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## *Around and about*

### AIMS OF THE UNIT

- ▶ Hailing a taxi
- ▶ Asking for airline information in a travel agency
- ▶ Buying railway tickets
- ▶ Asking for services in a petrol station
- ▶ Coping and repair strategies

### GRAMMAR

- ▶ Asking questions
- ▶ Personal pronouns

## Exploiting the course material

**Conversations 1** In pairs, students decide on six places which they wish to go to in one of the capital cities of the world. They then act out the two dialogues, substituting the places they have chosen.

### Exercise 2

Without students consulting the coursebook, see whether they can remember the eleven features of the new car. One of the students might be persuaded to write them up on the board or to spell them out, for you to write up.

**Conversations 2** Get students to call out what they consider to be the ten most important words or phrases from the two dialogues. They could be written on the board or in their files. Let them check these against the Key Words and Phrases to see if the lists are comparable.

Alternatively, the English translations could be written on an overhead projector transparency. At the end of the session, display the transparency and encourage the students to call out the Spanish equivalent.

Practise telling the time again by writing up different times on the board and getting students to call them out in Spanish. Prompt them by asking **¿A qué hora sale el vuelo a Madrid/Barcelona/Santiago?**

This conversation could be varied by asking students to confirm a particular flight. They will need to know a couple of extra items of vocabulary such as **reconfirmar** and **línea**. Ask the 'travellers' to choose a flight time and to go via Iberia. Ask the 'employees' to say when they must check in: **facturar el equipaje**.

**Conversations 3** Students could play a version of 'My mother went to market ...' where each student has to remember the phrase the preceding student used and add a new item. Student A says **¿puede(n) repararme una rueda?** Student B says **¿puede(n) repararme una rueda y un reloj?** If it is too difficult for individuals, divide the class into teams and let team members jog each others' memories.

### Exercise 9

Let students do this exercise orally, in pairs, trying to be more adventurous with vocabulary, if applicable.

## Further activities

In pairs, ask students to tell each other about their cars, asking questions like *¿De qué color es? ¿Tiene CD o DVD/aire acondicionado/dirección asistida? ¿Es grande/pequeño/económico/de segunda mano/nuevo?*

## Exploiting material from the *Breakthrough Spanish Activity Book*

### Exercise 2

Half the class are taxi-drivers and half are passengers. All the students write down a destination and these are distributed among the passengers. Passengers then have to negotiate with the drivers to take them to their destination.

### Exercise 4

In pairs, get students to cover over the Spanish phrases at the bottom of the exercise. Encourage them to recall which phrase goes with which sketch.

### Exercise 6

Obtain some bus or train timetables and distribute them among students. Get them to act out this conversation again, substituting other destinations from the new timetables.

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## Answers to exercises on the worksheets

### PAGE 51: EXERCISE 1

i. young people, children from 4 to 11, large families    ii. children from 4 to 11    iii. young people    iv. on days with a high volume of traffic

### PAGE 51: EXERCISE 2

a. at rush hours, that is from 7 to 9 in the morning and from 6 to 8 in the evening    b. when it rains    c. underground car parks    d. rather more than 2 euros for the first hour and less for subsequent hours    e. parking on the street    f. 1,20 euros for two hours    g. two hours    h. in government tobacconists' or kiosks/news stands

### PAGE 52: EXERCISE 1

a. las veinte (horas) nueve (minutos)    b. las quince (horas) treinta y cuatro (minutos)    c. las doce (horas) cincuenta y un minutos    d. las dieciocho (horas) cincuenta y tres (minutos)    e. las diecinueve (horas) ocho (minutos)    f. las veintidós (horas) cuatro (minutos)

### PAGE 52: EXERCISE 2

a iv,    b i,    c ii,    d iii,    e vi,    f viii,    g v,    h vii

### PAGE 52: EXERCISE 2

a. Taxi *¿queda libre/está libre?*    b. *¿A dónde vas/va usted?*    c. *¿A qué hora salen los vuelos?*    d. *¿Cuánto cuesta?*    e. *¿Cuál es la diferencia?*    f. *¿Pueden repararme Vds. una rueda?*    g. *¿Dejo el coche aquí?*    h. *¿Lo llevo un poco más adelante?*

## Exercise 1

### New vocabulary

**el descuento** discount    **la plaza sentada** seat    **punta** peak, rush hour

After reading the pamphlet answer the questions, in English.

#### OFERTAS COMERCIALES

##### i. IDA Y VUELTA

**DESCUENTOS:** Plazas sentadas: 10%

**DÍAS DE APLICACIÓN:** Todos, excepto los de alto tráfico

**CLASE:** Todas

**TRENES:** Todos

##### ii. IDA Y VUELTA EN EL MISMO DÍA

**DESCUENTOS:** Plazas sentadas: 20% sobre el precio del tren y la clase

**DÍAS DE APLICACIÓN:** Todos, excepto los de alto tráfico

**CLASE:** Todas

**TRENES:** Todos

##### iii. CARNET JOVEN

**DESCUENTOS:** Plazas sentadas: 20%

**TRENES PUNTA:** No es válido

##### iv. NIÑOS DE 4 A 11 AÑOS

**DESCUENTOS:** Plazas sentadas: 40%

##### v. FAMILIAS NUMEROSAS

**DESCUENTOS:** Todos los trenes. Plazas sentadas: 20%

##### vi. GRUPOS

Para grupos de un mínimo de 10 personas, hasta un 25% de reducción

Válido para trayectos de ida o ida y vuelta

i. Name at least three groups which can claim concessionary rail fares.

\_\_\_\_\_

ii. Which group has the greatest discount?

\_\_\_\_\_

iii. Which group cannot obtain reduced fares in the rush hour? \_\_\_\_\_

iv. Which days can you not obtain discounts for return journeys? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## Exercise 2

### New vocabulary

Read the following article and answer the questions, in English.

**conducir** to drive

**aun así** even so

**llover** to rain

**el aparcamiento** car park

**evitar** to avoid

**el atasco** traffic jam

**siguiente** following

**el estanco** (state)

tobacconist's

shop

### Conducir en Madrid

**Conducir un coche en Madrid no es muy diferente de otras ciudades europeas. El tráfico es denso prácticamente a todas las horas del día, pero aun así, es una buena idea evitar las horas punta: entre las 7 y las 9 de la mañana, y las 6 y 8 de la tarde aproximadamente. Si llueve, los atascos se prolongan prácticamente todo el día. Si quieres aparcar tu vehículo en el centro de Madrid, tienes dos opciones. La primera, utilizar los aparcamientos públicos subterráneos (cuestan algo más de 2 euros por la primera hora y algo menos las siguientes). La segunda es aparcar en la carretera. En el centro de la ciudad hay un sistema de control de aparcamiento desde las 8 de la mañana hasta las 8 de la noche. Tienes que pagar por cada media hora, con un máximo autorizado de dos horas (por dos horas pagas 1,20 euros). Se pueden comprar las tarjetas en estancos o quioscos.**

a. Which times should you avoid driving in Madrid? \_\_\_\_\_

b. When are traffic conditions especially bad? \_\_\_\_\_

c. What is the first option for parking your car? \_\_\_\_\_

d. How much does it cost? \_\_\_\_\_

e. What is the second? \_\_\_\_\_

f. How much does it cost? \_\_\_\_\_

g. What is the maximum time you can park if you follow the second option?

\_\_\_\_\_

h. Where can you buy parking tickets? \_\_\_\_\_

## Exercise 1

Look at the following timetable and write out those times which are underlined according to the 24 hour clock.

- a. \_\_\_\_\_  
 b. \_\_\_\_\_  
 c. \_\_\_\_\_  
 d. \_\_\_\_\_  
 e. \_\_\_\_\_  
 f. \_\_\_\_\_

R2

Madrid

Segovia

	Madrid-Atocha	Madrid-Resoleros	Madrid-N. Ministerios	Madrid-Chamartín	Ramón y Cajal	El Tajamar	Pinar de las Rozas	Las Matas	Torrelodones	Galapagar-La Navada	Villalba de G.	Los Negralos	Madrid-Argentea	Collado Melchoro	Los Molinos G.	Cercadilla	Tablada	San Rafael	El Espinar	Los Angeles S. Rafael	Otero-Herreros	Ortigueira del Monte	Naves de Madrid	Segovia
(1)	6.02	6.05	6.09	6.17	6.21	6.35	6.39	6.43	6.48	6.52	7.00	7.04	7.08	7.14	7.21	7.26	-	7.38	7.41	-	7.49	7.53	7.56	8.06
(2) (3)	8.02	8.05	8.09	8.17	8.21	8.35	8.39	8.43	8.48	8.52	9.00	9.04	9.08	9.14	9.19	9.25	-	9.37	9.40	-	-	-	9.55	10.05
(2)	10.02	10.05	10.09	10.16	10.20	10.34	10.38	10.42	10.47	10.51	11.00	11.04	11.08	11.14	11.19	11.25	11.30	11.36	11.40	11.45	11.48	11.53	-	12.05
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(4)	15.02	15.05	15.09	15.16	15.20	<u>15.34</u>	15.38	15.42	15.47	15.51	16.00	16.04	16.08	16.14	16.22	16.29	-	16.39	16.42	-	-	-	16.58	17.15
(2)	16.02	16.05	16.09	16.16	16.20	16.34	16.38	16.42	16.47	16.51	17.00	17.04	17.08	17.14	17.19	17.25	-	17.35	17.38	-	-	-	-	18.01
(5) (2)	18.02	18.05	18.09	18.18	18.22	18.36	18.40	18.44	18.49	<u>18.53</u>	19.00	19.04	<u>19.08</u>	19.14	19.21	19.26	19.31	19.37	19.40	19.45	19.48	19.52	19.56	20.06
(2)	20.02	20.05	<u>20.09</u>	20.16	20.20	20.34	20.38	20.42	20.47	20.51	21.00	21.04	21.08	21.14	21.19	21.25	-	21.35	21.38	-	21.46	-	21.54	<u>22.04</u>

(1) Circula laborables, excepto sábados. No circula 15-8-95.

(2) Circula diario.

(3) Efectúa parada en Tablada (9.30) y Gudillos (9.34) los sábados y domingos.

(4) Circula laborables, excepto sábados. No circula 15-8-95. Diario Madrid-Cercadilla.

(5) Efectúa parada en Gudillos (19.35).

## Exercise 2

Match up both columns with the correct pronoun form, so that in each case you are saying 'My ( ) - and yours' (for example: **mi rueda - y la tuya**).

- a. mi coche  
 b. mis maletas  
 c. mis billetes  
 d. mi habitación  
 i. y las tuyas  
 ii. y los tuyos  
 iii. y la tuya  
 iv. y el tuyo

And now try it using 'his, hers, theirs or yours (**usted**)'

- e. mi avión  
 f. mi bicicleta  
 g. mis frenos  
 h. mis ruedas  
 v. y los suyos  
 vi. y el suyo  
 vii. y las tuyas  
 viii. y la suya

## Exercise 3

More practice in asking questions. Write out the Spanish for:

- a. Taxi, are you free? \_\_\_\_\_  
 b. Where are you going? \_\_\_\_\_  
 c. What time do the flights leave? \_\_\_\_\_  
 d. How much does it cost? \_\_\_\_\_  
 e. What is the difference? \_\_\_\_\_  
 f. Can you repair a tyre for me? \_\_\_\_\_  
 g. Shall I leave the car here? \_\_\_\_\_  
 h. Shall I take it a bit further? \_\_\_\_\_

**Activity 1**

You are in Madrid and want to catch the AVE to Sevilla. You want to know three things:

- a. the earliest time you can leave Madrid
  - b. the latest train you can catch back on the same day
  - c. the price of the ticket
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**Activity 2**

You are a petrol pump attendant. Your client (your partner) asks for several services. This is the information you need in order to reply.

- ▶ You can check the tyre pressures of your customer's car.
  - ▶ Your garage does not do repairs.
  - ▶ Suggest the garage ADESA and give directions for how to get there.
  - ▶ There is a small shop on site which sells motor accessories and maps.
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**Activity 3**

You are a taxi driver. Here is a list of prices and supplements. Your fare wants to go to the airport from the city centre (Colón).

**TARIFAS Y SUPLEMENTOS**

<b>Comienzo del viaje</b>	<b>1,45€</b>
<b>Suplemento aeropuerto</b>	<b>4,00€</b>
<b>Suplemento día festivo</b>	<b>4,00€</b>
<b>Cada maleta</b>	<b>sin recargo</b>
<b>De Plaza de Colón (Madrid) a Barajas</b>	<b>0,67€ de 6 a 22 horas</b>
<b>(unos 15 km)</b>	<b>0,85€ de 22 a 6 horas</b>

### Activity 1

You work at the AVE office at Atocha station in Madrid. Answer the customer's questions by referring to the information shown here.

<b>PRECIOS TURISTA</b>	MADRID-SEVILLA	62,00
	MADRID-CORDOBA	45,50
	MADRID-PUERTOLLANO	29,50
	MADRID-CIUDAD REAL	24,50
	CIUDAD REAL-SEVILLA	40,00
	CIUDAD REAL-CORDOBA	23,50
	CIUDAD REAL-PUERTOLLANO	11,50
	PUERTOLLANO-SEVILLA	35,00
	PUERTOLLANO-CORDOBA	18,50
	CORDOBA-SEVILLA	17,50

<b>HORARIOS</b>	MADRID Puerta de Atocha • CIUDAD REAL • PUERTOLLANO • CORDOBA • SEVILLA Santa Justa														
	TIPO DE TREN (*)	VALLE	LLANO	PUNTA	LLANO	LLANO	PUNTA	LLANO	LLANO	LLANO	PUNTA	LLANO	LLANO	LLANO	TIPO DE TREN (*)
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CIUDAD REAL	7:51	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21:49	-	CIUDAD REAL
PUERTOLLANO	8:08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22:05	-	PUERTOLLANO
CORDOBA	8:57	9:14	-	10:44	12:44	15:41	16:44	17:44	18:44	19:44	20:44	21:44	22:52	23:41	CORDOBA
SEVILLA Santa Justa	9:40	10:00	10:15	11:30	13:30	16:25	17:30	18:30	19:30	20:30	21:30	22:30	23:35	00:25	SEVILLA Santa Justa
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PUERTOLLANO	-	8:27	-	10:27	-	-	-	17:26	-	-	-	-	-	-	PUERTOLLANO
CIUDAD REAL	-	8:43	-	10:43	-	-	-	17:42	-	-	-	-	21:42	-	CIUDAD REAL
MADRID Puerta de Atocha	8:55	9:40	10:15	11:40	13:30	16:25	17:30	18:35	19:30	20:30	21:30	22:35	23:30	00:25	MADRID Puerta de Atocha
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### Activity 2

You are a customer at a service station. You want the following services:

- ▶ 25 litres of unleaded petrol
- ▶ the tyre pressure checking
- ▶ the windscreen wipers replaced
- ▶ a map of Madrid

### Activity 3

You are about to get into a taxi in central Madrid. Ask to go to Barajas airport. Ask the driver how much the journey costs and what the supplements are (**un suplemento**). You have two suitcases and you are leaving your hotel at 11.30 in the evening.