



COFFEEBREAK **SPANISH** *espresso*

Coffee Break **Spanish** **Espresso - Episode 1**

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Video episode

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Part 1: Real life Spanish

In this episode Mark talks about a promotional poster where customers can win prizes by finding matching words on the bottle tops of Iced Tea bottles.

The key phrase under discussion is as follows:

Compra, destapa, junta y gana.

Key Vocabulary

compra < **comprar** to buy

destapa < **destapar** to take the lid/cap off

junta < **juntar** to join

gana < **ganar** to win



Each of these words are examples of the informal imperative or command form. To form this part of the verb for **-ar** and **-er** verbs, go to the infinitive and take off the final **-r**. For **-ir** verbs, take off the **-ir** and add **-e**. See below for some additional examples of the informal imperative:

compra la revista buy the book

escucha la radio listen to the radio

vende la casa sell the house

come la manzana eat the apple

abre la puerta open the door

Part 2: Subjunctive of the week

Mark: For this part I'd like to say hola to our friend, Fernanda.

Fernanda: Hola, Mark. El subjuntivo de esta semana es **cuando...**

Mark: Ah, so **cuando**, when it's talking about the future, when something's going to happen in the future.

Fernanda: Sí, muy bien.

Cuando llegue mi padre, vamos a ver la Alhambra.

Mark, ¿sabes la traducción?

Mark: Sí, I think we're in a Spanish city for this one, I believe.

Fernanda: Sí, en Granada.

Mark: Because we're going to see the Alhambra. So, when my father arrives, **cuando llegue mi padre, vamos a ver la Alhambra**, we're going to see the Alhambra palace, we'll visit the Alhambra.

Fernanda: El subjuntivo en esta oración es **llegue** y viene del verbo **llegar**.

Mark: And it's an interesting one because we've got to stick an extra U in there. It's LL-E-G-U-E because otherwise it would be "llege" or something like that.

Fernanda: Sí, sonaría raro.

Mark: So when my father arrives, **cuando llegue mi padre, vamos a ver la Alhambra**. Ok, the next one.

Fernanda: Excelente. La próxima es, bueno, una de mis favoritas cuando era pequeña yo siempre lo decía:

Cuando sea mayor, quiero ser astronauta.

¿Sabes lo que significa, Mark?

Mark: When I grow up I want to be an astronaut.

Fernanda: Sí. Todavía estoy trabajando en eso.

Mark: **Cuando sea mayor**, when I am older, when I am big, **quiero ser astronauta**, I want to be an astronaut.

Fernanda: Sí. Muy bien, muy bien. Entonces, aquí el subjuntivo es **sea** que viene del verbo **ser**.

Mark: Of course. So we've got **ser**, a very common verb here, to be, and in this case it becomes **sea**. **Cuando sea mayor**, when I am older or when I am big, **quiero ser astronauta**, I want to be an astronaut.

Fernanda: Sí, excelente.

Mark: Pues, muchas gracias.

Fernanda: Gracias a ti. Adios.

Part 3: La cita de la semana

The quotation of the week is as follows:

Gana todo lo que puedas, ahorra todo lo que puedas, da todo lo que puedas.

Earn all you can, save all you can, give all you can.

John Wesley

Key Vocabulary

ganar to win, to earn

todo lo que puedas all you can, everything you can

puedas you can (subjunctive form of the verb **poder**)

ahorrar to save

dar to give

Exercise

Use what you've learned in this episode to translate the following sentences from English into Spanish or Spanish into English where appropriate.

1. Mira hacia el cielo.
2. Habla más lentamente, por favor.
3. Escribe la carta cuando puedas.
4. Baila conmigo, por favor.
5. Cuando sea mayor quiero ser abogado.
6. Buy the books in the shop.
7. Sing with me, please.
8. Sell the onions.
9. If it is possible, speak Spanish.
10. When she arrives, we are going to eat.

Answer key

1. Look up to the sky / look towards the sky.
2. Speak more slowly, please.
3. Write the letter when you can.
4. Dance with me, please.
5. When I'm older, I want to be a lawyer.
6. Compra los libros en la tienda.
7. Canta conmigo, por favor.
8. Vende las cebollas.
9. Si es posible, habla español.
10. Cuando llegue, vamos a comer.