

Saber and Conocer

Saber- “to know.” This verb is used in conjunction with knowing pieces of information.

Yo sé tu nombre (I know your name)

Yo sé tu dirección (I know your address)

Nosotros sabemos (cómo) hornear ese pastel (We know how to bake that cake)

Ella sabe los capitales de todos los estados. (She knows the capitals of all the states)

Conocer – “to know,” This verb is used in conjunction with to be acquainted with, or familiar with something.

Conozco México. (I am acquainted (know about) with Mexico)

Conocemos a Juan. (We know (are acquainted with) Juan.

Conocen los problemas en los barrios más pobres. (They know about (are acquainted with the problems in the poorer neighborhoods)

Él conoce la cultura de Japón. (He knows (is acquainted with) the culture of Japan.

Lo conocí anoche a Roberto. (I met Roberto last night)

Saber, in the preterit past tense means “found out.”

Yo supe que la reunión es esta noche. (I found out that the meeting is tonight)