

Transportation in the DR, street signs and formal commands

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Introduction: Observations about transportation in the DR

- ◆ Taxis with high occupancy, up to seven people
- ◆ Taxis do not have a meter that indicates the price of a ride, but rather it is important to ask the fee of the ride before getting in the car
- ◆ Women riding "side-saddle" as a passenger on a motorcycle
- ◆ In small towns, men on motorcycles can ferry people on motorcycles as a business
- ◆ In a major interstate, although there may be 4 lanes, it can look more like 6 lanes of traffic with people passing actively
- ◆ People honk as a warning to let others know they are coming
- ◆ Current cost of gas
- ◆ People sell items (pralines, cell phones, freeze-pops) by walking around at crowded intersections and stoplights for people to buy from their cars
- ◆ Brands of cars - same as US
- ◆ Pictures of transportation in the DR

Practice: Student projects

In an ideal neighborhood and city, what would the signs say? Create street signs in Spanish using formal commands.

An older Dominican acquaintance is making a trip to the U.S. He plans to rent a car and travel. Give your acquaintance a list of advice, using formal commands to help him understand better the 'rules of the road' in the United States.

Your parents' friend will be traveling to the DR next month. She is planning to go to the capital and use taxis as her primary mode of transportation. Use formal commands to give her tips about using taxis in the DR.