

SCENE 43 • GRAMMAR

Busco a Michi

People as objects and a simple event sequence

4 Exercises · Duration: 10 min.

The festival

Spanish

A before a known person

For a specific person as the object, Spanish normally uses **a**: **Busco a Tomás, Veo a Clara**. With pets treated as individuals, use it too: **Busco a Michi**. An ordinary object does not take it: **Busco la llave**. This **a** does not mean a destination.

With an object word

Veo a Clara becomes **La veo**. **Veo a Tomás** becomes **Lo veo**. Do not keep the separate **a** before these small object words. **Tener** normally does not take personal **a** in **Tengo un hermano**.

Put events in order

Primero, luego, después and **al final** organise a short description. **Primero empieza el concierto. Luego se apagan las luces**. A report can use brief present-tense entries to show a timeline.

Know a fact or know a person

Saber is for information or a skill: **Sé su nombre**. **Conocer** is for being acquainted with someone or somewhere: **Conozco a Clara, Conozco Valdemora**. Personal **a** is used for Clara, but not for the town.

CONOCER IN THE PRESENT

Person	Form	Meaning
yo	conozco	I
tú	conoces	you, familiar singular
él / ella / usted	conoce	he / she / you politely
nosotros / nosotras	conocemos	we
vosotros / vosotras	conocéis	you, familiar plural in Spain
ellos / ellas / ustedes	conocen	they / you politely plural

GRAMMAR**G1) CHOOSE THE FORM FOR THE MESSAGE**

Choose the right word for the gap.

Meaning: I look for Clara.

1 Busco _____ Clara.

- ☐ A de
- ☐ B en
- ☐ C a

Meaning: I look for the key.

2 Busco _____ llave.

- ☐ A la
- ☐ B al
- ☐ C a la

Meaning: I see Lucía. I see her here.

3 Veo a Lucía. _____ veo aquí.

- ☐ A La
- ☐ B Los
- ☐ C Lo

Meaning: I have a brother.

4 Tengo _____ hermano.

- ☐ A al
- ☐ B a un
- ☐ C un

Meaning: I know Clara.

5 Yo _____ a Clara.

- ☐ A conoces
- ☐ B conoce
- ☐ C conozco

Meaning: You know Valdemora.

6 Vosotros _____ Valdemora.

- ☐ A conocen
- ☐ B conocéis
- ☐ C conocemos

G2) COMPLETE A USEFUL EXCHANGE

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

Meaning: I see Tomás in the photo.

a de

Veo _____ Tomás en la foto.

Meaning: Michi: I look for him in the courtyard.

lo la

Michi: _____ busco en el patio.

Meaning: First the concert starts. Then the light returns.

Luego Nunca

Primero empieza el concierto. _____ vuelve la luz.

Meaning: You know Javier. She knows Elvira.

conozco conoces conoce

Tú _____ a Javier. Ella _____ a Elvira.

Meaning: We know the town. They know the park.

conocemos conocen conocéis

Nosotros _____ la ciudad. Ellos _____ el parque.

G3) PUT THE MESSAGE TOGETHER

Put the words in order.

Meaning: I cannot see anyone.

- 1 a No veo nadie.
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Meaning: I am looking for my sister.

- 2 mi hermana. Busco a
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Meaning: Tomás dances at the end.

- 3 baila Al Tomás. final
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G4) CONNECT THE MESSAGE AND ITS MEANING

Match the pairs.

① busco a Clara

Ⓐ I look for Clara

② busco la boquilla

Ⓑ I look for the mouthpiece

③ al final

Ⓒ at the end