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A0033: It's Expensive

Introduction

Beware! This is the taboo lesson: rents, salaries, politics, religion, sex, and ... mamas! Liliana and JP give invaluable information about US-American and Latin-American culture. The keywords are: **cara** – expensive (for feminine nouns) and **caro** – expensive (for masculine nouns).

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Dialogue

hombre: **Mi renta es de mil dólares.**

mujer: **¿En serio? Es muy cara.**

hombre: **Pero todo es caro.**

mujer: **Tienes razón.**



Dialogue with Translation



hombre: **Mi renta es de mil dólares.**
my rent is of thousand dollars
man: My rent is at a thousand dollars.

mujer: **¿En serio? Es muy cara.**
in serious (it) is very expensive
woman: Seriously? It's very expensive.

hombre: **Pero todo es caro**
but everything is expensive
man: But everything is expensive.

mujer: **Tienes razón.**
(you) have right
woman: You're right.

Vocabulary for Dialogue

el hombre	<i>noun (masculine)</i>	the man
la mujer	<i>noun (feminine)</i>	the woman
mi	<i>adjective (m./f.)</i>	my
la renta	<i>noun (feminine)</i>	the rent
ser	<i>verb (infinitive)</i>	to be
(él/ella) es	<i>verb (present tense)</i>	he/she(/it) is
de	<i>preposition</i>	of
mil	<i>number</i>	thousand
el dólar	<i>noun (masculine)</i>	the dollar
los dólares	<i>noun (plural, masculine)</i>	the dollars
en	<i>preposition</i>	in
serio/seria	<i>adjective (m./f.)</i>	serious
muy	<i>adverb</i>	very
caro/cara	<i>adjective (m./f.)</i>	expensive
pero	<i>conjunction</i>	but
todo	<i>pronoun</i>	everything, all
tener	<i>verb (infinitive)</i>	to have
(tú) tienes	<i>verb (present tense)</i>	you have (informal, singular)
la razón	<i>noun (feminine)</i>	the reason
tener razón	<i>phrase</i>	to be right



Vocabulary for Audio Lesson

la cara	<i>noun (feminine)</i>	the face
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.

mi <i>adjective</i>	my
mis <i>adjective (plural)</i>	my
tu <i>adjective</i>	your (informal, singular)
tus <i>adjective (plural)</i>	your (informal, singular)
su <i>adjective</i>	his/her(/its)/their
sus <i>adjective (plural)</i>	his/her(/its)/their
su <i>adjective</i>	your (formal)
sus <i>adjective (plural)</i>	your (formal)
nuestro/nuestra <i>adjective (m./f.)</i>	our
nuestros/nuestras <i>adjective (plural, m./f.)</i>	our
vuestro/vuestra <i>adjective (m./f.)</i>	your (informal, plural)
vuestros/vuestras <i>adjective (plural, m./f.)</i>	your (informal, plural)
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)
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
(vosotros/-as) tenéis
(ellos/ellas) tienen
(ustedes) tienen

we have (m./f.)
you have (informal, plural, m./f.)
they have (m./f.)
you have (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.

Mi renta es de mil dólares.
¿En serio? Es muy cara.
Pero todo es caro.
Tienes razón.

My rent is at a thousand dollars.
Seriously? It's very expensive.
But everything is expensive.
You're right.

Dialogue Recall

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

My rent is at a thousand dollars.
Seriously? It's very expensive.
But everything is expensive.
You're right.

Mi renta es de mil dólares.
¿En serio? Es muy cara.
Pero todo es caro.
Tienes razón.

Dialogue Remix

Translate this variant of the dialogue from English to Spanish.

Everything is very expensive.
You are right. My rent is very expensive.
Everything.

Todo es muy caro.
Tienes razón. Mi renta es muy caro.
Todo.

My rent is at a thousand dollars.
That is very, very expensive.
Seriously?
Seriously! But everything is very
expensive.
Everything.

**Mi renta es de mil dólares.
Es muy, muy caro.
¿En serio?
¡En serio! Pero todo es muy caro.
Todo.**

Dialogue Recast

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

Our rent is at a thousand dollars.
Seriously? It's very expensive.
But everything is expensive.
You're right. (formal)

**Nuestra renta es de mil dólares.
¿En serio? Es muy cara.
Pero todo es caro.
Tiene razón.**

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