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Hello again and Happy New Year! Thank you for downloading this *Mansión Inglés* podcast. This is podcast number 45 recorded for January 2012. I hope that together we can improve your English and take it to the next level.

This month we have *más verbos y vocabulario en el nivel básico*. At intermediate level some grammar - the causative have - and some cinema vocabulary. There's a video to watch on YouTube about applying for a job in the business section. Idioms and expressions for advanced students and much much more.

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En el nivel básico hemos practicado algunos verbos que gastamos con mucha frecuencia en ingles. Escucha y repite las frases siguientes.

to speak - *hablar* - My friend Jimmy **speaks** French, he speaks German and he speaks Japanese.
to play - *tocar* - Paula **plays** the piano. - Denis plays the drums - Gordon plays the guitar and Barry plays the bass.
to do - *hacer* - Roberto **does** his homework.
to like - *gustar* - Spanish people **like** rice. I like fish and chips
to write - *escribir* - Please **write** your name, Can you write your address? Please write your passport number.
to use - *utilizar* - Pepito **uses** Facebook I use Twitter - Do you use Twitter? Follow us on Twitter - *Síguenos en Twitter*
to go - *ir* - Dave **goes** swimming after work.
to study - *estudiar* - My girlfriend **studies** business
to wear - *llevar* - My dad **wears** socks and sandals - in the summer!
to drive - *conducir* - Gary **drives** a blue car.

Very good! - ¡Muy bien!

Ahora escucha y repite los grupos de vocabulario.

Monday Tuesday Wednesday, Thursday Friday Saturday
May, June, July, August, September
Summer, autumn (UK) Fall (US), winter, spring

England-English, Spain-Spanish, Germany-German, France-French, Italy-Italian.

go-went-gone, speak-spoke, spoken, fly-flew-flown, see-saw. seen, have-had, had, drive-drove-driven.

Fantastic!

In the intermediate section this month there is a grammar point that may be a bit difficult for some listeners, so I'll repeat it here. It's the causative have and we use it when someone does something for us and we don't do it ourselves.

For example. most people do not cut their hair themselves. Do you cut your hair by yourself? In the bathroom in front of the mirror? Well maybe, but probably not. You probably go to a hairdresser (*una peluquería*), don't you?

So, you don't cut your hair. You personally don't cut your hair, you **have your hair cut**. You have your hair cut by a hairdresser.

Many years ago when I was young, and poor, I painted my flat myself, I actually worked as a painter for a few months. So I know how to paint and so I painted my flat. Now I'm older, I have a little more money and I pay someone to paint my flat. I have my flat painted. I had my flat painted about 6 months ago, actually. I can say I **have** my flat painted or I **get** my flat painted. I **had** my flat painted or I **got** my flat painted. *Tiene la misma significado pero el get es un poco más informal.*

Entonces el causative es el verbo have (or get) + el objeto + el participio pasado - I had (el verbo have) my flat (el objeto) painted (el participio)

Repeat: I have my flat painted - You should get your teeth checked - I must have my back examined - We had air-conditioning installed - Where did you get your hair cut? - I'm having my car serviced (*a car service is una revisión del coche*) Repeat: - I'm having my car serviced - Where does he have his suits made? - You should get this carpet cleaned - I'm getting my eyes checked - Why don't you have this TV fixed? - I got my ears pierced - I want to get my nose pierced.

Ok, moving on to cinema vocabulary. Now, I'll say some words in Spanish, in my bad pronunciation, that are connected to the cinema, and I want you to say the English translation before I do. Then, repeat the word to practise pronunciation. Ready?

banda sonora - soundtrack

papel - role

guión - script

ensayo - rehearsal - the verb is to rehearse - *ensayar* - to rehearse for a play, concert or film

público, espectadores - audience (remember it's audience for the cinema, for music concerts, plays etc and spectators for football matches and other sports events.)

crítica - review (remember, critic is a false friend, *un amigo falso* - critic is the person and review is the thing the critic writes or says about the film, book or play.)

reparto - cast

Ok, let's see if you can remember the idioms from this month's *cuaderno* selection. I'll say an idiom in Spanish and you say the equivalent idiom in English before I do. Then you should repeat the idiom in English to practice pronunciation. I'll give you a clue (una pista) by saying a word that's in the idiom. Ok, ready? Oh, and before I start I apologise in advance for my bad Spanish pronunciation.

Cuando hay hambre, no hay mal pan / pan duro. - PORT - Any port in a storm.

A todos les llega su momento de gloria. - DOG - Every dog has its day.

Sobre gustos, no hay nada escrito. - STROKES - Different strokes for different folks.

Los genios pensamos igual. - GREAT - Great minds think alike.

El necio es atrevido y el sabio comedido - FOOLS - Fools rush in where angels fear to tread.

Quien paga elige. - PIPER - He who pays the piper calls the tune.

Also in the advanced section we looked at some every day expressions that you may know the meaning of but may not necessarily use in your normal day to day English. I hope you'll choose on or two and start using them now when you speak.

So, the first one was **Each and every one of you**. You can also say **every last one or every single one**. It means, of course, every individual in a group, for example; Each and every student must register by tomorrow, or I've sent every last one of my Christmas cards, or Every single one of his answers was wrong. All of these phrases are generally used for emphasis.

One by one means one at a time, *uno por uno* - I searched through the cupboards one by one but I couldn't find the cup you bought me.

Second to none - the best - *lo máximo, insuperable* - Our podcasts are second to none. Actually, our podcasts are second to many other, better podcasts, but I like the example! Perhaps our enthusiasm and motivation is second to none. What we lack in quality, we make up for in enthusiasm (**to make up for** means *compensar*)

We've got **an awful lot** to do, an awful lot is a great amount or a great number - *muchísimas cosas tenemos que hacer* - We've got **an awful lot** to do. There are an awful lot of people in the queue.

Precious little is the opposite - I've got precious little time - not much time, hardly any time - *escasísimo* - You've got precious little to worry about.

Either way means *de cualquier manera* - You can fly or go by train. Either way the trip is going to be expensive.

Make the most of means to take advantage of. I think in Spanish it's something like *sacar partido de algo or sacar lo más posible*. You only get one chance so make the most of it. These podcasts are free, so make the most of them.

A good few means several. For example, at the conference, I was surprised to meet a good few people who had heard of our company.

All too often means something like *demasiado seguido*. For example, drug addicts, all too often, steal from their families to get money for drugs. All too often.

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Now, Business English. I hope you liked the video exercise about applying for a job and I hope it was useful. Oh, and thanks to *LinguaTV.com* for allowing us to link to the video. I think there were some useful expressions in the video. Listen and repeat some of them with me now. *Fíjate en la entonación de las preguntas y intenta copiarla:*

Is it a full time or a part time position?
What would my responsibilities be?
Can I make an appointment for an interview?
What is your educational background?
What work experience do you have?
Could you please tell me what the job would entail?
Could you please email me your *résumé*?
Could you please email me your references?
Could you give me your email address please?
Could you please spell your last name for me?

Good, Ok. Now, **résumé** in Spanish is *currículum*. I think it's from the French word. It sounds French to me *résumé*. In British English we say CV, which stands for the Latin *curriculum vitae*, CV in the UK, *résumé* in the US. Can you send me your CV? Could you please email me your CV?

Ok, now repeat these other useful phrases and questions from the video:

May I please speak with Miss Thomson?
Ok, put her through please.
Jane Thomson speaking. How can I help you? - How can I help you?
I'm sorry, but I didn't catch your name.
Would you mind if I first ask you some questions?
Can you repeat your name please?
I'm pretty good at organising things.
I'm fluent in Spanish and Italian.
That sounds like an exciting challenge to me.
I'll send you my CV within the hour.
Thank you very much for your time.

Well, that's it for this month, so thank you very much for your time, and thank you for being part of the community of *La Mansión del Inglés*.

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Until next month then, take care, keep practising and taking your English to the next level! Bye for now!

*The music in this month's podcast was by **Revolution Void**, the album was *The Politics of Desire* and the track was *Outer Orbit*.*