informal, plural, m./f.)
(ellos/ellas) pasan	they happen (m./f.)
(ustedes) pasan	you happen (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

yourself, each other (formal, plural)

sentirse *infinitive*

to feel (oneself)

(yo) me siento *present tense*

I feel (myself)

(tú) te sientes

you feel (yourself) (informal, singular)

(él/ella) se siente

he/she(/it) feels (himself/herself/itself)

(usted) se siente

you feel (yourself) (formal, singular)

(nosotros/-as) nos sentimos

we feel (ourselves) (m./f.)

(vosotros/-as) os sentís

you feel (yourselves) (informal, plural, m./f.)

(ellos/ellas) se sienten

they feel (themselves) (m./f.)

(ustedes) se sienten

you feel (yourselves) (formal, plural)

tener *infinitive*

to have

(yo) tengo *present tense*

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)

doler *infinitive*

to hurt

(yo) duelo *present tense*

I hurt

(tú) dueles

you hurt (informal, singular)

(él/ella) duele

he/she(/it) hurts

(usted) duele

you have (formal, singular)

(nosotros/-as) dolemos

we hurt (m./f.)

(vosotros/-as) doléis

you hurt (informal, plural, m./f.)

(ellos/ellas) duelen

they hurt (m./f.)

(ustedes) duelen

you hurt (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.

Hombre, ¿qué te pasa?

Me siento mal.

¿Qué tienes?

Me duele el estómago.

Pobrecito.

Hey, what's happening to you?

I don't feel so good.

What's wrong with you?

My stomach hurts.

Poor little dude.

Dialogue Recall

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

Man, what's happening to you?

I don't feel so good.

What's wrong with you?

My stomach hurts.

Poor guy.

Hombre, ¿qué te pasa?

Me siento mal.

¿Qué tienes?

Me duele el estómago.

Pobrecito.

Dialogue Remix

Translate this variant of the dialogue from English to Spanish.

Hey!

What's up? (= What happens?)

I feel very (= **muy**) bad.

What's your problem?

I have a headache. (= The head (= **la cabeza**) hurts to me.)

I feel sorry. (= It (= **lo**) I feel.)

¡Hombre!

¿Qué pasa?

Me siento muy mal.

¿Qué tienes?

Me duele la cabeza.

Lo siento.

Dialogue Recast

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

What's happening to you? (formal, plural)

We don't feel so good.

What's wrong with you? (formal, plural)

My stomach hurts.

Poor little guy.

¿Qué les pasa?

Nos sentimos mal.

¿Qué tienen (ustedes)?

Me duele el estómago.

Pobrecito.

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