PREFACE

When we wrote the first edition of ¿Sabías que...? in 1992, our goal was to create a package of instructional materials that would truly make a difference in the classroom to instructors frustrated with grammar-based approaches. Our thought was simply this: without a change in approach, there can be no change in classroom instruction. We believe that the overwhelming success of ¿Sabías que...? through five editions speaks to this thought.

Now, seventeen years later, requests from professionals around the country for a shorter version of ¿Sabías que...? have led us to offer the third edition of the present textbook, Vistazos: Un curso breve. Just like ¿Sabías que...?, the briefer Vistazos:

- encourages students to concentrate on exchanging real-life information about each other and the world around them
- makes as much use of class time as possible to communicate ideas
- is at times provocative
- is filled with engaging activities

Vistazos retains the hallmark information exchange and task-oriented nature of ¿*Sabías que...?*, but in response to professionals' requests for something shorter and simpler, we have:

- removed long readings but retained the shorter ones (¿Sabías que...? boxed features)
- reduced the amount of material in the final unit and condensed it into a single Lección final
- trimmed selected activities or portions of activities to make them briefer and easier to manage in class

The end result is a book that can be more easily used in intensive one-semester courses or regular courses that meet only three days a week. *Vistazos*

contains most basic grammar points and vocabulary topics that are typical of a first-year syllabus. With its emphasis on the meaningful use of language, it also is a fun yet serious introduction to the Spanish language and to Hispanic cultures. We hope that you'll share our enthusiasm for *Vistazos* and that you and your class will enjoy many hours of both learning Spanish and learning about each other.

Organization of the Text

Vistazos consists of a preliminary lesson (**Lección preliminar**), five units of three lessons each, and a final lesson (**Lección final**). Each of the five units presents a general theme that is explored in its three lessons.

The organization of the major sections of each lesson allows instructors to organize class meetings better and develop course syllabi (see the *Instructor's Manual* for ideas on lesson and syllabus planning). Each of these major sections is described in the Guided Tour Through *Vistazos* on the following pages. The first two lessons of every unit include:

- three **Vistazos** sections (**Vistazos I, II,** and **III**)
- vocabulary (Vocabulario) and grammar (Gramática) presentations within each Vistazos section
- a lesson-ending task (**Intercambio**)

The third lesson of each unit includes:

- two **Vistazos** sections
- Vocabulario and Gramática presentations
- a brief lesson-ending task (**Situación**)
- a cultural spread (Vistazos culturales) with follow-up activities



A Guided Tour Through VISTAZOS



Lesson-Opening Page Each lesson-opening page contains an advance organizer that informs students about what they will be focusing on in the current lesson. Another feature included on each lesson-opening page is a stopsign icon that references the **Intercambio** or **Situación** activity at the end of the lesson. This offers students a "preview" of what they will learn in the lesson and gives them a task to work toward.

Vistazos I, II, III Each **Vistazos** section introduces a subtopic of the lesson theme through the **Vocabulario** and **Gramática** presentations.

Vocabulario Each **Vocabulario** presents new active vocabulary related to the lesson theme and is followed by activities that encourage students to use the new vocabulary in context.

Some **Vocabulario** sections include **Vocabulario útil** boxes. These boxes highlight additional active vocabulary that students can use in the activities of the lesson.

Gramática A highlighted box accompanying many **Gramática** sections focuses on the presentation material in an easy-to-follow format. Grammar explanations are succinct and the activities that follow allow students to use the grammar in meaning-based exchanges.

Vistazos does not offer purely mechanical grammar practice, such as transformation and substitution drills. Grammar is presented bit by bit, with points explained only as necessary for students to perform the various tasks in the lesson.

Intercambio, Situación Intercambio and

Situación are the culminating activities found in the first two lessons and last lesson of each unit respectively. Designed for partner/pair or small group work, the **Intercambios** draw upon the vocabulary and grammar structures presented in the lesson while the **Situación** activities are more open-ended and may call upon vocabulary and grammar structures learned in preceding lessons as well.

Comunicación These activities are done with a partner or in small groups. Although all activities in *Vistazos* are meaning-based in nature, **Comunicación** activities involve more interaction

with classmates.

¿Sabías que...? ¿Sabías que...? boxes highlight facts about Hispanic cultures as well as the world around us. All ¿Sabías que...? boxes are accompanied by an activity or appear as part of the new **Vistazos culturales** sections.

Así se dice, Consejo práctico, Nota comunicativa **Así se dice** boxes provide additional information about Spanish vocabulary and grammar. Consejo **práctico** boxes provide helpful advice to students about learning Spanish and about approaching tasks and activities. Nota comunicativa boxes present words and phrases to help students

Icons Icons identify Web and DVD activities and features, classroom activities that require a separate sheet of paper, group work or listening to information from the instructor, and activities that can be found in the QuiaTM Online Textbook Activities available through CENTRO, the online learning management system for McGraw-Hill World Languages.







complete communicative tasks.







INTERCAMBIO



Preferencias alimenticias

Propósito: escribir un artículo sobre las preferencias y hábitos de un compañero (una compañera) de clase con relación a la comida.

Paneles: dos estudiantes entrevistan a otro/a: los (las) tres escriben

Paso 1 Dos personas deben entrevistar a otra para poder llenar el cuadro (table) a continuación. La información tiene que ver con el hecho de salir a comer en vez de (instead of) comer en casa.

📆 SITUACIÓN

aso 1 Read the following Situación and decide whether or not Juan

Un estudiante, Juan Mengano, pasó toda la noche estudiando para su examen de química. Esta mañana falto aº la clase de matemáticas a las 9.00 y fue a su clase de química a las 10.00 para tomar el examen. Después supo que la profesora de matemáticas dio una prueba de sorpresa.º ¿Crees que Juan tiene una buena excusa para preguntarle a la profesora si puede tomar la prueba en su oficina?

aso 2 Share your thoughts with at least two classmates





ACTIVIDAD B El estudioso y el relajado

Paso 1 Alberto is a studious, responsible university student. What might his daily routine look like? Mention at least three activities that you think he does.

MODELO Estudia por la noche

Paso 2 Andrés is a more relaxed, easygoing university student. How might his daily routine be different than Alberto's? Mention at least three activities that Andrés probably does.

MODELO Mira la televisión por la noche

Paso 3 Now compare your ideas with those of a classmate. Did both come up with similar descriptions for Alberto and Andrés? Compile a master list with all of your ideas and be ready to report to the class.



¿Sabías que... Desi Arnaz fue la primera superestrella latina? Aunque muchas personas de ascendencia latina como Jennifer López, Salma Hayek y Ricky Martin tienen gran fama hoy en día, el primer latino de gran fama en la música, el cine y la televisión de los Estados Unidos fue Desi Arnaz de la serie I Love Lucy.

Arnaz <u>nació</u> con el nombre de Desiderio Alberto Arnaz de Acha III en Cuba en 1917. La familia Arnaz, con muy poco dinero, <u>llegó</u> a Miami en 1933. Uno de los primeros trabajos de Desi <u>fue</u> limpiar jaulas^b de canarios. Pero la música siempre <u>fue</u> Desi tige impiar jaulais de canarios. Pero la musica stempre tige su pasión y <u>decidió</u> dedicarse a la carrera de músico y cantante.^c <u>Formó</u> su propio grupo musical y con éxitos^d como «Babalú», su carrera lo <u>llevó</u> a Broadway y después a Hollywood. En 1940 Arnaz <u>conoció</u> a Lucille Ball y <u>se casó</u> con ella.^f La serie

I Love Lucy se estrenó^g en 1951 y aunque Lucy era la estrella, el genio creativo de esa y muchas otras producciones televisivas era Desi. Gracias al personaje de Ricky Ricardo, la presencia latina en la televisión y la cultura norteamericana* en general se estableció. Pero el matrimonio entre Desi y Lucille no <u>duró</u>h y <u>se divorciaron</u> en 1960, después de tener dos hijos. En 1976 Desi <u>publicó</u> su autobiografía, A Book, y diez años más tarde murió de cáncer. Muchos críticos contemporáneos dicen que las superestrellas latinas ov le debenⁱ mucho a Desi, quien abrió la puertaⁱ para los

musician and singer ^ahits ^alo... took him ^bse. no... did not last ^bowe ^babrió... opened the door

Así se dice

Why are some verbs preceded by se? Such verbs are called reflexive verbs, and you will learn about them in Lección 5. For now, take note of which verbs are used with se. ¡OJO! (Careful!) Se does not mean he or she. Él and ella mean he and she.

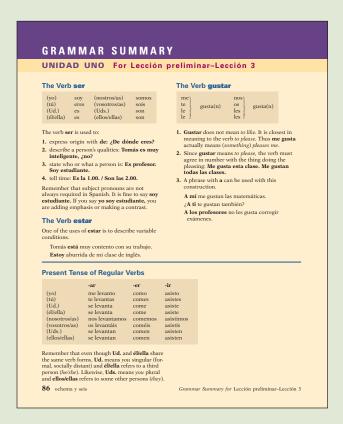
(Ella) Se levanta. She gets up.

(ÉI) Se acuesta. He goes to bed.

Vistazos culturales This informative and colorful two-page cultural section appears near the end of each unit and at the end of the Lección



preliminar and Lección **final** and addresses a specific theme as it applies to a variety of Spanishspeaking countries. Each Vistazos culturales is followed by comprehension questions in ¿Qué recuerdas? and a Navegando la Red activity in which students complete a project and present their findings to the class. This complete Navegando la **Red** activity as well as links to search engines are available in the Student Edition of the Vistazos Online Learning Center at www. mhhe.com/vistazos3.



Grammar Summary A grammar summary concluding each unit as well as the **Lección final** highlights the major grammar points presented in the preceding lessons and the **Lección final** respectively. It offers students a handy summary guide to help them improve upon their knowledge of grammatical structures in Spanish.

What's New in the Third Edition? We have made the following changes to *Vistazos* in response to instructor feedback on the Second Edition.

- CENTRO is the exciting new online portal for McGraw-Hill World Languages digital products. Produced in collaboration with QuiaTM, CENTRO offers students who have purchased the *Online Manual* and/or the *Online Textbook Activities* access to these digital products as well as to the complete *DVD*, animated Grammar Tutorials, and a link to the *Online Learning Center*, all for no additional fee! Once students and instructors set up their QuiaTM account for the *Online Manual* and/or the *Online Textbook Activities*, they can use the same username and password to gain access to CENTRO at www.mhcentro.com.
- The **Vistazos culturales** spreads at the end of each unit now contain notes to the instructor with suggestions on how to use these readings in class. In addition, they have been edited for length and difficulty.
- More input activities have been added in the form of ¿Qué leíste? and ¿Qué oíste?: These recurring interactive input activities are also known as "dictoglosses." The students read or hear a paragraph in class, work together to recreate it, and then compare their version with the original version. ¿Qué leíste? becomes ¿Qué oíste? in Lección 10 to indicate the shift to an aural activity.
- More production-based activities provide students with additional opportunities to speak and interact from the first lesson:
 - **1. En tu opinión:** Students read about a situation and then offer their reactions to it.
 - **2. En el escenario:** Students role-play different situations.
 - **3. Una historia:** Students examine a series of drawings and create a story based on what they see. They are encouraged to go beyond the drawings and add background information on the characters and settings.
- New on-page annotations in the early lessons serve to explain some of the philosophical and methodological aspects of *Vistazos* to first-time instructors. For example, annotations for activities in **Lección 1** are now flagged with "Input Activity" or "Production Activity" to help familiarize first-time instructors with the natural progression from input to production activities

- within each **Vocabulario** or **Gramática** section that is a key element of the *Vistazos* methodology.
- The **Los hispanos hablan** testimonials have been renamed **Videoteca** and moved to the student *Manual*. Audio-only versions of these testimonials are included in the *Audio Program*, and the video segments can still be seen on the *Video on DVD*, in CENTRO, or on the *Online Learning Center*.
- Finally, activities and other proven features have been revised to keep the program fresh and up-to-date for the many loyal users of *Vistazos*.

Supplements

As a full-service publisher of quality educational products, McGraw-Hill does much more than just sell textbooks to your students. We create and publish an extensive array of print, video, and digital supplements to support instruction on your campus. Orders of new (versus used) textbooks help us to defray the cost of developing such supplements, which is substantial. Please consult your local McGraw-Hill representative to learn about the availability of the supplements that accompany this Third Edition of *Vistazos*.

For Instructors and for Students

- The *Manual que acompaña Vistazos*, offers additional practice with vocabulary, grammar, and listening comprehension. A distinguishing feature of the *Manual* is the **Vamos a ver** section near the end of every third lesson that provides nonconversational listening practice. Students listen to a short presentation about a topic related to the unit themes, thus practicing the skills needed to comprehend a lecture. The *Manual* also offers a **Videoteca** activity at the end of every lesson. Formerly the **Los hispanos hablan** from the Second Edition, these activities offer video interviews with Spanish speakers from around the world as well as pre- and post-viewing activities.
- McGraw-Hill is proud to partner with Quia[™] in the development of the *Online Manual que* acompaña Vistazos, Third Edition. Carefully integrated with the textbook, this robust digital version of the printed *Manual* is easy for students to use and great for instructors who want to manage students' coursework online. Identical in practice material to the print

version, the *Online Manual* contains the full audio program, as well as the **Videoteca** video segments, and provides students with automatic feedback and scoring of their work. The Instructor's Workstation contains an easy-to-use gradebook and class roster system that facilitates course management.

■ The Online Textbook Activities, also produced by QuiaTM and meant to be used in conjunction with the printed textbook, contain select activities that instructors can assign as homework and/or have students complete on their own outside of class in preparation for the partner/pair and group activities that will take place in the classroom.

The *Audio Program* that accompanies the *Manual* provides additional listening comprehension practice outside of the classroom and is available on audio CD and on the *Online Learning Center*.

The Online Learning Center provides practice with the grammar and vocabulary presented in the textbook. It also helps students bring the Spanish-speaking world into their language-learning experience through a variety of cultural resources.

The *Video Program*, now available on DVD, in CENTRO, and on the *Online Learning Center*, contains the **Videoteca** interviews as well as six exciting segments shot on location that examine particular themes within each unit and include interviews with Spanish speakers.

- Three *cultural and literary readers* are available to supplement first- and second-year Spanish instruction. Written in Spanish, these readers offer the chance for students to broaden their knowledge of the richness of the cultures of the Spanish-speaking world as well as to increase their developing reading skills.
 - 1. El mundo hispano: An Introductory Cultural and Literary Reader contains cultural information on the six major regions of the Spanish-speaking world, including the United States, as well as excerpts from Spanishlanguage literary classics with accompanying comprehension questions.
 - **2.** *Mundos de fantasía: Fábulas, cuentos de hadas y leyendas* contains popular Hispanic fables, fairy tales, and legends.
 - **3.** *Cocina y comidas hispanas* highlights favorite recipes from around the Hispanic world.

For Instructors Only

- The annotated *Instructor's Edition* contains detailed suggestions for carrying out activities in class. It also offers options for expansion and follow-up.
- The combined *Instructor's Manual and Testing Program* expands on the methodology of *Vistazos*. Among other things, it offers suggestions for carrying out the activities in the textbook and suggests ways to provide students with appropriate feedback on their compositions. The *Testing Program* includes sample quizzes for each lesson as well as unit tests.

The Instructor's Edition of the *Online Learning Center* contains the following resources to assist instructors in getting the most out of the *Vistazos* program.

- 1. Instructor's Manual
- 2. Testing Program
- **3.** Audioscript (transcript of the Audio Program)
- **4.** *Videoscript* (transcript of the *Video Program*)
- **5.** *Digital Transparencies* (line art from the textbook)
- Making Communicative Language Teaching Happen, Second Edition, by James F. Lee and Bill VanPatten presents and explains current theories and research in the field of Second Language Acquisition. It is a natural companion volume for instructors using Vistazos.
- From input to output, by Bill VanPatten, explains in everyday, nonacademic language the progression from input to output that is central to the methodology of *Vistazos*.

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