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Hola y bienvenido a Tu Ingles Sesion Dieciocho! This is a program for people who want to learn English.

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Hi, howsitgoin'? Soy Brian de los estados unidos. Considerame tu entrenador personal de ingles.

Vamos a ejercitar tu oido para ingles!!

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Today on Tu Ingles Sesion 18, we are going to talk about the Fourth of July. Cuarto de Julio.

Probablemente has oido de esta fiesta en estados unidos. It is also called Independence Day. El dia de la independenciam.

The Fourth of July is one of the most important holidays in the USA. I would like to discuss the significance of this holiday with you, and maybe we can learn some new vocabulary in the process.

Pero primero, tengo noticias. First of all, congratulations to the Spanish soccer team for its victory in the Euro 2008 Tournament. Por fin!! Campeones!

Second, and not quite as exciting ... Many people have asked me for a transcript of each Sesion of Tu Ingles. Quieren una transcripcion para que pueden aprender major las palabras y otras cosas en cada session de Tu Ingles.

Well, starting with Sesion 18, I am going to publish the transcript on the Tu Ingles home page. Voy a poner la transcripción en la página web de Tu Ingles.

I hope it is helpful to have this extra resource. If you have any questions or comments, please leave me a message at the Tu Ingles site. You can also reach me by email. And, as you know, we have a Tu Ingles group now on Facebook.

Ok!! Es hora de ejercitar tu oido para ingles.

Afortunadamente, tenemos nuestra amiga en Mexico, Cecilia, para ayudarnos.

Hello Cecilia, how are you today?

Hi!

Cecilia, before we practice some vocabulary, I want to ask you something.

Ok! No problem. What is it?

Como se dice en ingles, hacer una promesa?

In English, you say, To Make a Promise.

Right. To make a promise.

Do you remember Sesion 5 of Tu Ingles, when you made a little promise to us?

I made a promise? I am not sure I remember ...

OK, I will play a little bit of session 5 for you to remind you ...

[excerpt of Sesion 5]

Cecilia, now do you remember your promise?!

Yes! I do! I promised I would sing a song for you.

Yes, you did! Well, today is the day!!!

Today? You mean I have to sing for you today?

Yes!! I hope you don't mind.

Mmmm, ok. But what can I sing?

I don't know. It was my birthday two weeks ago. Mi cumpleaños fue el diez y ocho de junio. And it will be America's birthday next week. Maybe you could sing the Happy Birthday song for the United States?

Sabes como cantar "Feliz cumpleaños" en ingles?

Mmm. Creo que si. Pero como te dije, tengo un poco de vergüenza

Oh, please, don't be shy Cecilia!!

Ok, here I go!

Happy Birthday to you
Happy Birthday to you
Happy Birthday, United States
Happy Birthday to you!!

Excellent!!! Thank you Cecilia!

Next time, maybe you can sing something a little longer, ok?

Ok! But I don't want to make any more promises!

OK! Ahora, practiquemos algo de vocabulario!

Cecilia, como dirias "joven" en ingles?

In English, the word is young. Young.

Correct. Young. Entonces, cual es la palabra para decir mayor?

Old. The word in English is old.

Yes, old. Y como dirias "mas mayor" en ingles?

Older. You would say older.

Right. Y entonces como dirias "mas joven"?

You would say younger. Younger.

Correct. Ahora, como se dice "pobre" en ingles?

Poor. The word is poor.

Yes, poor. Y, el opuesto, como dirias rico en ingles?

Rich. The word is Rich.

Correct, Rich. You can also say "wealthy. Wealthy."

Wealth, por supuesto, significa riqueza.

Y sabes como se dice "granjero" en ingles?

The word is farmer. Farmer.

Right. Farmer.

Y sabes la palabra para decir impuestos?

Taxes. In English, the word is taxes.

Right. Taxes. Entonces, como dirias, "Tienes que pagar impuestos"?

In English, "You have to pay taxes."

Perfecto.

Ahora, en español hay un verbo, "durar." Como se dice "durar" en ingles?

The verb is "to last" "to last"

Correct. Asi que, como se dice, "la pelicula dura dos horas"?

The movie lasts two hours.

Right. The movie lasts.

It's a strange word, because last has another meaning, right?

Yes, last can also mean "ultimo."

That's right. For example, "last month was May." Or "I live in the last house on the street."

Pero cuando estamos hablando del tiempo, usamos el verbo "to last."

Por ejemplo, como dirias, "El viaje duró siete días."

"The trip lasted seven days."

Perfect. El tiempo pasado. Lasted. Y como dirias "La reunion va a durar una hora"?

In English, you would say "The meeting is going to last an hour."

Correct. The meeting, la reunion, is going to last, va a durar, an hour, una hora.

OK, solo tengo algunas preguntas mas. En ingles, como se dice el verbo, morir?

To die. You would say, "To die"

Right. To die. Y para decir, “ella murió el año pasado,” cual es el ingles?

She died last year. She died last year.

Correct. O, mas divertido, como dirias en ingles, “casi me moria de hambre”_??

You would say, I almost died of hunger.

Right, I almost died of hunger.

OK, ahora, el verbo “aprovechar ...” como se dice eso en ingles?

To take advantage. To take advantage.

Yes. To take advantage. Por ejemplo, como dirias, “ella aprovechó su tiempo libre para llamar su madre?”

Mmmm. I think you would say, “She took advantage of her free time to call her mother.”

Yes! Perfect. She took advantage of her free time to call her mother.

OK, como dirias, “vamos a aprovechar este espacio para hacer una mesa”?

MMM, maybe, “We are going to take advantage of this space to put a table”

Right! That is what I meant. Thanks!

OK, por ultimo, Cecilia, reconoces este oido?

Escuchamos

[sound of fireworks]

Mmmm, creo que son fuegos artificiales??

Siii. Son muy importantes en el cuarto de julio ...

Y como se dice fuegos artificiales en ingles?

Mmmm. I knew you were going to ask me that!! The word is fireworks!

Yes, fireworks!!!

Well, thank you again for you help today Cecilia!!

No problem!!!!

Ok, thanks Cecilia.

And now, let's listen to the Selection of the Day!

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FOURTH OF JULY

On July 4th this year, the United States of America will be 232 years old.

I suppose that seems **young** to someone from Spain. But the USA is **older** than most nations in South America.

On the Fourth of July in 1776, the original 13 United States declared their independence from England.

That's why we also call the Fourth of July "Independence Day."

It is a holiday to celebrate the start of the American Revolution.

It was an unusual revolution. The leaders were actually a group of rich American businessmen. On the Fourth of July 1776 they published a document called the Declaration of Independence. It explained the reasons for the American Revolution.

The Declaration of Independence contains a very famous phrase ... "That all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

These are very inspirational and philosophical words. But the primary reason for the American revolution was economic. The Americans did not like having to **pay taxes** to the British government.

As is usually the case in war, the American Revolutionary war was mostly fought by **farmers** and **poor** people. The war **lasted** until 1783. Approximately 25,000 people **died** during the war. Many of these soldiers died from diseases, not bullets. The smallpox disease was a big problem at the time. Many people from England died also, especially people who served in the British Navy. Many of them died from a disease called scurvy, which is a form of malnutrition.

France played an important role in helping the Americans defeat England. Spain also was involved in fighting the British. It was during this period that Spain regained control of Mallorca.

Despite this conflict over 200 years ago, today England is probably America's closest ally. And, of course, we share a common language. Many Americans think a person with a British accent sounds more intelligent. But some Americans also think English pronunciation sounds snobby.

Many Americans prefer to think of themselves as simple and hardworking. And on the Fourth of July they celebrate with barbecues, and fireworks, and parades. On this day there are also many speeches about patriotism. And love of country. And there are lots of American flags everywhere.

But for many Americans, the Fourth of July is really just the beginning of summer vacations. Many people take advantage of the holiday and the summer weather to go on trips. Independence Day is now a holiday about independence from work!

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Now it's time for *English of the Rich and Famous!*

Hoy, voy a hablar casi totalmente en ingles. Este parte es para las personas con un nivel de ingles un poco mas avanzado. No te preocupes si no puedes entender todo lo que digo. Y por supuesto, puedes leer la transcripción. OK?

Well, in Tu Ingles Sesión Two, we talked about the presidential elections in the United States. Do you remember? We talked about Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton. We talked about how they both wanted to be the candidate for the democratic party? Well, it looks like Barack Obama is the winner.

He will be the candidate for the Democratic Party in the November final election. John McCain will be the republican candidate. So this means the end for Hillary Clinton.

In other words, it looks like America is not ready for its first woman president.

It's ironic. Remember that line from the Declaration of Independence? "All men are created equal."?? Did you notice that it did not say "all people are created equal"?

It said all men are created equal.

Today it is hard to believe, but women in the United States did not have the right to vote until the year 1920. In other words, for almost one hundred and fifty years after the Declaration of Independence, women were considered unequal.

Well, Hillary Clinton gave a famous speech about this subject in 1995. This was when her husband Bill Clinton was president of the United States.

I would like to play for you an excerpt from the speech. Hillary Clinton was speaking at a United Nations conference about women. In the speech, Clinton talked about how some nations still deny equal rights to women. Here is the excerpt:

“Women must enjoy the rights to participate fully in the social and political lives of their countries, if we want freedom and democracy to thrive and endure ... It took 150 years after the signing of our Declaration of Independence for women to win the right to vote ... As long as discrimination and inequities remain so commonplace everywhere in the world, as long as girls and women are valued less, fed less, fed last, overworked, underpaid, not schooled, subjected to violence in and outside their homes -- the potential of the human family to create a peaceful, prosperous world will not be realized.”

That was Hillary Clinton, from the year 1995, in a speech before the United Nations conference on women.

Now, the question is, is the United States ready for a women vice-president. Some people are saying that Barack Obama may choose Hillary as his running mate.

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Well, that's it for Tu Ingles Session 18. Gracias por escucharme.

Let me know if you have questions or comments!

Thanks for listening, see you next week! Y suerte con Tu Ingles!

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