



Conversación intermedia I Week 5 and 6 Exercises: Power Verbs



Learn Spanish with Warren Hardy

Introduction to Power Verbs

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K2VuFoPhey4>



Juan with Spring Spanish

How to use Gustar

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v5Uqw3tOwOg>



The Spanish Dude

Reflexive Verbs

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tWxRylk7SFO>

After reviewing the videos and the Week 4 & 5 Study Guide, practice speaking the following English sentences in Spanish. For help with vocabulary, please refer to the table below the sentences.

Ejercicio 1: Necesidades (necesitar y querer)

1. **I need to** eat breakfast.
2. **We need to** decide where to go.
3. **She needs to** finish the book.
4. **They need to** win the match.
5. **You need to** try again.
6. **They want to** play tennis later.
7. **We only want to** sing and dance.
8. **Do you want to** learn German?
9. **I want to** walk to the park.
10. **She wants to** listen to the radio

Verbos	Verbs	Sustantivos	Nouns
aprender	to learn	alemán	German
bailar	to dance	el desayuno	breakfast
caminar	to walk	el libro	book
cantar	to sing	el partido	match
comer	to eat	el parque	park
escuchar	to listen to	ténis	tennis
ganar	to win	el radio	radio
ir	to go	Otras palabras	Other words
jugar	to play (a game)	a donde	to where, where to
tratar	to try	otra vez	again
terminar	to finish	solo	only
traer	to bring	más tarde	later

Ejercicio 2: Intenciones y habilidades (ir a, tener que, poder, tratar de)

Exercise: Speak the following English sentences in Spanish. The first time through, speak only the power verb, and then add the rest of the sentence the next time.

1. **I'm going to** tell a story.
2. **We're going to** travel in Mexico.
3. **Are you going to** visit your Aunt?*
4. **Juan is going to** study in England.
5. **Ana and María are going to** return tomorrow.
6. **I have to** answer the call.
7. **We have to** leave the suitcases here.
8. **Jorge has to** talk with Sofía.
9. **They have to** invite their boss.*
10. **Do you have to** leave?
11. **I can** help Ana.*
12. **We can** play in the park today.
13. **Can you** attend the meeting?
14. **Juan can** answer the question.
15. **They can** wash the truck.

**Don't forget the personal "a"*

Verbos	Verbs	Subjuntivos	Nouns
aprender	to learn	el camión, la camioneta	truck, pickup truck
ayudar	to help	la historia	story
asistir	to attend	Inglaterra	England
contar	to tell	el jefe	boss
contestar	to answer	la llamada	call (usually telephone)
dejar	to leave behind	la maleta	suitcase
estudiar	to win	el parque	park
hablar	to call	la pregunta	question
invitar	to invite	la reunión	meeting
lavar	to wash	el teléfono	telephone
regresar	to return	tío, tía	uncle, aunt
visitar	to visit	Otras palabras	Other words
		qué	what

Ejercicio 3: Gustos y disgustos (gustar y encantar)

Exercise: Speak the following English sentences in Spanish. The first time through, speak only the power verb, and then add the rest of the sentence the next time.

1. **I like to** eat.
2. **We like to** watch the game.
3. **Do you like to** play?
4. **Juan likes to** run.
5. **Jorge and Roberto don't like to** lose.
6. **I love** the food here.
7. **We like** these apples.
8. **The boys would love to** win.
9. **Ana would like to** leave.
10. **I love** the mariachis.
11. **We would love to** travel.

Verbos	Verbs
comer	to eat
correr	to run
jugar	to play (a game)
mirar	to watch
perder	to lose
salir	to leave
ganar	to win
viajar	to travel

Ejercicio Extra: Verbos similares a gustar

Exercise: Speak the following English sentences in Spanish.

1. I have a headache.
2. Does your arm hurt?
3. Juan has a stomachache.*
4. This TV show fascinates me.
5. I lack the money for a gift.
6. Ana is missing her purse.*
7. It seems to me that we are lost.
8. The situation bothers me.
9. I'm interested in studying biology.
10. Filipe is interested in sports.*

*Don't forget the personal "a"

Verbos	Verbs	Otras palabras	Other words
doler	to hurt	la cabeza	head
fascinar	to fascinate	el brazo	arm
faltar	to lack	el estómago	stomach
parecer	to seem or appear	el regalo	gift
molestar	to bother	el bolso	purse
interesar	to interest	perdido(a)	lost
estudiar	to study	biología	biology
		deportes	sports

Ejercicio 4: Otras frases usadas con infinitivos

Exercise: Speak the following sentences in Spanish.

1. It's important to listen to the song.
2. It's easy to learn the game.
3. It's not fun to work on Saturday.
4. It's useful to practice.
5. I'm trying to help you.
6. Jorge is trying to leave the meeting.
7. You have to return the book.¹
8. You have to finish the homework.¹
9. You ought to help your brother.³
10. You must not forget the telephone number.
11. You should respect your elders.³
12. You shouldn't listen to gossip.²

Notes:

1. Use an alternative to "tener que"
2. Use the more polite version
3. Don't forget the personal "a"

Verbos	Verbs	Otras palabras	Other words
es...	it is...	la canción	school
hay que	you must, one must	el juego	the library
debes	you ought to	el sábado	Saturday
deberías	you should	el libro	dinner
escuchar	to listen	la tarea	homework
aprender	to learn	hermano(a)	concert
trabajar	to work	el número del teléfono	telephone number
practicar	to practice	la reunión	the meeting
terminar	to finish	mayores	elders
ayudar	to help	los chismes	gossip
olvidar	to forget	sencillo(a)	simple
respetar	to respect	divertido(a)	fun
salir	To leave	útil	useful

Ejercicio 5: Algunos verbos reflexivos

Exercise: Speak the following English sentences in Spanish.

1. I can sit down or stand up.
2. Yes, we know each other from school.
3. You have to behave in the library.
4. In the morning Ana takes a shower before getting dressed.
5. I feel good!
6. I always try to improve myself at work.
7. It is important to wash your hands before dinner.
8. We always help each other with our homework.
9. We need to leave for the concert.
10. Juan wakes up at 6 AM.

Verbos	Verbs	Otras palabras	Other words
sentarse	to sit	la escuela	school
levantarse	to stand	la biblioteca	the library
comportarse	to behave	el trabajo	work
ducharse	to shower	la cena	dinner
vestirse	to get dressed	la tarea	homework
mejorarse	to improve oneself	el concierto	concert
lavarse (las manos)	to wash (your hands)		
ayudarse	to help each other		
irse	to leave		
despertarse	to wake up		

Ejercicio 6: Putting it all together (Poniéndolo todo junto)

Take turns speaking the following English paragraphs in Spanish. Note: The paragraph in *italics* contains reflexive verbs.

Monday in the Office

On Monday, I have to work in the office.

After I wake up, I need to take a shower and get dressed. If I have the time, I like to prepare breakfast and sit down with the paper. But if I'm late, I have to eat sweet bread from a bakery on the corner.

Before I leave the house, I need to take out the trash. If I forget, I can call my neighbor and ask for help. But I try to remember because I don't like to impose on my neighbor.

When I am in the office, I have to answer the phone and direct the calls to my workmates. It's important to direct each call to the right person, or our customers will not like our service. It's difficult to answer all the calls, and the boss yells, "You have to answer faster!" But sometimes a workmate is able to help me.

The office is very busy, and at the end of the day I am tired. I need to go on vacation! Perhaps next Monday, I'm going to ask for the day off.

Verbos	Verbs	Otras palabras	Other words
tener (que)	to have (to)	la oficina	the office
trabajar	to work	el tiempo	the time
necesitar	to need (to)	el desayuno	breakfast
despertarse	to wake up	periódico	newspaper
ducharse	to shower	pan dulce	sweetbread
vestirse	to get dressed	panadería	bakery
preparar	to prepare	en la escena	on the corner
sentarse	to sit down	la puerta	the door
llegar tarde	to be late (to arrive late)	la basura	the trash
comer	to eat	vecino(a)	neighbor
irse, salir	to leave	ayuda	help
cerrar	to close or lock	las llamadas	calls
sacar	to take out	cada	each
llamar	to come	clientes	customers
pedir	to ask for	difícil	difficult
recordar	to remember	todos los, todas las	all of the
imponer a	to impose on	el jefe	the boss
dirigir	to direct	más rápido	faster
gustar	to like, to be liking	compañero(a) de trabajo	workmate
contestar	to answer	ocupado(a)	busy
gritar	to yell	usualmente	usually
poder	to be able to	cansado(a)	tired
ayudar	to help	las vacaciones	vacation
ir a	to be going to	tal vez	perhaps, maybe
tomar	to take	el día libre	the day off