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Hola y bienvenido a Tu Inglés Sesión Veinte-dos! This is a program for people who want to learn English.

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Hi, how are you doing?

My name is Brian. I'm from the United States.

Considérame tu entrenador personal de inglés. En Tu Inglés, la idea es ejercitar tu oído para inglés!

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Today, on Tu Inglés Sesión 22, we are going to begin with a discussion of Colombia. Vamos a hablar del país Colombia.

I have never been to Colombia. But I have heard some wonderful things about the country. Of course, I have also heard some bad things. He oído cosas buenas y malas. Probably you have also heard the stories about narcotics and terrorism.

But I really want to visit Colombia someday.

Today I would like to talk about Colombia's reputation as a tourist destination.. It's a delicate subject. Es un asunto delicado. But I hope we can learn some things together.

Fortunately, we have our friend Cecilia, in Mexico, to help us again today.

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Hi Cecilia, how are you doing?

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Have you ever been to Colombia?

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I have not been there either. Pero me encantaria ir algun dia pronto. Cecilia, como se dice eso en ingles ... me encantaria ir?

In English, you would say, I would love to go.

Right, I would love to go. Y me encanta ir? Como dirias eso en ingles?

You would say, I love to go.

Correct. I love to go. Me encanta ir.

OK. Now, let's practice some of the vocabulary you will hear in the selection of the day.

Primero, Cecilia, hay una palabra en ingles que significa, asombroso. Sabes esta palabra?

Mmm. Amazing? In English, they say amazing.

Right. Amazing. It's an adjective. Your English is amazing! Or, you can use it as a verb. To amaze. For example, Cecilia, I am amazed at your English.

OK, es igual que "me asombra tu ingles."

Right. You amaze me with your amazing English.

OK, ahora, tengo una pregunta dificil ... sabes como se dice en ingles, "indice de alfabetizacion"?

Mmmm. No estoy segura. Index of ... something.

Ah, almost. Casi. In English, the term is "literacy rate." Literacy rate.

OK, en ingles, hay una palabra que significa "un consejo." Sabes?

Advice. The word is advice.

Right. Advice. Y como dirias, "Sigue mi consejo"?

Mmmm. Follow my advice?

Yes, literally, sigue mi consejo would translate to follow my advice. But you can also say. "Take my advice."

OK, es como decir, "toma mi consejo."

Yes. Take my advice. Y cual es el verbo en ingles para decir "aconsejar"?

Mmmm. "To advise?"

Correcto. To advise, with an "s" on the end. I advise you to take my advice.

You advised me to follow your advice.

Exacto. Y hay otro verbo muy similar. To suggest. To suggest.

Ok, en español, decimos, "sugerir."

Muy bien. I suggest you follow my advice. O, "Where do you suggest we go?"

Y como sustantivo, que significa "suggestion." Sabes la palabra "suggestion"?

Suggestion means sugerencia.

That's right. She made a suggestion. Or, She took my suggestion.

OK, ahora, si no sigues mi consejo, podria ser peligroso. Como se dice peligroso en ingles?

Peligroso significa dangerous. Dangerous.

Yes. If you don't follow my advice, it could be dangerous.

OK ... sabes como se dice "secuestrar" en ingles?

Mmm, creo que secuestrar significa "to kidnap."

Correcto. Es una palabra extraña. To Kidnap. Kidnap. "Kid," por supuesto, significa niño o crio, Y nap es igual que siesta. Pero juntos, kidnap significa secuestrar.

Que mas. Sabes la palabra en ingles para decir, "viajar"?

Yes. Viajar means "to travel." "To travel."

Right. To travel. Cecilia, do you like to travel? Te gustaria viajar?

Oh yes, I love to travel.

Ah, te encantaria viajar. Y como dirias, "ella viaja en lugares peligrosos."

You would say, "She travels in dangerous places."

Right. She travels, ella viaja, in dangerous places, en lugares peligrosos.

Sometimes it can be dangerous if you don't follow the rules. Cecilia, sabes la palabra "rules"?

Rule significa regla.

Right, "the rules" es igual que "las reglas." Take my advice and follow the rules. Don't break the rules.

No rompes las reglas?

Correct. Don't break the rules. Es un idiomismo. Don't break the rules.

Cecilia, estas aburrida ya? Are you bored yet from practicing this vocabulary?

No! Not at all. I appreciate your advice and suggestions.

OK, great. I have a few more words I want to practice.

Por ejemplo, en ingles, como se dice, "cajero automatico"?

Ah, in English, you would say "automatic teller machine."

Correcto! Automatic teller machine. Or, you can just say "ATM." Puedes decir el acronimo, "ATM."

Y Cecilia, hablando de dinero, como se dice en ingles, "robo"?

In English, the word is "robbery" "Robbery."

Right. Robbery significa "robo."

Y sabes un verbo en ingles que significa "robar"?

Yes, the word is, "to rob." "To rob."

Yes. If you rob someone, you are breaking the rules.

OK, aqui tienes otro idiomismo. La frase es, "on your guard." "On your guard."

On your guard. What does it mean? Estar en guardia?

Muy bien Cecilia! To be on your guard significa estar en guardia.

OK, I will be on my guard at the ATM.

Right. And you should be on your guard when travelling in a dangerous place.

Cecilia, what is the opposite of dangerous? Cual es la palabra en ingles que significa seguro?

The word is safe. Safe is the opposite of dangerous.

Excellent. Y para decir “seguridad” en ingles?

Seguridad significa “safety. Safety.”

Right. Safety.

Y Cecilia, en ingles, como dirias el verbo “mejorar.”

The word is “to improve. To improve.”

Right. To improve. Entonces, como dirias, “La seguridad esta mejorando.”

Mmmm, you would say, “The safety is improving.”

Perfect. The safety is improving. La seguridad esta mejorando.

Por ultimo, Cecilia, como se dice “orgulloso” en ingles?

Proud. The word is proud.

Yes, Proud. I am proud. Estoy orgulloso. Cecilia, I am proud of you, Your English is improving!

Thank you Brian. And I am also proud of you. Your Spanish is improving.

Thanks! But I am going to be on my guard against errors.

Yes, it is important to follow the rules in English.

Yes, it is usually not a good idea to break the rules of grammar.

Is it dangerous to break the rules of English?

No, probably it would not be dangerous. But if you want to travel in America, for example, it is better to follow the rules of English.

OK, I will follow your suggestion.

Thanks. I like it when people take my advice.

Maybe that is why you like to be a teacher.
Yes, you are probably right!! Well, thanks for your help today Cecilia.

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OK, now, let's listen to the selection of the day! No te preocupes si no puedes entender todo lo que digo. La idea es acostumbrar tu oido para entender ingles. Poco a poco. Escuchamos ...

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Colombia is an amazing country in South America. It is famous for everything from its coffee and high literacy rate to its beaches, cities, and historical places.

But if you are from the United States, and you want to travel to Colombia, the United States government has some advice for you.

According to the U.S. Department of State, it is dangerous to travel to Colombia. The threat of kidnapping and terrorism has gone down significantly. But the U.S. government says the potential for violence by terrorists and other criminals still exists in all parts of the country, especially in rural areas.

When U.S. government officials and their families visit Colombia, they are not allowed to travel by bus. They can only travel by air. And they can not travel by road outside of cities at night.

The State Department recommends that all Americans who visit Colombia follow these rules.

The State Department website offers some suggestions for avoiding crime in Colombia. It warns that many robberies occur at automatic teller machines or ATMs. In addition, Americans should also avoid riding in taxis in the city of Bogota, because of the risk of robbery.

The US government says you also have to be wary of robbers in airports and on hiking trails.

Even when you are in a bar or restaurant, you have to be on your guard. Sometimes tourists have been given what the government calls "disabling drugs." The drugs apparently enable criminals to rob or sexually assault their victims.

OK, so if you believe the U.S. State Department, maybe Colombia is not a safe place to visit.

But wait. In 2006, Colombia received over 1.5 million international visitors. This was an increase of about 50% from 2005. Also in 2006, a publisher of tour guides, called *Lonely Planet*, chose Colombia as one of the top 10 world destinations for 2006.

The increase in tourism has helped Colombia's economy. In fact, 2007 is regarded as one of the best economic years in Colombia's recent history.

While the crime problem in Colombia has improved a lot recently, obviously the situation is not perfect. The city of Medellin recently celebrated "La Feria de las Flores." It is a big tourist event. But a Colombian friend recently told me she was afraid to go out and celebrate the Festival of Flowers ... because she was worried about crime.

But most Colombians are very proud of their country and their heritage. On the Facebook site, there are more than 500 groups about Colombia. Some of the names include, "I Love Colombia" and "Colombia Soy Yo." There is even a group about travelling in Colombia. It is called "Colombia, el riesgo es que te quieras quedar."

"Colombia, the risk is that you will want to stay."

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OK, listener, now it is your turn. Oyente, te toca a ti.

Let's review some of the important vocabulary for today ...

Do you know how to say "asombroso" in English? Recuerdas como se dice en ingles, "asombroso"?

The word is amazing. Your memory is amazing!

Y la palabra para decir "consejo"? Do you remember this word?

The word is advice. Advice. Take my advice, practice your English every day!

Peligroso ... recuerdas como se dice peligroso en ingles?

Dangerous. The word is dangerous. The US government says it can be dangerous to travel in Colombia.

Pero la situacion ha mejorado mucho. Recuerdas como se dice "mejorar" en ingles?

To improve. The verb is, to improve. The situation has improved a lot.

And do you remember how to say "viajar" in English? Como dirias, "ella viajó a Colombia"?

The word is to travel. She travelled to Colombia.

Y la palabra para decir sugerir? ... recuerdas esta palabra? Do you remember?

To suggest. To suggest. I suggest that you travel to Colombia.

By the way, por cierto, I found some interesting statistics about Colombians who travel to the United States.

In 2006, more than 400,000 Colombians received visas to visit the USA. That is more than any other South American nation.

And in 2006, approximately 42,000 Colombians obtained legal permanent resident status in the United States. That is more than any other south American country. Peru was second with just over 21,000.

Interesante, no?

OK, continuamos.

Recuerdas la palabra para decir sugerencia?

Suggestion. The word in English is suggestion. I would like to make a suggestion.

And, finally, do you know the English word for "orgullosa"? Como dirias, "estoy orgullosa" en ingles?

Proud. The word is proud. And you would say, "I am proud." "I am proud."

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Well, I am proud of you for working so hard on your English!

Thanks for listening to Tu Ingles Sesión 22!

Si tienes preguntas o comentarios, dejame saber!

See you again soon! Y suerte con Tu Ingles!

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