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A1-A2

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Read in Spanish. Check the English when you need it. Then make the story your own.

01 **Read for the scene**

Start with the Spanish. Follow who, where, and what happens.

02 **Check your understanding**

Use the translation, answer the questions, then check the key.

03 **Say one line aloud**

Retell the scene in your own words. Keep one useful phrase.

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STORY 01 / A1 / READ

El café de la mañana

SPANISH FIRST

Cada mañana, María se despierta a las siete con el aroma del café. Ella va a la cocina, donde el café burbujea suavemente. El café es fuerte y caliente, llenando el aire con su fragancia. María se sienta en la mesa y mira por la ventana abierta. Hoy, el sol brilla intensamente en el cielo azul. Ella sonríe, disfrutando de su café y del día que comienza. "Hoy va a ser un buen día", piensa María con optimismo. Ella come una tostada crujiente con mermelada dulce. Después, se ducha con agua tibia y se viste con ropa cómoda. A las ocho, María sale de su casa y camina al trabajo, sintiendo el aire fresco.

ENGLISH / WHEN YOU NEED IT

Every morning, María wakes up at seven with the aroma of coffee. She goes to the kitchen, where the coffee gently bubbles. The coffee is strong and hot, filling the air with its fragrance. María sits at the table and looks through the open window. Today, the sun shines brightly in the blue sky. She smiles, enjoying her coffee and the day that begins. "Today is going to be a good day," María thinks optimistically. She eats crunchy toast with sweet jam. Afterwards, she showers with warm water and dresses in comfortable clothes. At eight, María leaves her house and walks to work, feeling the fresh air.

WORDS TO KEEP

despierta
wakes up

cocina
kitchen

fuerte
strong

ventana
window

sonríe
smiles

camina
walks

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STORY 01 / A1 / PRACTICE

What did you understand?

Try the questions before checking the answer key at the back.

01 **What time does María wake up each morning?**

- A. At six
- B. At seven
- C. At eight

02 **What is the coffee that María makes like?**

- A. Sweet and cold
- B. Strong and hot
- C. Mild and lukewarm

03 **What does María do after having breakfast?**

- A. Reads a book
- B. Showers and gets dressed
- C. Calls a friend

04 **How does María feel at the start of the day?**

- A. Sad
- B. Optimistic
- C. Worried

05 **What is the weather like today according to the story?**

- A. It's cloudy
- B. It's raining
- C. It's sunny

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Retell the scene in two or three Spanish sentences. Use one word from the vocabulary list.

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STORY 02 / A1 / READ

El mercado

SPANISH FIRST

Es sábado por la mañana y Pedro camina hacia el mercado. El mercado está lleno de vida y colores vibrantes. Hay frutas jugosas, verduras frescas y flores aromáticas. Pedro necesita tomates maduros, cebollas y pan crujiente. "Buenos días, señor", saluda Pedro con una sonrisa. "Quiero un kilo de tomates, por favor", pide con amabilidad. El vendedor, un hombre amable, le entrega los tomates. Son rojos, grandes y huelen a verano. Pedro también compra cebollas frescas y un pan dorado. Paga con monedas brillantes y guarda todo en su bolsa. Al llegar a casa, Pedro cocina una sopa que huele deliciosa.

ENGLISH / WHEN YOU NEED IT

It's Saturday morning and Pedro walks to the market. The market is full of life and vibrant colors. There are juicy fruits, fresh vegetables, and fragrant flowers. Pedro needs ripe tomatoes, onions, and crusty bread. "Good morning, sir," Pedro says with a smile. "I would like a kilo of tomatoes, please," he adds politely. The seller, a kind man, hands him the tomatoes. They are red, large, and smell like summer. Pedro also buys fresh onions and golden bread. He pays with shiny coins and stores everything in his bag. Upon arriving home, Pedro cooks a soup that smells delicious.

WORDS TO KEEP

mercado
market

verduras
vegetables

compra
buys

lleno
full

vendedor
seller

cocina
cooks

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STORY 02 / A1 / PRACTICE

What did you understand?

Try the questions before checking the answer key at the back.

01 **What does Pedro buy at the market?**

- A. Tomatoes, onions, and bread
- B. Apples and oranges
- C. Meat and fish

02 **How does the text describe the market?**

- A. Quiet and empty
- B. Full of life and vibrant colors
- C. Dark and silent

03 **How does Pedro pay for his purchases?**

- A. With a credit card
- B. With shiny coins
- C. With bills

04 **What does Pedro do when he gets home?**

- A. Cleans the house
- B. Cooks a soup
- C. Watches TV

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STORY 03 / A1 / READ

El parque

SPANISH FIRST

Es una tarde de domingo soleada. Sofía lleva a su perro, Max, al parque lleno de vida. El parque es amplio y tiene muchos árboles altos. Max corre alegremente por el césped y juega con otros perros. Sofía se sienta en un banco y disfruta de su libro favorito. Una niña se acerca y pregunta: "¿Puedo acariciar a tu perro?". "Claro que sí", responde Sofía con una sonrisa. La niña acaricia a Max y él mueve la cola felizmente. El sol se pone lentamente, pintando el cielo de naranja. Sofía llama a Max con cariño. "Vamos a casa, Max". Ellos caminan juntos por el sendero tranquilo. Es un domingo perfecto, lleno de momentos especiales.

ENGLISH / WHEN YOU NEED IT

It's a sunny Sunday afternoon. Sofía takes her dog, Max, to the lively park. The park is spacious and has many tall trees. Max joyfully runs on the grass and plays with other dogs. Sofía sits on a bench and enjoys her favorite book. A girl approaches and asks, "Can I pet your dog?" "Of course," Sofía replies with a smile. The girl pets Max and he happily wags his tail. The sun sets slowly, painting the sky orange. Sofía calls Max affectionately. "Let's go home, Max." They walk together along the peaceful path. It's a perfect Sunday, full of special moments.

WORDS TO KEEP

perro
dog

corre
runs

acariciar
to pet

árboles
trees

banco
bench

juntos
together

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STORY 03 / A1 / PRACTICE

What did you understand?

Try the questions before checking the answer key at the back.

01 **What does Sofía do while Max plays?**

- A. Reads a book
- B. Talks on the phone
- C. Draws
- D. Listens to music

02 **How does Max react when the girl pets him?**

- A. Barks
- B. Hides
- C. Wags his tail
- D. Jumps

03 **What is the park like where Sofía takes Max?**

- A. Small and dark
- B. Big and full of trees
- C. Noisy and dirty
- D. Empty and dry

04 **What happens at the end of the day in the park?**

- A. It rains
- B. The sun sets
- C. More people arrive
- D. It gets cold

05 **What does Sofía say at the end of the story?**

- A. "Let's go home, Max."
- B. "Let's play, Max."
- C. "Let's eat, Max."
- D. "Let's run, Max."

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Retell the scene in two or three Spanish sentences. Use one word from the vocabulary list.

STORY 04 / A2 / READ

El viaje en tren

SPANISH FIRST

Mateo compró un billete de tren para visitar a su prima en Valencia. Llegó a la estación temprano porque no quería perder el tren. En la pantalla vio que su tren tenía veinte minutos de retraso. Al principio se preocupó, pero después compró un café y esperó sentado con su mochila. Una mujer le preguntó si el asiento estaba libre, y empezaron a hablar. Ella también viajaba a Valencia para ver a su familia. Cuando el tren llegó, Mateo se sentó junto a la ventana. Durante el viaje, miró los campos, escuchó música y pensó que a veces un retraso puede traer una conversación agradable.

ENGLISH / WHEN YOU NEED IT

Mateo bought a train ticket to visit his cousin in Valencia. He arrived at the station early because he didn't want to miss the train. On the screen, he saw that his train was twenty minutes late. At first, he worried, but then he bought a coffee and waited, seated with his backpack. A woman asked him if the seat was free, and they began to chat. She was also traveling to Valencia to see her family. When the train arrived, Mateo sat by the window. During the journey, he gazed at the fields, listened to music, and thought that sometimes a delay can lead to a delightful conversation.

WORDS TO KEEP

billete
ticket

estación
station

retraso
delay

se preocupó
he worried

asiento
seat

campos
fields

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STORY 04 / A2 / PRACTICE

What did you understand?

Try the questions before checking the answer key at the back.

01 **Why did Mateo arrive early at the station?**

- A. Because he wanted to buy a ticket
- B. Because he didn't want to miss the train
- C. Because he wanted to get a coffee

02 **What did Mateo do when he saw the delay on the screen?**

- A. He got worried and left
- B. He bought a coffee and waited
- C. He called his cousin

03 **Who did Mateo talk to at the station?**

- A. A man traveling to Madrid
- B. A woman who was also going to Valencia
- C. A station employee

04 **What did Mateo think about the train delay?**

- A. That it was very annoying
- B. That sometimes a delay can bring a pleasant conversation
- C. That he didn't mind it

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STORY 05 / A2 / READ

Fin de semana en Granada

SPANISH FIRST

Laura llegó a Granada el viernes con un billete de tren económico, pero su maleta chirriaba como un ratón en cada escalera. Esa tarde, caminó hasta un mirador pequeño donde la Alhambra brillaba como un tesoro dorado contra el cielo azul. Al día siguiente, se perdió entre callejas empinadas que olían a jazmines y café recién molido. En un bar, el camarero le sugirió esperar antes de entrar si no tenía reserva, así que Laura anotó el consejo sin protestar. El domingo, después de dormir hasta tarde, compartió una tortilla española con verduras, disfrutando de un desayuno lento antes del tren. Al subir al tren, guardó en la mochila el mapa manchado de chocolate, su mejor recuerdo de cada rincón explorado.

ENGLISH / WHEN YOU NEED IT

Laura arrived in Granada on Friday with a budget train ticket, but her suitcase squeaked like a mouse on every staircase. That afternoon, she walked to a small lookout where the Alhambra shone like a golden treasure against the blue sky. The next day, she got lost in steep alleyways scented with jasmine and freshly ground coffee. In a bar, the waiter suggested she wait before entering if she didn't have a reservation, so Laura jotted down the advice without protest. On Sunday, after sleeping in, she shared a Spanish omelette with vegetables, savoring a slow breakfast before the train. As she boarded the train, she tucked the chocolate-stained map into her backpack, her best memory of every corner explored.

WORDS TO KEEP

mirador
viewpoint; lookout

jazmines
jasmine blossoms

tortilla española
Spanish potato omelette

manchado
stained

callejas empinadas
steep alleyways

reserva
reservation

mochila
backpack

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STORY 05 / A2 / PRACTICE

What did you understand?

Try the questions before checking the answer key at the back.

01 **How does Laura's suitcase sound on the stairs?**

- A. It squeaks like a mouse
- B. It rings like a bell
- C. It makes no sound

02 **How did Laura describe the Alhambra from the viewpoint?**

- A. Like a fairytale castle
- B. Like a golden treasure
- C. Like a snowy mountain

03 **What did Laura do on Sunday morning?**

- A. Visited a museum
- B. Shared a Spanish omelette
- C. Bought souvenirs

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STORY 06 / A2 / READ

La panadería del sábado

SPANISH FIRST

Sofía salió temprano el sábado porque quería comprar pan recién horneado antes de que se formara la cola. En la panadería de la plaza, Don Ramón conocía a casi todos por el nombre y repartía saludos con una servilleta sobre el hombro. Esta vez le ofreció un trozo caliente de focaccia con romero y le preguntó si esa semana también tenía muchos exámenes. Sofía se rió: dijo que sí, pero que ese fin de semana solo quería buen pan y dormir sin despertadores. Pagó como cada mañana con billetes sencillos y guardó las monedas en el bolsillo de la chaqueta. Cruzó la plaza bajo una llovizna ligera, pensando que el olor a levadura era suficiente plan para ese día.

ENGLISH / WHEN YOU NEED IT

Sofía ventured out early on Saturday, eager to snag some freshly baked bread before the line snaked around the corner. At the plaza bakery, Don Ramón knew nearly everyone by name, tossing greetings with a napkin draped over his shoulder. This time, he handed her a warm slice of rosemary focaccia and asked if she had many exams that week. Sofía chuckled, admitting she did, but all she craved that weekend was good bread and sleep without alarms. She paid, as usual, with small bills, tucking the coins into her jacket pocket. She crossed the plaza under a gentle drizzle, deciding the aroma of yeast was plan enough for the day.

WORDS TO KEEP

recién horneado
freshly baked

panadería
bakery

despertadores
alarms

levadura
yeast

cola
line; queue

trozo
piece; bite

llovizna
drizzle

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STORY 06 / A2 / PRACTICE

What did you understand?

Try the questions before checking the answer key at the back.

01 **Why did Sofía go out early?**

- A. She wanted fresh bread before the line formed
- B. Don Ramón had asked her to help at the bakery
- C. The neighborhood library had closed

02 **What does Don Ramón offer Sofía?**

- A. A piece of rosemary focaccia
- B. A train ticket to Valencia
- C. A book of ancient history

03 **What is the weather like when she crosses the plaza?**

- A. There is a light drizzle
- B. It's extremely hot
- C. It's snowing nonstop

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CHECK / UNDERSTAND / TRY AGAIN

The answer key

A missed answer is a reason to reread one line, not to restart the whole story.

01 / A1 / El café de la mañana

1. B - At seven. María wakes up at seven, as indicated in the first paragraph.
2. B - Strong and hot. The coffee is strong and hot, filling the air with its fragrance.
3. B - Showers and gets dressed. After breakfast, María showers with warm water and gets dressed.
4. B - Optimistic. María thinks optimistically that today is going to be a good day.
5. C - It's sunny. Today, the sun shines brightly in the blue sky, indicating it's sunny.

02 / A1 / El mercado

1. A - Tomatoes, onions, and bread. Pedro buys tomatoes, onions, and bread to prepare a soup.
2. B - Full of life and vibrant colors. The market is full of life and vibrant colors, creating a lively atmosphere.
3. B - With shiny coins. Pedro pays with shiny coins, which adds a traditional touch.
4. B - Cooks a soup. When he gets home, Pedro cooks a delicious-smelling soup.

03 / A1 / El parque

1. A - Reads a book. Sofía sits on a bench and reads her favorite book while Max plays.
2. C - Wags his tail. Max happily wags his tail when the girl pets him.
3. B - Big and full of trees. The park is spacious and has many tall trees.
4. B - The sun sets. The sun sets slowly, painting the sky orange.
5. A - "Let's go home, Max.". At the end, Sofía calls Max and says "Let's go home, Max."

The answer key / continued

04 / A2 / El viaje en tren

1. B - Because he didn't want to miss the train. Mateo arrived early because he didn't want to miss the train.

2. B - He bought a coffee and waited. Mateo bought a coffee and waited, sitting with his backpack.

3. B - A woman who was also going to Valencia. Mateo talked to a woman who was also traveling to Valencia.

4. B - That sometimes a delay can bring a pleasant conversation. Mateo thought that sometimes a delay can bring a pleasant conversation.

05 / A2 / Fin de semana en Granada

1. A - It squeaks like a mouse. The story explicitly says that Laura's suitcase squeaks like a mouse on every staircase.

2. B - Like a golden treasure. From the viewpoint, the Alhambra shone like a golden treasure against the blue sky.

3. B - Shared a Spanish omelette. On Sunday, Laura shared a Spanish omelette with vegetables.

06 / A2 / La panadería del sábado

1. A - She wanted fresh bread before the line formed. The text says she wanted to buy bread before the line formed.

2. A - A piece of rosemary focaccia. Don Ramón offers Sofía a piece of rosemary focaccia.

3. A - There is a light drizzle. Sofía crosses the plaza under a light drizzle.

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