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A0131: I Miss Them

Introduction

In this lesson, JP and Liliana teach us how to ask what's wrong, how to express homesickness, how to give an advice, and how to approve of an idea. Well, not all possibilities but enough to get us started. The keyword is **extraño** – I miss.

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Dialogue

hombre: ¿Qué te pasa?

mujer: Extraño a mi familia.

hombre: ¡Llámalos!

mujer: Buena idea.



Dialogue with Translation



hombre: **¿Qué te pasa?**
what (to) you (it) happens
man: What's happening to you?

mujer: **Extraño a mi familia.**
(I) miss to my family
woman: I miss my family.

hombre: **¡Llámalos!**
call them
man: Call them!

mujer: **Buena idea.**
good idea
woman: Good idea.

Vocabulary for Dialogue

el hombre	<i>noun (masculine)</i>	the man
la mujer	<i>noun (feminine)</i>	the woman
¿qué?	<i>pronoun</i>	what?, how?
te	<i>indirect object pronoun</i>	(to) you (informal, singular)
pasar	<i>verb (infinitive)</i>	to happen
(él/ella) pasa	<i>verb (present tense)</i>	he/she(/it) happens
extrañar	<i>verb (infinitive)</i>	to miss
(yo) extraño	<i>verb (present tense)</i>	I miss
a	<i>preposition</i>	to
mi	<i>adjective (m./f.)</i>	my
la familia	<i>noun (feminine)</i>	the family



la familia – the family



llamar – to call

llamar	<i>verb (infinitive)</i>	to call
¡(tú) llama!	<i>verb (imperative)</i>	(you) call! (informal, singular)
los	<i>direct object pronoun</i>	them
¡(tú) llámalos!	<i>phrase</i>	(you) call them! (informal, singular)
bueno/buena	<i>adjective (m./f.)</i>	good
la idea	<i>noun (feminine)</i>	the idea

Vocabulary for Audio Lesson

la comida	<i>noun (feminine)</i>	the food
(yo) extraño la comida	<i>phrase</i>	I miss the food
el país	<i>noun (masculine)</i>	the country
(yo) extraño mi país	<i>phrase</i>	I'm homesick
(yo) extraño Méjico/México	<i>phrase</i>	I miss Mexico
enfermo/enferma	<i>adjective (m./f.)</i>	sick
de	<i>preposition</i>	of
la casa	<i>noun (feminine)</i>	the house
estar	<i>verb (infinitive)</i>	to be
(yo) estoy homesick	<i>phrase</i>	I'm homesick



More Vocabulary

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



me *indirect object
pronoun*

(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 *infinitive*

to happen

(yo) paso *present tense*

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)

extrañar *infinitive*

to miss

(yo) extraño *present tense*

I miss

(tú) extrañas

you miss (informal, singular)

(él/ella) extraña

he/she(/it) misses

(usted) extraña

you miss (formal, singular)

(nosotros/-as)

extrañamos

we miss (m./f.)

(vosotros/-as) extrañáis

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

(ellos/ellas) extrañan

they miss (m./f.)

(ustedes) extrañan

you miss (formal, plural)

mi *adjective*

my

mis *adjective (plural)*

my

tu *adjective*

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)
llamar <i>infinitive</i>	to call
(yo) llamo <i>present tense</i>	I call
(tú) llamas	you call (informal, singular)
(él/ella) llama	he/she(/it) calls
(usted) llama	you call (formal, singular)
(nosotros/-as) llamamos	we call (m./f.)
(vosotros/-as) llamáis	you call (informal, plural, m./f.)
(ellos/ellas) llaman	they call (m./f.)
(ustedes) llaman	you call (formal, plural)
me <i>direct object pronoun</i>	me
te	you (informal, singular)
lo/la	him/her(/it)
lo/la	you (formal, singular, m./f.)
nos	us
os	you (informal, plural)
los/las	them (m./f.)
los/las	you (formal, plural, m./f.)

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.

¿Qué te pasa?	What's happening to you?
Extraño a mi familia.	I miss my family.
¡Llámalos!	Call them!
Buena idea.	Good idea.

Dialogue Recall

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

What's happening to you?	¿Qué te pasa?
I miss my family.	Extraño a mi familia.
Call them!	¡Llámalos!
Good idea.	Buena idea.

Dialogue Remix

Translate this variant of the dialogue from English to Spanish.

What's happening to you?	¿Qué te pasa?
Well (= good) ...	Bueno ...
What?	¿Qué?
I miss my country and (= y) the food.	Extraño mi país y la comida.
Well ...	Bueno ...
¡And I miss my family!	¡Y extraño a mi familia!
Call them!	¡Llámalos!
Good idea.	Buena idea.

Dialogue Recast

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

What's happening to you? (formal)
I miss my family.
Call them! (formal)
Good idea.

¿Qué le pasa?
Extraño a mi familia.
¡Llámelos!
Buena idea.

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