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A0037: The Baby Is Sleeping

Introduction

Sh! Don't make that much noise when reading this! And don't miss Liliana and JP talking about babys, prohibitive commands, and kids in general. And don't forget to listen for the keyword: **ruido** – the noise.

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Dialogue

hombre: ¡Sh! ¡No hagas ruido!

mujer: ¿Por qué?

hombre: El bebé está dormido.

mujer: ¡No te preocupes!



Dialogue with Translation



hombre: ¡Sh! ¡No **hagas** **ruido!**
sh not (you) make noise
man: Sh! Don't make noise!

mujer: ¿**Por qué?**
why
woman: Why?

hombre: **El bebé está dormido.**
the baby is sleeping
man: The baby is sleeping.

mujer: ¡**No te preocupes!**
no yourself worry
woman: Don't worry.

Vocabulary for Dialogue

el hombre	<i>noun</i> <i>(masculine)</i>	the man
la mujer	<i>noun (feminine)</i>	the woman
no	<i>adverb</i>	not
hacer	<i>verb (infinitive)</i>	to make
¡(tú) no hagas!	<i>verb (negative imperative)</i>	(you) don't make! (informal, singular)
el ruido	<i>noun</i> <i>(masculine)</i>	the noise
¿por qué?	<i>adverb</i>	why?
el bebé/la bebé	<i>noun (m./f.)</i>	the baby
estar	<i>verb (infinitive)</i>	to be
(él/ella) está	<i>verb (present tense)</i>	he/she(/it) is
dormir	<i>verb (infinitive)</i>	to sleep



dormido/dormida	<i>adjective (m./f.)</i>	asleep
se	<i>reflexive pronoun</i>	oneself
preocuparse	<i>verb (infinitive)</i>	to worry (oneself)
te	<i>reflexive pronoun</i>	yourself
¡(tú) no te preocupes!	<i>verb (negative imperative)</i>	(you) don't worry (yourself)!

Vocabulary for Audio Lesson

el silencio	<i>noun (masculine)</i>	the silence
suave	<i>adjective (m./f.)</i>	soft
el niño/la niña	<i>noun (m./f.)</i>	the child
los niños/las niñas	<i>noun (plural, m./f.)</i>	the children
el chico/la chica	<i>noun (m./f.)</i>	the boy/the girl
los chicos/las chicas	<i>noun (plural, m./f.)</i>	the kids/the girls
el pequeño/la pequeña	<i>noun (m./f.)</i>	the little one
los pequeños/las pequeñas	<i>noun (plural, m./f.)</i>	the little ones
el mocoso/la mocosa	<i>noun (m./f.)</i>	the snotty one
los mocosos/las mocosas	<i>noun (plural, m./f.)</i>	the snotty ones
el chilpayate/la chilpayata	<i>noun (m./f.)</i>	the little child (Mexican)
el escuincle/la escuincla	<i>noun (m./f.)</i>	the skinny dog (Aztec)
los/las escuincles	<i>noun (plural, m./f.)</i>	the skinny dogs (Aztec)
¿dónde?	<i>adverb</i>	where?
(ellos/ellas) están	<i>verb (present tense)</i>	they are



los chicos – the kids



**el escuincle/la
escuincla** – the
skinny dog

¿Dónde están los
escuincles?

phrase

Where are the
little dogs?

hasta luego

phrase

see you later

More Vocabulary



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

hacer *infinitive*

to make

¡(tú) no hagas! *negative imperative*

(you) don't make! (informal, singular)

¡(usted) no haga!

(you) don't make! (formal, singular)

¡(nosotros/-as) no hagamos!

(let's) don't make! (m./f.)

¡(vosotros/-as) no hagáis!

(you) don't make! (informal, plural)

¡(ustedes) no hagan!

(you) don't make! (formal, plural)

estar *infinitive*

to be

(yo) **estoy** *present tense*

I am

(tú) **estás**

you are (informal, singular)

(él/ella) **está**

he/she(/it) is

(usted) **está**

you are (formal, singular)

(nosotros/-as) **estamos**

we are (m./f.)

(vosotros/-as) **estáis**

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

(ellos/ellas) **están**

they are (m./f.)

(ustedes) **están**

you are (formal, plural)

me *reflexive pronoun*

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)

preocuparse <i>infinitive</i>	to worry (oneself)
¡(tú) no te preocupes! <i>negative imperative</i>	(you) don't worry (yourself)! (informal, singular)
¡(usted) no se preocupe!	(you) don't worry! (formal, singular)
¡(nosotros/-as) no nos preocupemos!	(let's) don't worry! (m./f.)
¡(vosotros/-as) no os preocupéis!	(you) don't worry! (informal, plural)
¡(ustedes) no se preocupen!	(you) don't worry! (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.

¡Sh! ¡No hagas ruido!	Sh! Don't make noise!
¿Por qué?	Why?
El bebé está dormido.	The baby is sleeping.
¡No te preocupes!	Don't worry.

Dialogue Recall

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

Sh! Don't make noise!	¡Sh! ¡No hagas ruido!
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Why?
The baby is sleeping.
Don't worry.

**¿Por qué?
El bebé está dormido.
¡No te preocupes!**

Dialogue Remix

Translate this variant of the dialogue from English to Spanish.

Is the baby asleep?
No, it's not asleep.
Why not?
Because of (= por) the noise.
Don't make noise!
Don't worry! The baby is asleep.

**¿El bebé está dormido?
No, no está dormido.
¿Por qué no?
¡Por el ruido!
¡No hagas ruido!
¡No te preocupes! El bebé está
dormido.**

Dialogue Recast

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

Sh! Don't make noise! (formal)
Why?
The babies are sleeping.
Don't worry. (formal)

**¡Sh! ¡No haga ruido!
¿Por qué?
Los bebés están dormidos.
¡No se preocupe!**

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