SPANISH 1
LIFEPAC THREE

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OBJECTIVES

When you have completed this LIFEPAC, you should be able to:

1. Use the following vocabulary:
   a. family
   b. home
   c. time and dates
   d. months and seasons
2. Use the following grammar concepts:
   a. gender of nouns
   b. definite and indefinite articles
   c. writing/saying the date
   d. telling time
3. Conjugate regular -er and -ir verbs.
5. Form questions using interrogatives.
6. Explain the proper way to answer information questions.
8. Relate culture from Mexico.
9. Reinforce topics previously presented in LIFEPAC 2.
10. Increase ability in reading, writing, listening, and speaking.
I. HOUSE VOCABULARY

Listen and repeat this house-related vocabulary. (CD Track # _________)

La casa – The house:

- la sala (the living room)
- la cocina (the kitchen)
- el comedor (the dining room)
- el dormitorio/la alcoba/la recámara (the bedroom)
- el baño/el cuarto de baño (the bathroom)
- el garaje (the garage)
- el sótano (the basement)
- el patio (the patio/yard)
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- el garaje (the garage)
- el sótano (the basement)
- el patio (the patio/yard)

• Notice that some words have more than one possible translation, such as bedroom. While all the translations are correct, one is often more common than the others, depending on the country or region of the country. For example, la alcoba is commonly used in Spain, while la recámara is commonly used in Mexico. While you may use whichever of the choices you want, you should memorize all of them.

• Also notice that the names of many rooms are related to verbs that are associated with that room. Consider these examples:

  - la cocina (the kitchen)  cocoinar (to cook)
  - el comedor (the dining room)  comer (to eat)
  - el dormitorio (the bedroom)  dormir (to sleep)
  - el baño (the bathroom)  bañarse (to take a bath)
As you learn furniture vocabulary words, you’ll notice that some of them are also related to other words. Use these word associations to help you remember the vocabulary. Here are some examples.

- **el librero** (the bookcase/bookshelf)  
  **el libro** (the book)
- **el lavaplatos** (the dishwasher)  
  **lavar** (to wash); **los platos** (the dishes)
- **el ropero** (the closet)  
  **la ropa** (the clothing)

Listen and repeat. (CD Track # _________)

**En la sala:**
1. **el sofá** (the sofa)
2. **el sillón** (the armchair)
3. **la mesita** (the end table)
4. **la lámpara** (the lamp)
5. **el tapete** (the rug)
6. **el televisor** (the television set)
7. **el librero** (the bookcase/bookshelf)

**En la cocina:**
1. **la estufa** (the stove)
2. **el refrigerador** (the refrigerator)
3. **el microondas** (the microwave)
4. **el fregadero** (the sink)
5. **el lavaplatos** (the dishwasher)

**En el comedor:**
1. **la mesa** (the table)
2. **la silla** (the chair)
En el dormitorio:
1. la cama (the bed)
2. la cómoda (the chest of drawers/dresser)
3. el espejo (the mirror)
4. el armario/el ropero (the closet)

*Notice that there are two different words for “sink.” The kitchen sink is el fregadero, while the bathroom sink is el lavabo.

En el cuarto de baño:
1. la bañera (the tub)
2. el inodoro (the toilet)
3. el lavabo (the sink)

En el garaje:
1. el coche/el carro/el auto (the car)
2. las herramientas (tools)
3. la bicicleta (bicycle)

La casa:
1. la ventana (the window)
2. la puerta (the door)
3. la flor (the flower)
4. el árbol (the tree)
Fill in the rectangle with your “dream” house. You may draw your own furniture or cut pictures out of magazines and glue them on. Label the rooms and furniture in Spanish.

1.1
When you have completed your house, prepare a description to share with your classmates. Use the following to help you. Remember that hay means “there is” or “there are.”

1.2 Mi casa

Hay ______________ habitaciones.

En la sala hay
En la cocina hay
En el comedor hay
En el dormitorio hay
En el patio hay

Grammar explanation: Gender of nouns

As you learned in Unit 2, all Spanish nouns and articles have “gender,” meaning they are either masculine or feminine. It is important to recognize and learn the gender of all nouns, as that is part of correct Spanish grammar. Remember that articles and nouns must agree, or “match” each other. For example, if a noun is masculine, only a masculine article can be used with it. If it is feminine, only a feminine article can be used with it. Remember that the masculine singular word for “the” is el, and the feminine singular word is la.

Here are some basic rules to help you to learn how to recognize the gender of Spanish nouns.

1. If a noun ends in o or refers to a man, it is usually masculine. In our house vocabulary we have the words: el patio, el espejo, and el lavabo, which are all masculine.

2. If a noun ends in a, dad, tad, tud, sión, ción or refers to a woman, it is usually feminine. In our house vocabulary we have la casa, la sala, and la cocina, which are all feminine.

Use the rules and decide whether you would use el or la with each of the following words.

1.3

a. __________ estrella  
   f. __________ libro
b. __________ ciudad  
   g. __________ familia
   c. __________ disco  
   h. __________ verdad
d. __________ nación  
   i. __________ teléfono
e. __________ zapato  
   j. __________ cantidad
Nouns that refer to people will carry the gender of that person. For example, *la madre* is feminine because *madre* means “mother.” *El padre* is masculine because *padre* means “father.”

### Which would you use to mean “the” before each of the following words? Their English meaning is given in parentheses.

1.4  

a. _______________ señor (the man)  
b. _______________ hombre (the man)  
c. _______________ mujer (the woman)

Other words that do not follow the ending rules must be learned separately. We have already used a few: *el lápiz, el comedor, la clase, el papel, el sillón*.

There are also other words that do not adhere to the normal rules. For example, *la mano* (the hand) or *el mapa* (the map) do not follow the rules. There are also times when, for the sake of correct pronunciation, the “opposite” gender is used. For example, we say *el agua, or el hacha*, because both nouns begin with a stressed *a* sound which, when combined with the *a* of *la*, would cause the words to join together.

### Making Plurals

Remember that there are two simple rules for making nouns plural:

1. **If a noun ends in a vowel, add s.** Study these examples:

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