

VOCABULARY

Lesson #1: Saying Thank You

CORE VOCABULARY AND PHRASES:

Gracias.....Thank you.

por.....for¹

la² comida.....the food

la ayuda.....the help

la bebida.....the drink

tu³ paciencia.....your patience

todo.....everything

Muchas gracias.....Thank you a lot / very much.

Di⁴ “gracias”Say “Thank you.”

De nada.....You’re welcome. / It was nothing.

Gracias por la comida.....Thanks for the food.

Muchas gracias por la ayuda. Thanks for the help.

Gracias por jugar tranquilo. Thanks for playing nicely. (To a boy.)

Gracias por jugar tranquila. Thanks for playing nicely. (To a girl.)



¹ “Por” isn’t the only Spanish word that can be translated as “for” – but you can count on it being the only one that’s used with “gracias!”

² Spanish has four ways to say “the” and they say “the” in a lot of situations where English wouldn’t say “the.” That’s why you don’t just learn the word “food” but which word for “the” is used with food. You’ll thank me later!

³ This isn’t the only word for “your” either...but it’s the one that is most commonly used if you are talking to a family member. One family member...it’s not plural!

⁴ Are you detecting a trend? Once again, this isn’t the only way to “order” someone to “say” something...but it is one that is commonly used within families, especially by parents to a child! Note that just like “tu” it’s only directed toward one person at a time! In other words, it doesn’t ever translate as “You *all* say, “X.”