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A0008: How Do You Say ...?

Introduction

Did you ever wonder how to say a particular word in Spanish? In this lesson, JP and Liliana tell us how to ask: “How do you say ... in Spanish?”—in Spanish that is. And that's also one of the keywords: **el español** – the Spanish language. The other keyword is: **el inglés** – the English language.

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Dialogue

hombre: ¡Oye! ¿Cómo se dice internet en español?

mujer: Se dice internet.

hombre: ¿Igual que en inglés?

mujer: Sí, igual.



Dialogue with Translation



hombre: **¡Oye! ¿Cómo se dice internet en español?**
listen how itself/one says internet in Spanish
man: Hey! How do you say internet in Spanish?

mujer: **Se dice internet.**
itself/one says internet
woman: You say internet.

hombre: **¿Igual que en inglés?**
equal as in English
man: The same as in English?

mujer: **Sí, igual.**
yes equal
woman: Yes, the same.

Vocabulary for Dialogue

el hombre	<i>noun (masculine)</i>	the man
la mujer	<i>noun (feminine)</i>	the woman
oír	<i>verb (infinitive)</i>	to hear
¡(tú) oye!	<i>verb (imperative)</i>	(you) hear, listen! (informal, singular)
¿cómo?	<i>adverb</i>	how?
se	<i>pronoun</i>	itself, one, you
decir	<i>verb (infinitive)</i>	to say
(él/ella) dice	<i>verb (present tense)</i>	he/she(/it) says
el internet	<i>noun (masculine)</i>	the internet
en	<i>preposition</i>	in
el español	<i>noun (masculine)</i>	the Spanish



igual	<i>adjective (m./f.)</i>	equal, same
que	<i>conjunction</i>	as, than
el inglés	<i>noun (masculine)</i>	the English
sí	<i>adverb</i>	yes

Vocabulary for Audio Lesson

¿Cómo se dice ...?	<i>phrase</i>	How do you say ...?
la pluma	<i>noun (feminine)</i>	the pen
el anglicismo	<i>noun (masculine)</i>	the anglicism
los anglicismos	<i>noun (plural, masculine)</i>	the anglicisms
hacer	<i>verb (infinitive)</i>	to make
hacer clic	<i>phrase</i>	to click
el perro caliente	<i>phrase</i>	the hot dog
ser	<i>verb (infinitive)</i>	to be
(él) es	<i>verb (present tense)</i>	he is
muy	<i>adverb</i>	very
Él es muy nerd.	<i>phrase</i>	He is a nerd.
este/esta	<i>pronoun (m./f.)</i>	that
la situación	<i>noun (feminine)</i>	the situation
freaky/friky	<i>adjective</i>	freaky
Esta situación es muy freaky/friky.	<i>phrase</i>	That situation is very freaky.



More Vocabulary

This section includes grammatically related words. Some of them



are required by the exercise Dialogue Recast.

oír <i>infinitive</i>	to hear
¡(tú) oye! <i>imperative</i>	(you) hear! (informal, singular)
¡(usted) oiga!	(you) hear! (formal, singular)
¡(nosotros/-as) oigamos!	(let's) hear! (m./f.)
¡(vosotros/-as) oíd!	(you) hear! (informal, plural, m./f.)
¡(ustedes) oigan!	(you) hear! (formal, plural)

decir <i>infinitive</i>	to say
(yo) digo <i>present tense</i>	I say
(tú) dices	you say (informal, singular)
(él/ella) dice	he/she(/it) says
(usted) dice	you say (formal, singular)
(nosotros/-as) decimos	we say (m./f.)
(vosotros/-as) decís	you say (informal, plural, m./f.)
(ellos/ellas) dicen	they say (m./f.)
(ustedes) dicen	you say (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.

¡Oye! ¿Cómo se dice internet en español?	Hey! How do you say internet in Spanish?
Se dice internet.	You say internet.
¿Igual que en inglés?	The same as in English?
Sí, igual.	Yes, the same.

Dialogue Recall

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

aloud.

Listen! How do you say internet in Spanish?
You say internet.
The same as in English?
Yes, the same.

**¡Oye! ¿Cómo se dice internet en español?
Se dice internet.
¿Igual que en inglés?
Sí, igual.**

Dialogue Remix

Translate this variant of the dialogue from English to Spanish.

How do you say tequila in Spanish?
How?
How do you say tequila?
Tequila. It is Spanish!
One says tequila in Spanish?
Yes, you say tequila.
The same as in English!
Yes, the same.

**¿Cómo se dice tequila en español?
¿Cómo? (short for ¿Cómo dice? –
What do you say? (formal))
¿Cómo se dice tequila?
Tequila. ¡Es español!
¿Se dice tequila en español?
Sí, se dice tequila.
¿Igual que en inglés?
Sí, igual.**

Dialogue Recast

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

Listen! How do you say internet in Spanish? (formal)
You say internet.
The same as in English?
Yes, the same.

**¡Oiga! ¿Cómo se dice internet en español?
Se dice internet.
¿Igual que en inglés?
Sí, igual.**

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