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A0041: Cheers!

Introduction

Here is a true story: the first time I tried to say “cheers” in Spanish, I said “qué aproveche,” which means “enjoy your meal” and is just wrong when everyone is drinking instead of eating. Well, it's from our mistakes that we learn. And from JP and Liliana, of course. The keyword of this lesson is: **felicidades** – congratulations.

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Dialogue

mujer: ¡Toma una copa!
hombre: ¿Por qué brindamos?
mujer: Por mi nuevo trabajo.
hombre: ¡Felicidades!
mujer: ¡Salud!
hombre: ¡Salud!



Dialogue with Translation



mujer: **¡Toma una copa!**
(you) take a drink
woman: Take a drink!

hombre: **¿Por qué brindamos?**
why (we) toast
man: What are we toasting to?

mujer: **Por mi nuevo trabajo.**
to my new job
woman: To my new job.

hombre: **¡Felicidades!**
congratulations
man: Congratulations!

mujer: **¡Salud!**
health
woman: Cheers!

hombre: **¡Salud!**
health
man: Cheers!

Vocabulary for Dialogue

la mujer	<i>noun</i> <i>(feminine)</i>	the woman
el hombre	<i>noun</i> <i>(masculine)</i>	the man
tomar	<i>verb</i> <i>(infinitive)</i>	to take, drink
(tú) toma	<i>verb</i> <i>(imperative)</i>	(you) take! (informal, singular)
un/una	<i>article (m./f.)</i>	a
la copa	<i>noun</i> <i>(feminine)</i>	the drink
¿por qué?	<i>adverb</i>	why?
brindar	<i>verb</i> <i>(infinitive)</i>	to toast
(nosotros/-as) brindamos	<i>verb (present tense)</i>	we toast
por	<i>preposition</i>	to, for, because of
mi	<i>adjective</i> <i>(m./f.)</i>	my
nuevo/nueva	<i>adjective</i> <i>(m./f.)</i>	new
el trabajo	<i>noun</i> <i>(masculine)</i>	the job, the work
¡felicidades!	<i>phrase</i>	congratulations!
¡salud!	<i>phrase</i>	cheers!
la salud	<i>noun</i> <i>(feminine)</i>	the health



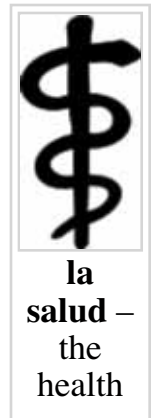
brindar – to toast



la copa –
the drink

Vocabulary for Audio Lesson

querer	<i>verb (infinitive)</i>	to want
(tú) quieres	<i>verb (present tense)</i>	you want (informal, singular)
¿Quieres una copa?	<i>phrase</i>	Do you want a drink?
feliz	<i>adjective (m./f.)</i>	happy
¡arriba, abajo, al centro, pa' dentro!	<i>phrase</i>	up, down, to the center, inside!
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.

tomar <i>infinitive</i>	to take
¡(tú) toma! <i>imperative</i>	(you) take! (informal, singular)
¡(usted) tome!	(you) take! (formal, singular)
¡(nosotros/-as) tomemos!	(let's) take! (m./f.)
¡(vosotros/-as) tomad!	(you) take! (informal, plural, m./f.)
¡(ustedes) tomen!	(you) take! (formal, plural)
brindar <i>infinitive</i>	to toast
(yo) brindo <i>present tense</i>	I toast
(tú) brindas	you toast (informal, singular)
(él/ella) brinda	he/she(/it) toasts
(usted) brinda	you toast (formal, singular)
(nosotros/-as) brindamos	we toast (m./f.)
(vosotros/-as) brindáis	you toast (informal, plural, m./f.)
(ellos/ellas) brindan	they toast (m./f.)

(ustedes) brindan		you toast (formal, plural)
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)

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.

¡Toma una copa!	Take a drink!
¿Por qué brindamos?	What are we toasting to?
Por mi nuevo trabajo.	To my new job.
¡Felicidades!	Congratulations!
¡Salud!	Cheers!
¡Salud!	Cheers!

Dialogue Recall

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

Take a drink!
What are we toasting to?
To my new job.
Congratulations!
Cheers!
Cheers!

¡Toma una copa!
¿Por qué brindamos?
Por mi nuevo trabajo.
¡Felicidades!
¡Salud!
¡Salud!

Dialogue Remix

Translate this variant of the dialogue from English to Spanish.

Do you want a drink? Take (it)!
Why?
We drink to my new job.
Congratulations!
Cheers!

¿Quieres una copa? ¡Toma!
¿Por qué?
Brindamos por mi nuevo trabajo.
¡Felicidades!
¡Salud!

Dialogue Recast

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

Take a drink! (formal)
What are you toasting to? (formal)
To your new job. (formal)
Congratulations!
Cheers!
Cheers!

¡Tome una copa (usted)!
¿Por qué brinda (usted)?
Por su nuevo trabajo.
¡Felicidades!
¡Salud!
¡Salud!

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