Ideas for the independent research project

Spanish A level

Paper 3 (Speaking)

Requirements

The DfE MFL A level subject content states that A level specifications in a modern language must require students to:

• develop research skills in the language of study, demonstrating the ability to initiate and conduct individual research on a subject of personal interest, relating to the country or countries where the language is spoken

• identify a key question or subject of interest and select relevant information in the language of study from a range of authentic sources, including the internet

• use information to illustrate knowledge and understanding of the research subject

• analyse and summarise research findings, elaborating on key points of interest, as appropriate, through oral presentation and discussion

Ideas

Here are some ideas provided by the ALCAB (A Level Content Advisory Board www.alcab.org.uk) panel for the independent research project:

• A historical event or building such as: 'el golpe de estado chileno' (the Chilean coup d'état) or la Alhambra

• A person or group such as Eva Perón, Augusto Pinochet, Hugo Chávez, Che Guevara, Violeta Parra or Víctor Jara

• An issue such as 'el sistema de autonomías en España' (the system of devolved government in Spain) or 'la narcoguerra mexicana' (the Mexican drug war) • A case study such as 'el síndrome tóxico en España de 1981' (the Spanish "cooking oil scandal" of 1981), 'el Caso Nani' (the Nani case), 'los atentados del 11-M' (the terrorist attacks at Atocha station on 11 March 2004)

• A topic related to a personal interest such as 'Real Madrid y la décima copa de Europa' (Real Madrid and their 10th European Cup) or 'la moda española' (Spanish fashion)

• A topic such as 'los partidos políticos en España'
(political parties in Spain)or 'los países latinoamericanos en el Índice del Planeta Feliz' (Anglo Saxon and Latin American countries in the Happy Planet Index).

Further ideas will be provided in due course.