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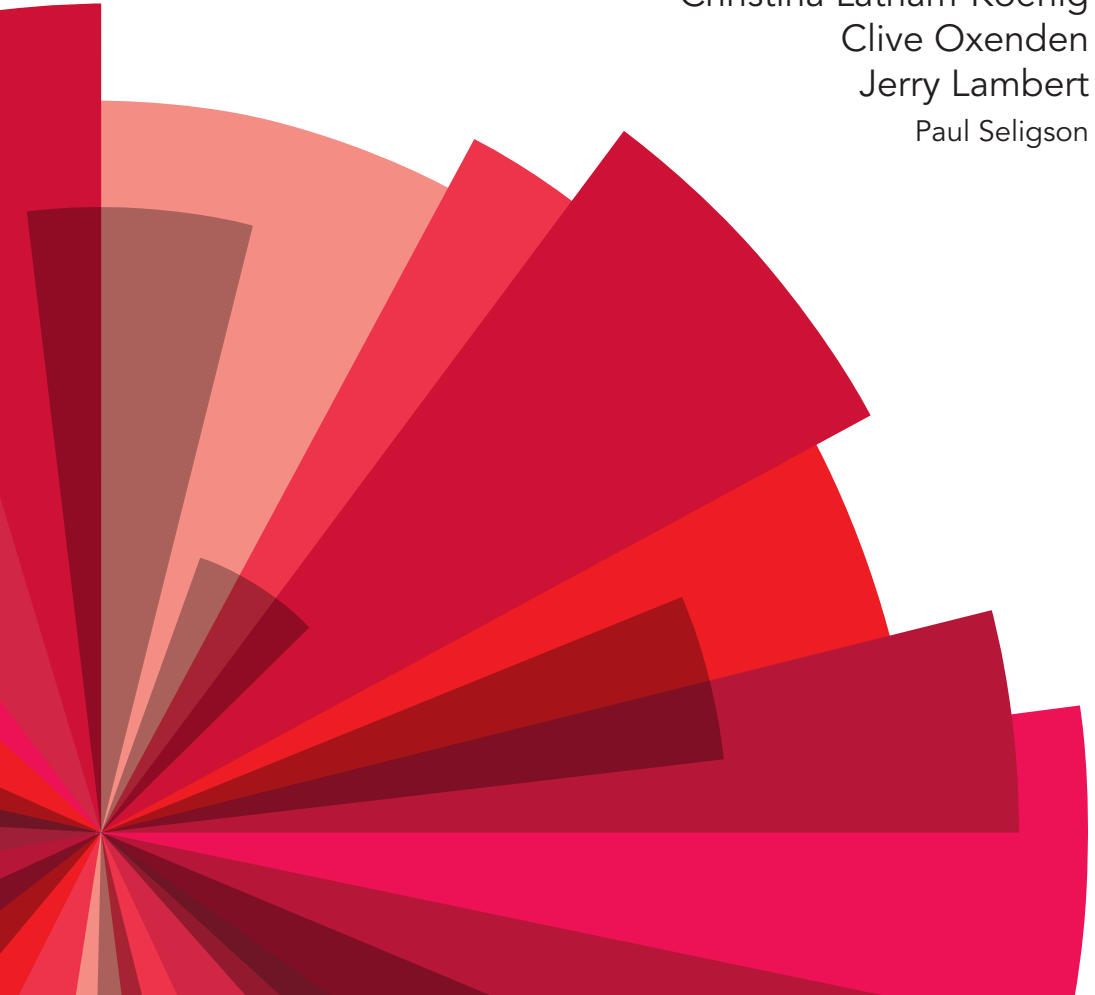
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POCKET BOOK
for speakers of Spanish

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6A object pronouns

Be careful with the word order of object pronouns (*me, you, him, her, us, them*).

No la conozco. = I don't know her. NOT I don't her know.
Los veo todos los días. = I see them every day. NOT I see every day them.

Use object pronouns after prepositions.

Nunca nos llaman. = They never call us.
Estoy de acuerdo contigo. = I agree with you.



PRONUNCIATION

Be careful with stressed words in sentences. We normally stress the verb not the object pronoun.

¿Me puedes ayudar? = Can you help me? NOT Can you help me?
No me gusta. = I don't like it. NOT I don't like it.
Te necesito. = I need you. NOT I need you.

6B like + (verb + -ing)

***Gustar* and *like* mean the same but work in different ways.**

Me gusta. = I like it. NOT ~~Hike~~. or ~~It likes me~~.
Me gustan. = I like them. NOT ~~Hike~~. or ~~They like me~~.
No me gusta. = I don't like it. NOT ~~I don't like~~. or ~~It doesn't like me~~.
No me gustan. = I don't like them. NOT ~~I don't like~~. or ~~They don't like me~~.

Use the gerund after *like, love, don't mind, hate*.

Me gusta nadar. = I like swimming. NOT ~~Hike swim~~.
A ella le encanta bailar. = She loves dancing. NOT ~~She loves dance~~.
A él no le gusta conducir de noche. = He doesn't like driving at night. NOT ~~He doesn't like drive at night~~.
Odio levantarme temprano. = I hate getting up early. NOT ~~Hate get up early~~.

Remember to use *it* in questions and short answers.

¿Te gusta? = Do you like it? NOT ~~Do you like?~~
Sí, me encanta. = Yes, I love it. NOT ~~Yes, I love~~.
¿Les gusta? = Do they like it? NOT ~~Do they like~~.
Sí, les gusta mucho. = Yes, they like it very much. NOT ~~Yes, they like~~. or ~~Yes, they like very much~~.

6C be or do?

Be and do can be main verbs or auxiliary verbs.

- ¿De dónde son? = Where **are** they from? (main verb)
¿Qué están comiendo? = What **are** they eating? (auxiliary verb)
Hago mucho trabajo voluntario. = I **do** a lot of voluntary work. (main verb)
¿Vienes mucho por aquí? = **Do** you come here often? (auxiliary verb)
¿Siempre hace las tareas domésticas? = **Does** he always **do** the housework? (auxiliary and main verb)

Remember to use the auxiliary verb do in present simple questions and negatives.

- ¿Hablan español? = **Do** they speak Spanish? NOT ~~They speak Spanish?~~
¿Qué quieres? = What **do** you want? NOT ~~What you want?~~

7A past simple of be: was / were

Remember that both ser and estar = to be.

- Somos españoles. = We **are** Spanish.
Estamos en casa. = We **are** at home.

This is also true in the past simple.

- Fui feliz en Nueva York. = I **was** happy in New York.
Su casa estaba enfrente de la nuestra. = Their house **was** opposite ours.
Las películas de Fernando Rey eran muy populares. = Fernando Rey's films **were** very popular.
¿Dónde estuviste anoche? = Where **were** you last night?

Remember to use the verb be with born.

- Nací en Zamora. = I **was** born in Zamora. NOT ~~I born in Zamora.~~



PRONUNCIATION

The auxiliary verbs *was* and *were* are not normally stressed and have a 'weak' pronunciation.

was /wəz/ *were* /wə(r)/

Be careful with the stressed words in sentences with the past of *be*.

He *was* /wəz/ a great actor.

We *were* /wə/ too late.

I *was* /wəz/ born in Glasgow.

PRONUNCIATION

Be careful with the sentence stress of these phrases.

call your sister

paint a picture

wait for the bus

leave her bag on the train

hear a noise

buy a newspaper

give her mother flowers

meet a friend

look for my keys

tell a friend a secret

5C The weather and seasons

Está nublado / fresco / agradable. = It's cloudy / cool / warm.

but also

Hace sol / calor / frío / viento. = It's sunny / hot / cold / windy.

Hay niebla. = It's foggy.

Está lloviendo / Lluve. = It's raining, it's wet.

Hoy hace calor. = It's hot today. NOT ~~Today it makes hot.~~

Be careful – tiempo can be time or weather.

¡El tiempo vuela! = Time flies!

¿Qué tiempo hace? = What's the weather like?

PRONUNCIATION

Be careful with the pronunciation of these words.

autumn /'ɔ:təm/

cold /kəʊld/

cool /ku:l/

windy /'wɪndi/

foggy /'fɒgi/

sunny /'sʌni/

6B Ordinal numbers and the date

el doce de marzo = the twelfth of March NOT ~~the twelve of March~~

el veintidós de julio = the twenty-second of July NOT ~~the twenty-two of July~~

La reunión es el viernes 5 = The meeting is on Friday the fifth of September. NOT ~~The meeting is the Friday five of September.~~

de septiembre. = in December NOT ~~on December~~

en diciembre = two thousand and thirteen NOT ~~the two-thousand thirteen~~

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PRONUNCIATION

Be careful with the pronunciation of the final consonants in these ordinal numbers.

first = /fɜ:st/ NOT /fɜ:s/ second = /'sekənd/ NOT /'sekən/

third = /θɜ:d/ NOT /θɜ:t/ fourth = /fɔ:θ/ NOT /fɔ:t/

fifth = /fɪfθ/ NOT /fɪft/ sixth = /sɪksθ/ NOT /sɪks/

eighth = /eɪtθ/ NOT /eɪt/

! twelfth = /twelfθ/ but in normal speech most people say /twelθ/

Glossary terms

Parts of speech *Partes de la oración*

verb *verbo*
noun *sustantivo*
adjective *adjetivo*
adverb *adverbio*
preposition *preposición*
subject *sujeto*
object *objeto*
pronoun *pronombre*
possessive *posesivo*

Nouns *Sustantivos*

countable noun *sustantivo contable*
uncountable noun *sustantivo incontable*
quantifiers *cuantificadores*

Verbs and tenses *Verbos y tiempos verbales*

present tense *presente*
past tense *pasado*
third person *tercera persona*
present simple *presente simple*
present continuous *presente continuo*
past simple *pasado simple*
present perfect *presente perfecto*
future *futuro*
imperative *imperativo*
finished actions *acciones acabadas*
predictions *predicciones*
ability *capacidad*
possibility *posibilidad*
infinitive *infinitivo*
-ing form *terminación -ing*
gerund *gerundio*
main verb *verbo principal*
auxiliary verb *verbo auxiliar*
past participle *participio pasado*

Pronunciation *Pronunciación*

consonant *consonante*
vowel *vocal*
short vowel sound *sonido vocálico corto*
long vowel sound *sonido vocálico largo*
contracted form *forma contraída*
syllable *sílaba*
stress *acento|énfasis*
weak sounds *sonidos débiles*

Instructions *Instrucciones*

Remember to use... *Acuérdate de usar...*
Don't forget... *No olvides...*
Look (at)... *Mira (a)...*
Be careful with... *Ten cuidado con...*
Check... *Comprueba...*
Don't confuse... and... *No confundas... y...*

Other *Otros*

expressions of frequency *expresiones de frecuencia*
time expressions *expresiones de tiempo*
common expressions *expresiones comunes*
ending *terminación*
word order *orden de las palabras*