Preparation:

- Activate/build background knowledge about the task: Cuando van de vacaciones, ¿suelen hacer muchas fotos? ¿De qué o quién sacan las fotos? Cuando alguien hace fotos de ustedes ¿qué dicen mientras miran a la cámara? ¿Qué dirán en español para salir en la foto con una gran sonrisa?

- Discuss cultural issues relevant to task: In some places, professional photographers take pictures of tourists standing in front of famous attractions. They then sell the pictures to the tourists. The pictures may be individual or group photos. When people are having their picture taken they usually say something like cheese to appear smiling in the photograph. In Spanish, however, nobody says queso because their faces would look strange. It is more common to say a word containing the sounds [a] or [i] like patata in Spain or whisky in Mexico and South America. Sonrían o sonrisa is also popular.

- To call the attention of those having their picture taken, the photographer may say Miren al pajarito. (Old-time photographers sometimes actually had a toy bird on top of the camera to focus people’s attention.)

- Brainstorm language needed to accomplish task (refer to phrases and vocabulary in Visitor’s Guide to Españolandia)

- Model pronunciation of phrases and vocabulary

Practice:

- Review Visitor’s Guide in pairs

- Conduct role plays in pairs. The following situation may be useful for more advanced students:

  Photograph: You are promoting a special offer: Five photos for 50 pesos.
  Student: You only want one photo.

- Prepare a skit based on the task.

Presentation:

- Call on a few pairs of students to present their role plays to the class.