



Y10 Spanish Unit 3

The Environment

Unit objective : I can talk about past, present and future environmental and global issues.

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Verb PODER* [to be able to]

puedo *I am able to*

pude *I was able to*

podía *I used to be able to*

voy a poder *I am going to be able to*

podré *I will be able to*

podría *I would be able to*

Puedo apagar la luz.
I am able to turn off the light.

Verb AYUDAR [to help]

ayudo *I help*

ayudé *I (have) helped*

ayudaba *I used to help*

voy a ayudar *I am going to help*

ayudaré *I will help*

ayudaría *I would help*

Voy a ayudar otros.
I am going to help others.

Verb PONER* [to put]

pongo *I put (present)*

puse *I put (past)*

ponía *I used to put*

Voy a poner *I am going to put*

pondré *I will put*

pondría *I would put*

Puse el papel en el reciclaje.
I put the paper in the recycling.

Wow phrases

Si tuviera la oportunidad, ayudaría a las personas sin hogar
If I had the opportunity, I would help the homeless

Quiero que el gobierno **sea** más responsable **para que** todos **tengamos** un futuro
I want the government to be more responsible so that we all have a future.

Me pone triste que la gente **no haga** más esfuerzos para ayudar y cambiar sus rutinas.
It makes me sad that people don't try harder to help and change their habits.

Avoiding the passive

The passive is not very common in Spanish - it is more usual to avoid it by using the pronoun **se** and the **third person singular**:

Se puede... *People can...*
Se recicla el papel. *People recycle paper.*
Se apaga la luz. *People switch the light off.*

Direct object pronouns

Direct object pronouns are used to replace a *noun* that is the direct object of the verb, eg *I bought it instead of I bought the book.* They go in front of the verb.

Lo reciclo. *I recycle it.*
Las ayudo. *I help them.*

me	me
te	you
lo / la	him / her / it
nos	us
los / las	them

Indirect object pronouns

Indirect object pronouns are used to replace a noun which is not the direct object of the verb, eg *I gave it to them.*

me gusta → le gusta
I like (it is pleasing to me) → He/she likes (it is pleasing to him/her)

me importa → le importa
It matters to me → it matters to him / her

Me encanta → nos encanta
I love → we love

me	(to) me
te	(to) you
le	(to) him / her
nos	(to) us
Les	(to) them