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Lesson 1

One of the most popular bookstore chains in Spain is called **La casa del libro** (*The book house*). Go to their website by visiting <http://www.casadellibro.com>. Using the search box on the main page (**Buscar**) and the vocabulary you have learned in this lesson, try to find the following:

1. A good map of Madrid
2. A guidebook for the Madrid region (called **Castilla La Mancha**)

Lesson 2

Gentilicios is the Spanish word to indicate nationalities. For instance, the words **argentino** or **venezolana** are **gentilicios**. Go to <http://www.nalsite.com/Servicios/Mapas/Mapas.asp> and look at the map. Think of Spanish speakers you know (personally or through TV, Internet, etc.), and write down their name next to the corresponding **gentilicio**. When you're done, check your work and look up any ones that you didn't know already.

Lesson 3

Anita is going to visit Seville. Maybe you can help her find something to do there. Go to <http://www.descubrirsevilla.com> and look for information on at least two monuments you may recommend to Anita while she is in this beautiful city. Use the images and your previous knowledge to navigate the site without resorting to the English button! You will be surprised at how much you are able to understand.

Lesson 4

Mrs. Martinez and Paco are meeting this weekend to go to the movies. Help them choose a movie by visiting <http://www.guiadelocio.com/madrid/buscacine/filmoteca.cfm> which includes all the movies playing in Madrid this week. Then, find the titles and showtimes for two movies and indicate when and where they may go to watch them. Don't forget to tell them if the movies play Saturday, Sunday or both days!

Lesson 5

As you know, Juan has to send one hundred and twenty-five letters today at his job. Thank goodness for email! It's not only faster, but also much cheaper. Do you want to know how much money it would have cost him to send those letters by regular mail? Go to <http://www.correos.es>, the website for the main postal service in Spain. Select "**Cartas y documentos**" and find out how much it would

cost Juan to send each letter by mail, both within Spain and internationally (inside the European Union).

Lesson 7

As you already know, one of the most common “snacks” in Spain is called **tapas**. **Tapas** may be made of many different ingredients and cover the entire spectrum of international cuisine. You have basic **tapas** (like the typical Spanish omelette, **tortilla de patatas**) and you also have what are called “high-end” **tapas**, designed by some of the best chefs in the world, like Ferrán Adriá. To get you started in the world of **tapas**, visit <http://www.atapear.com/recetario-de-tapas/>. There you will find two options for **tapas**, **calientes** (*hot*) and **frias** (*cold*). Select the category that most appeals to you and then just choose a **tapa** or two to make at home. Most **tapas** are VERY easy to prepare, so if you choose one that is too complex, just go back to the list and pick a simpler one! Enjoy!

Lesson 8

The preferred department store by most Spaniards and people visiting Spain is called **El Corte Inglés** (think Macy’s or Bloomingdales, four or five times bigger and with superb customer service anytime, anywhere in Spain). These stores usually have five or six stories above ground and two or three underground (**sótanos**). Go to http://www.elcorteingles.es/corporativo/centros/madrid/esp/28d_preciados3.asp and take a look at the merchandise you could find on each floor. Now, can you indicate on what floor you would find the following?

- Maternity clothes
- Men’s shoes
- A travel agency
- Parking for your car

Lesson 9

One of the Spanish equivalents of FedEx or UPS is called **SEUR (Servicio Urgente de Transportes)**. Go to <http://www.seur.com> and see if you can find at least four different services that you can use through their online site. Then, find out how much it would cost you to send a package from Spain to your country.

Lesson 10

So what would you prefer, a vacation at a beautiful beach or a week trekking mountains in Spain? Perhaps skiing is more your thing? Visit <http://www.rumbo.es> or <http://www.muchoviaje.com> and use your Spanish to book yourself (or *pretend* to book) a vacation in one of Spain's beautiful beaches or mountain ranges. Make sure to read the description of the hotel rooms, so that you find one with all the amenities.

Lesson 11

We all know by now the importance of recycling for our lives and for our planet. So, how are you doing with your recycling duties? Would you like a little help to keep you on track? Visit <http://www.guardianesdelclima.com> and choose one of the various recycling games they propose to help you stay on top of your recycling duties. If any of the games get too complex, just move on to another one.

Lesson 13

As you know, Madrid is the capital city of Spain, and Barcelona is the second largest city in the country. Visit <http://www.terra.com/turismo/espana/> where you will find tourist information about both cities. After reading about both cities, write at least five comparisons between the two, using comparative or superlative adjectives as needed.

Lesson 14

Spain is a monarchy and therefore, it is ruled by king Juan Carlos I de Borbón y Borbón. If you visit <http://www.casareal.es/familia/index-ides-idweb.html> you can click on each member of the Royal family (in the photo) and find out who he/she is and what his/her relationship is to the king. Can you sketch a basic family tree of the Spanish royal family based on the information you find on this page? Use some of the new vocabulary you've learned in this lesson.

Lesson 15

Many people like to read horoscopes to try to guess what the future will bring. Go to <http://www.horoscopos.es> and check your zodiac sign. Then, write down at least three of the predictions for your sign. You can check later on and see if they came true!

Lesson 17

Have you ever had the flu? If you visit <http://familydoctor.org/online/famdoces/home/common/infections/cold-flu/073.html> you will find a list of recommendations to take care of yourself when you're sick. The recommendations are written using the **usted** form. Can you rewrite the advice in the **tú** form?

Lesson 18

What do you wish for? How specific is it? Visit <http://www.ebay.es> and pick at least three different categories. Then, write a detailed definition of everything you want. For example, if you would like to find a pair of shoes, you may start with something like: **Quiero unos zapatos que sean..., que tengan..., que no tengan...**, etc.

Lesson 19

As you read in the dialogue, David has been named student of the year. One of the most important things when you are a student is to maintain a balanced diet. Visit http://www2.rincondelvago.com/educacion/reportajes/tecnicas_de_estudio/dieta_estudiantes.html, where you will find some advice from other students regarding a proper diet for a student. Then, select two or three pieces of advice (they are written in the **tú** form) and rewrite them in the plural (**vosotros**).