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# Introduction

The Edexcel GCSE and Edexcel GCSE (Short Courses) in Spanish are designed for use in schools and colleges. They are part of a suite of GCSE qualifications offered by Edexcel.

# About this specification

- Choice of pathways, general, mixed or vocational, enabling personalised learning.
- Choice of focus in controlled speaking and writing assessments.
- Choice of tiers in reading and listening papers.
- Outcome-based assessment in speaking and writing.
- Emphasis on active use and manipulation of language.
- Builds on best practice from the previous Edexcel GCSE specification.
- Written in consultation with practitioners.
- Facilitates content and language integrated learning (CLIL).
- Short Courses in two skill areas: listening and speaking or reading and writing.
- Logical progression route from Key Stage 3 and provides groundwork for the GCE AS and Advanced GCE in Spanish.

# **Key subject aims**

To enable students to develop:

- an understanding of Spanish in a variety of contexts
- a knowledge of Spanish vocabulary and structures
- transferable language learning skills
- the ability to communicate effectively in Spanish
- awareness and understanding of countries and communities where Spanish is spoken.

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# Specification at a glance

The Edexcel GCSE in Spanish consists of four units based on the following skills: speaking, listening, reading and writing.

The Edexcel GCSE (Short Course) in Spanish: Spoken Language is formed of two of these units (speaking and listening) and the Edexcel GCSE (Short Course) in Spanish: Written Language is formed of the other two units (reading and writing).

All qualifications offer choice, flexibility and focus.

The Edexcel GCSE Short Courses and the Edexcel GCSE are available for first certification in 2014.

Students may be entered for a short course at the end of Year 10 or Year 11, however it is no longer possible for students to 'top up' from a short course to the full GCSE.

The GCSE combines controlled assessment of speaking and writing skills with Foundation or Higher tier external assessments for the listening and reading skills.

# Unit 1: Listening and understanding in Spanish

\*Unit code: 5SP01

Externally assessed

• Availability: June

40% of the total GCSE Short Course 20% of the total GCSE

#### **Overview of content**

- This unit draws on vocabulary and structures from across the four specified common topic areas (in the *Common topic areas* section).
- Students will be tested on their ability to understand spoken Spanish. Testing is through a variety of tasks which require a response, written or non-verbal, to demonstrate understanding.

#### **Overview of assessment**

- The examination consists of a number of passages or interactions in Spanish with a variety of question types.
- The spoken material heard will include both formal (eg telephone message) and informal speech (eg social interaction).

• Timing: Foundation Tier: 25 minutes + 5 minutes reading time

Higher Tier: 35 minutes + 5 minutes reading time

Total number of marks is 40.

# Specification at a glance

# **Unit 2:** Speaking in Spanish

\*Unit code: 5SP02

· Internally assessed

 Availability: June (anytime during the course prior to the deadline selected for the submission of marks) 60% of the total GCSE Short Course 30% of the total GCSE

#### **Overview of content**

- The focus of the speaking unit will be **chosen by the teacher in consultation with the student** and will relate to **one** or more of the following themes: *media and culture, sport and leisure, travel and tourism* or *business, work and employment* (or the *centre-devised option*).
- A student may undertake formal assessments in any appropriate setting, so long as these do not replicate those undertaken in *Unit 4: Writing in Spanish*. The theme may be the same as that chosen for Unit 4 but the purpose of the tasks must be different.

#### **Overview of assessment**

- This unit is internally assessed under controlled conditions.
- Centres may use tasks provided by Edexcel, devise their own tasks or modify tasks proposed by Edexcel.
- Students must demonstrate the ability to use the Spanish language for different purposes and in different settings, and will be assessed on two speaking activities chosen from the following task types: an open interaction, a picture-based free-flowing discussion or a presentation with discussion following.
- **Each** activity must last for 4-6 minutes and marks should be submitted from each student that relate to two different task types.
- These **controlled speaking assessments** can be carried out at any time during the course prior to the deadline for the submission of marks. This unit is set and marked by the centre and moderated by Edexcel.
- Total number of marks is 60.

# Specification at a glance

# **Unit 3:** Reading and understanding in Spanish

\*Unit code: 5SP03

40% of the total GCSE Short Course 20% of the total GCSE

Externally assessed

• Availability: June

#### **Overview of content**

- This unit draws on vocabulary and structures from across the four specified **common topic areas**.
- Students will be tested on their ability to understand written Spanish. Testing is through a variety of tasks which require a response, written or non-verbal, to demonstrate understanding

#### **Overview of assessment**

• The examination consists of a number of short texts, notices or news reports in Spanish which include a range of settings and styles, both formal and informal (eg text messages, advertisements, emails).

• Timing: Foundation tier: 35 minutes
Higher tier: 50 minutes

• Total number of marks is 40.

# **Unit 4:** Writing in Spanish

\*Unit code: 5SP04

Internally set and externally marked

• Availability: June (anytime during the course prior to the deadline selected for the submission of marks)

60% of the total GCSE Short Course 30% of the total GCSE

#### **Overview of content**

- The focus of the writing unit will be **chosen by the teacher in consultation with the student** and will relate to **one** or more of the following themes: *media and culture, sport and leisure, travel and tourism* or *business, work and employment* (or the **centre-devised options**).
- A student may undertake formal assessments in any appropriate setting, so long as these do not replicate those undertaken in *Unit 2: Speaking in Spanish*. The theme may be the same as that chosen for Unit 2 but the purpose of the tasks must be different.

#### **Overview of assessment**

- This unit is externally marked under controlled conditions.
- Centres may use tasks provided by Edexcel, devise their own tasks or modify tasks proposed by Edexcel. The student must demonstrate the ability to use the language for different purposes and in different settings.
- The student must complete two separate writing tasks\*\* and each of these must be
  undertaken in controlled conditions in a single assessment session of no more than one hour.
  Although assessment is time constrained and primarily qualitative rather than quantitative,
  it is anticipated that students will produce at least 100 words in each of the two assessment
  sessions.
- \*\*It may be more appropriate for certain students to complete two shorter tasks rather than one longer one in a single assessment session. Consequently, it is possible for centres to submit more than two pieces of writing from these students so long as the work has all been produced in two assessment sessions.
- Students aiming for grade C or above will need to demonstrate extended writing skills and are
  expected to produce over 200 words in each task. Centres must limit the work submitted for
  external marking from these students to two pieces of written work.
- The **controlled assessments** can be undertaken at any time during the course prior to the deadline for the submission of students' work. Work is marked by Edexcel.
- Total number of marks is 60.

<sup>\*</sup>See Appendix 3 for description of this code and all other codes relevant to this qualification.

# A Qualification content

# Knowledge, skills and understanding

### Knowledge and understanding

This Edexcel GCSE in Spanish requires students to develop their knowledge of vocabulary and structures in a range of settings which:

- are of relevance and interest to the student
- correspond to students' level of maturity
- reflect, and are appropriate to, the culture of countries and communities where the language is spoken
- relate, where appropriate, to other areas of the curriculum.

#### Skills

The Edexcel GCSE in Spanish qualification requires students to:

- listen and respond to different types of spoken language
- communicate in speech for a variety of purposes
- read and respond to different types of written language
- · communicate in writing for a variety of purposes
- use and understand a range of vocabulary and structures
- understand and apply the grammar of the language, as detailed in the specification.

The Edexcel GCSE (Short Course) in Spanish: Spoken Language qualification requires students to:

- listen and respond to different types of spoken language
- communicate in speech for a variety of purposes
- use and understand a range of vocabulary and structures
- understand and apply the grammar of the language, as detailed in the specification.

The Edexcel GCSE (Short Course) in Spanish: Written Language qualification requires students to:

- read and respond to different types of written language
- communicate in writing for a variety of purposes
- use and understand a range of vocabulary and structures
- understand and apply the grammar of the language, as detailed in the specification.

Following on from the Key Stage 3 curriculum in Modern Languages, the Edexcel GCSE in Spanish provides **flexibility**, **choice** and **scope for personalised learning**. Teachers and students have considerable **control of content in the speaking and writing units** and are free to **focus** on **one** or more of the following broad themes.

Theme	Possible related content			
	The following content is indicative only. Students may undertake work on other topics that relate to the chosen theme.			
1. Media and	Music/film/reading			
culture	Fashion/celebrities/religion			
	Blogs/internet			
2. Sport and leisure	Hobbies/interests			
	Sporting events			
	Lifestyle choices			
3. Travel and tourism	Holidays			
tourism	Accommodation			
	Eating, food, drink			
4. Business, work and employment	Work experience/part-time jobs			
and employment	Product or service information			
5. Centre-devised option	This option enables Spanish language learning to be linked to other areas of the curriculum not specified above. It may particularly appeal to centres offering content and language integrated learning (CLIL).			
	NB: Centres should seek approval from Edexcel, using the Ask the Expert Service (see Section C: Resources, support and training.			

Many students will appreciate the opportunity to focus on **one** broad theme relating to a specific interest or relevant curriculum area. However, it is acknowledged that some centres may wish to cover more than one theme, and this specification accommodates both approaches. Similarly, students can focus on one theme for the speaking unit and on a different one for the writing unit.

The qualification allows for **general**, **mixed** or **vocationally focused pathways** through the choice of themes. Although *travel* and *tourism* and *business*, *work* and *employment* offer more 'specialist' pathways, they provide **contexts** in which students can apply language skills and do not require any 'specialist' subject knowledge on the part of the student or teacher.

Alongside the themes, Edexcel has set the following four common topic areas and linked sub-topics. These, together with the minimum core generic vocabulary list (*Appendix 5*), have been produced to help teachers in planning and preparing students for the external examinations (*listening and understanding*).

# A Qualification content

### Common topic areas

The papers for listening and reading skills refer to the generic content areas specified below and feature scenarios set in a country where Spanish is spoken. All students, regardless of their chosen pathway and theme(s), will be expected to become familiar with them.

#### **Out and about**

- Visitor information
- Basic weather
- Local amenities
- Accommodation
- Public transport
- Directions

#### **Customer service and transactions**

- Cafés and restaurants
- Shops
- Dealing with problems

#### **Personal information**

- General interests
- Leisure activities
- Family and friends
- Lifestyle (healthy eating and exercise)

### Future plans, education and work

- Basic language of the internet
- Simple job advertisements
- Simple job applications and CV
- School and college
- Work and work experience

# Unit 1 Listening and understanding in Spanish

# Overview

### Content overview

To prepare students adequately for this unit, teachers should present and exploit a range of vocabulary relevant to all the common topic areas listed in the *Common Topic Areas* table and, where appropriate, building on the Key Stage 3 Programme of Study. Students should become accustomed to hearing the Spanish language spoken in a range of styles or registers and in a variety of different contexts, as appropriate to their age and level of understanding. Spoken material will feature both male and female voices and represent different age groups. Featured scenarios and situations are generally set in a Spanish-speaking country and students will be expected to develop appropriate cultural awareness and understanding.

#### Assessment overview

- The content of the assessment tasks should be familiar and accessible to most students.
- Students will be asked to demonstrate their understanding of prerecorded spoken Spanish. The recording will feature male and female native Spanish speakers who will speak at a rate appropriate to the expected level of student understanding.
- Students have five minutes in which to read through the paper before the examination starts. This gives students an opportunity to familiarise themselves with the length and the layout of the examination paper before hearing the recordings.

Foundation tier: 25 minutes plus 5 minutes reading time

Higher tier: 35 minutes plus 5 minutes reading time

- Each Spanish passage is recorded twice, with pauses following the second hearing to allow each student sufficient time to write or note their response to each question (or part of a question) and to read the next question before the related extract is played. The recordings are sent out in CD ROM format or as sound files accessed via a secure download.
- A number of question types will be used in the Foundation tier paper, inviting non-verbal responses such as multiple-choice questions and matching exercises. A mixture of visual and short verbal cues in English will be given. In addition, certain questions will award marks for a student's own short, written English-language responses (two or three words may suffice) to certain questions. To encourage students to complete the entire paper, the Foundation tier will follow a 'peaks and troughs' model. Questions will appear in a mixed order in terms of difficulty rather than in order of increasing difficulty.
- The Higher tier paper will include the same questions targeting the C and D grades as used in the Foundation tier paper. These are commonly referred to as 'crossover' questions. It will also contain some questions that require short answers in English. Both papers carry a total of 40 marks and will be marked against an assessmentspecific mark scheme.
- The question titles and rubrics will be in English throughout the papers.

# **Unit 2** Speaking in Spanish



#### Overview

### Content overview

- Students are required to develop oral communication skills in different settings and for different purposes, related to one or more of the following themes:
  - o media and culture
  - sport and leisure
  - travel and tourism
  - business, work and employment
  - centre-devised option.
- Each of the broad themes gives students the scope to engage in activities that coincide with their true interests, experience and aspirations. Assessment scenarios should provide opportunities for them to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of Spanish language and grammar, as well as to present, discuss, interact, ask and respond to questions, express feelings and give opinions in Spanish. Teachers can adapt Edexcel-produced stimuli or create their own, and have considerable control over content. They can target assessment to the specific interests, learning needs and optimal performance level of each student. However, if teachers need reassurance on the suitability of a particular approach, topic or theme, they can consult an experienced examiner through Edexcel's Ask the Expert service.

- Teachers are encouraged to engage students in a variety of speaking activities as they prepare for their assessments. These may range from a simple transactional role play to a more complex group discussion or podcast production. Some possible sub-topics are listed in the Common Topic Areas table and many more can be used. When determining the speaking tasks for formal assessment, it is important to avoid duplication across speaking and writing skills. Although the chosen theme and general topic may be the same, the content and purpose of the formally assessed tasks must be different in the speaking and writing units. However, teachers can assess a student informally using tasks that overlap in this way either as part of their general language learning and development, or if only one of these tasks (speaking or writing) is counted towards final assessment.
- Tasks may relate to contexts or situations in a Spanish-speaking country, although this is not always feasible and could involve interactions and discussions with Spanish speakers in their own country. Students are, therefore, expected to develop an appropriate awareness and understanding of the culture and society of Spanishspeaking countries and communities as part of their Spanish language study.
- NB: If the centre is in any doubt about the suitability of the approach or potential overlap, the teacher responsible should refer to Edexcel's Ask the Expert service, clearly setting out the context, purpose and requirements of the tasks proposed for Unit 2 and outlining the tasks proposed for Unit 4.

#### Assessment overview

- Students need to undertake controlled assessments that are marked by the teacher and Edexcel moderated. Please refer to the Controlled Assessment section for further information about controlled assessment and its impact on this unit.
- Centres must submit the marks from each student's two speaking tasks. Although it is anticipated that both will relate to one theme, the two tasks could be linked to different themes. Marks must be submitted from each student that relate to two different task types chosen from the following:
  - an open interaction
  - o a picture-based free-flowing discussion
  - o a presentation followed by discussion.
- Each task should last approximately 4-6 minutes and must take place in controlled conditions. This, together with reduced recording requirements, facilitates ongoing and classroom-based assessment rather than end-of-course oral tests. The latter are, however, possible and teachers can assess whenever it is most appropriate and practical for their students. Final marks and sample recordings must be submitted in the summer of final examination (15 May).
- Full details of internal moderation procedures, marks submission arrangements, recording and sampling requirements for these qualifications appear in the Administrative Support Guide. Samples of student work undertaken must reflect the full range of task types undertaken at your centre.
- All three task types involve interaction. An open interaction can take place between a student and a teacher or, if feasible, between two supervised students. It is essentially an unscripted role play in response to a stimulus that students prepare on an individual basis in class, or under direct supervision, up to two weeks in advance and involving no more than six hours contact time.
- The interaction relates to a stimulus that provides both context and purpose. They may be formal and transactional in nature or, alternatively, relate to more informal situations such as a focused dialogue between friends. Students may refer to the stimulus when undertaking their open interaction assessment as well as their own notes - these should contain no more than 30 words and must be written in bullet point or mind map format. Although Edexcel produces a range of stimuli for each of the main themes (excluding centre-devised ones), teachers can adapt these or produce their own. The stimuli are generally open ended to invite student responses at different levels and may include teacher prompts and questions. Stimuli must be treated as live assessments and must be kept securely.

- The stimuli usually provide some initial clues to support students and teachers can reduce or add to this according to the needs of the individual student. Both Edexcel-produced and centre-devised stimuli must be refreshed at least every two years. Please see the sample assessment materials for examples.
- Students can also engage in a discussion related to a picture (or other visual) that they have chosen or give a presentation and then respond to a series of linked, follow-up questions and answers. These tasks give students a choice of content and, therefore, enable them to take some ownership of their assessment. It is intended that students use the picture as a prompt to discussion and that it relates to something they have interest or involvement in (for example an activity, club or place). It is not envisaged that students will be presented with an unseen picture a few minutes before assessment or that they will be asked in-depth questions on every aspect of its visual content. Similarly, students giving a presentation must be able to choose its content and prepare. Students can prepare for a specific picture or presentation-based assessment on an individual basis in class, or under other direct supervision, up to two weeks in advance and involving no more than six hours contact time.
- Students wishing to give a short presentation (three minutes maximum)
  or discuss a picture should be able to refer to bulleted notes (30 words
  maximum) or a mind map equivalent (30 words maximum) produced
  on a CA2 form. Those wishing to discuss a picture can give a short initial
  presentation (one minute maximum) to introduce their picture.
- As the assessment for all task types is outcome-based, teachers should ensure that they exploit the stimuli or ask questions that are sufficiently challenging to maximise student performance. Teachers should be familiar with the general content of student discussions and/or presentations in advance, so that they can prepare accordingly. However, teachers must not reveal any assessment-specific questions to students in advance.
- Students may, of course, engage in research or general preparation work related to the content of their chosen theme(s) on an ongoing basis. This may be undertaken outside the classroom and can be marked. However, no teacher feedback or guidance should be given to students when they are preparing for a specific live assessment other than to clarify the general requirements of the task.
- Teachers may assess students on more than one occasion (using different assessment tasks) and submit students' best marks. Each task attracts a maximum of 30 marks in accordance with the following assessment criteria that require a 'best fit' approach to marking. Marks are awarded for content and response, range of language and accuracy.

# Assessment criteria

Content and Response	Mark
Communicates comprehensive and detailed information related to chosen visual/topic/ stimulus.	16-18
Interacts very well.	
Speaks very confidently and with clear spontaneity.	
Frequently takes initiative and develops elaborate responses.	
No difficulty in expressing and explaining a range of ideas and points of view.	
Very little or no hesitation.	
Able to deal with unpredictable elements without difficulty.	
Communicates detailed and relevant information related to chosen visual/topic/stimulus.	12-15
Interacts well.	
Speaks confidently.	
Takes initiative and develops more elaborate responses.	
Has little difficulty expressing and explaining ideas and points of view.	
Little hesitation and little or no prompting necessary.	
Able to deal with unpredictable elements with some success.	
Communicates relevant information related to the chosen visual/topic/stimulus but with some obvious omissions.	8-11
Some interaction.	
Able to participate in familiar, straightforward discussion and conversation, but experiences problems with more complex question forms.	
Conveys opinions, but rarely expands.	
Some hesitation.	
Able to deal with some unpredictable elements.	
Limited communication related to chosen visual/topic/stimulus.	4-7
<ul> <li>Some coherence in unambiguous presentation of simple information and opinions, but responses very limited.</li> </ul>	
Very hesitant and reliant on teacher-examiner prompting.	
Able to deal with isolated unpredictable elements.	
Minimal description of chosen visual/topic/stimulus.	1-3
Conveys very little relevant information in minimal responses (mainly one word replies).	
Largely disjointed and unconnected ideas.	
Very limited comprehension of basic questions.	
Wholly reliant on teacher-examiner prompting.	
No rewardable content.	0

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Range of language	Mark	Accuracy	Mark
<ul> <li>Uses wide range of appropriate vocabulary and structures, including some complex lexical items.</li> <li>Consistently competent use of different tenses.</li> </ul>	6	<ul> <li>Very accurate, with only isolated and usually insignificant errors.</li> <li>Consistently good pronunciation and intonation.</li> </ul>	6
<ul> <li>Good variety of appropriate vocabulary and structures.</li> <li>Unambiguous use of different verb tenses.</li> <li>Generally at ease with subordination.</li> </ul>	5	<ul> <li>Some errors, especially in more complex structures, but generally accurate.</li> <li>Pronunciation and intonation generally good.</li> </ul>	5
<ul> <li>Adequate but predictable range of vocabulary and structures.</li> <li>May include different tenses or time frames, perhaps with some ambiguity.</li> <li>Some examples of subordination.</li> </ul>	3-4	<ul> <li>A fair number of errors made, including some basic, but communication overall unaffected.</li> <li>Pronunciation and intonation generally accurate.</li> </ul>	3-4
<ul> <li>Limited and/or repetitive range of vocabulary or structures.</li> <li>Predominantly uses short sentences.</li> </ul>	2	<ul> <li>Many basic errors, but main points communicated.</li> <li>Simple 'pre-learnt' stereotypes correct.</li> <li>Pronunciation generally understandable.</li> </ul>	2
<ul> <li>Very limited range of basic structures.</li> <li>Frequently resorts to non-target language.</li> <li>Rarely offers complete sentences.</li> </ul>	1	<ul> <li>Consistently inaccurate language and pronunciation frequently impede basic communication.</li> <li>Only isolated examples of accurate language.</li> </ul>	1
No rewardable language.	0	No rewardable language.	0

#### Unit 3 **Reading and understanding in Spanish**

### **Overview**

### Content overview

To prepare students adequately for this unit, teachers should present and exploit a range of vocabulary relevant to all the common topic areas (in the Common Topic Areas table) and, where appropriate, building on the Key Stage 3 Programme of Study. Students should be presented with Spanish language in a range of styles or registers and in a variety of different contexts, as appropriate to their age and level of understanding. Students will also be presented with different fonts and formats, for example short printed messages, advertisements and email messages. Material presented will usually relate to a Spanish-speaking country and students will be expected to develop appropriate cultural awareness and understanding.

#### Assessment overview

• Students will be asked to demonstrate their understanding of a number of short texts. The texts will be in a range of contexts and styles, both formal and informal.

Foundation tier: 35 minutes

Higher tier: 50 minutes

- A number of question types will be used in the Foundation tier paper that invite non-verbal responses, such as multiple choice and matching exercises. A mixture of visual and short verbal cues in English will be given, and marks will be awarded for a student's own short, written English-language responses (two or three words may suffice). To encourage students to complete the entire paper, the Foundation tier will follow a 'peaks and troughs' model. Questions will appear in a mixed order in terms of difficulty rather than in order of increasing difficulty.
- The Higher tier paper will include the same questions targeting the C and D grades as used in the Foundation tier paper. These are commonly referred to as 'crossover' questions. It will also contain some questions that require short answers in English.
- Both papers carry a total of 40 marks and will be marked in accordance with an assessment-specific mark scheme.

The question titles and rubrics will be in English throughout the papers.

#### Unit 4 **Writing in Spanish**

### **Overview**

#### Content overview

- Centres are required to submit students' written work for external marking by Edexcel. This work must be completed during two **sessions** of no more than one hour each (minimum 45 minutes). Students may choose the context of the written tasks according to the pathway that they have chosen to follow (general or vocational) and the work must relate to one or more themes selected from the following:
  - o media and culture
  - sport and leisure
  - travel and tourism
  - business, work and employment
  - o centre devised option.
- Each of the broad themes gives students the scope to engage in activities that coincide with their true interests, experience and aspirations. Assessment scenarios should provide opportunities for them to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of Spanish language and grammar, as well as to inform, describe, give detail, express feelings and to give opinions in Spanish. Teachers can adapt Edexcel-produced stimuli or create their own, and have considerable control over content so that they can target assessment to the specific interests, learning needs and optimal performance level of each student. However, if teachers need reassurance on the suitability of a particular approach, topic or theme, they can consult an experienced examiner through Edexcel's Ask the Expert service.

- Teachers must ensure that the formal assessments used enable students to demonstrate their ability to use language for different purposes. Although the context of the tasks may be common, teachers must check that there is no direct overlap of content across the formal speaking and writing assessments. For example, in *Unit 2: Speaking in Spanish* the student completes an open interaction as an assistant in a tourist information office, providing information about local amenities (formal, giving information). For their second task, they present a picture stimulus related to a holiday/exchange visit spent in a Spanish-speaking country and then follow this up with a discussion (informal, expressing opinions, evaluative). In Unit 4, the student may present a letter of complaint (formal) to the tourist information office about transport arrangements and also produce poster text to attract fellow students to a school exchange. (informal, descriptive).
- Teachers can informally assess a student using tasks that overlap in content and purpose either as part of their general language learning and development, or if only one of these tasks (speaking or writing) is counted towards final assessment.
- NB: If the centre is in any doubt about the suitability of the approach or the content of the tasks, the teacher responsible should refer to Edexcel's Ask the Expert service, setting out clearly the context, purpose and requirements of the tasks for Unit 4 and also for Unit 2.

#### Assessment overview

- Controlled assessment allows for ongoing and classroom-based assessment rather than end-of-course testing, although this is still possible. Teachers can assess whenever it is most appropriate and practical for their students. Centres must submit students' written work to Edexcel in May. More information is provided in the *Teachers' Guide* that accompanies this specification.
- The student must complete two separate writing tasks\* and each must be undertaken in controlled conditions in a single assessment session of no more than one hour (minimum 45 minutes). Although assessment is time constrained and primarily qualitative rather than quantitative, it is anticipated that students will produce at least 100 words in each of the two assessment sessions.

\*It may be more appropriate for some students to complete two shorter tasks rather than a longer one in a single assessment session. Consequently, centres can submit more than two pieces of writing from these students as long as the work has all been produced in two separate assessment sessions (maximum of four pieces of writing).

- Students aiming for grade C or above will need to demonstrate extended writing skills and are expected to produce over 200 words for each task. Centres must limit the work submitted for external marking from these students to two pieces of written work.
- **Controlled assessments** can be undertaken at any time during the course prior to the deadline for the submission of students' work.
- When undertaking their assessments in controlled conditions, students can refer to a dictionary or online dictionary, the relevant stimulus and brief notes in bullet point or mind map type format (30 words maximum) produced on a CA4 form that must accompany the submitted work. Students will not be permitted access to online grammar and spell-checkers.

- Stimuli should usually include task instructions and a scenario outline in English but task prompts can be in either Spanish or English, as appropriate to context (for example an extract from a Spanish website questionnaire should be in Spanish, whereas a request to send information about a student's leisure interests to a Spanish partner school might be more appropriate in English language bullets). The tasks require students to respond in Spanish to a stimulus linked to a prescribed or centre-devised theme. Edexcel produces a range of stimuli for each of these (excluding centre-devised options) and teachers can adapt these or produce their own. For many students, an essay title supported by open-ended bullets could be a suitable task. The Edexcel stimuli are generally open-ended but teachers can target the assessments by modifying content to meet the different needs of their students more closely. Both Edexcel-produced and centre-devised stimuli must be refreshed at least every two years. Please see the sample assessment materials for examples.
- Teachers must not provide any help or give any task-specific feedback to students on their preparatory work.
- The assessments can be undertaken at any time during the course before the deadline for the submission of students' work. Teachers may carry out more than two controlled writing assessments with their students as long as the stimuli used and work produced are different on each occasion. Teachers could then select the two best pieces of written work to submit for external marking. It is not possible for a student to carry over written work from one controlled assessment session to another. Teachers should consult the Administrative Support Guide before submitting work to Edexcel.
- This is a non-tiered unit since the final mark will be determined by the variety, appropriateness and complexity of language used and the length of the submitted tasks. Submitted work will be assessed by external examiners. Marks will be awarded for communication and content, knowledge and application of language and accuracy.

# Assessment criteria

Communication and content	Mark
<ul> <li>Very detailed and fully relevant response to the stimulus.</li> <li>Shows a clear ability to narrate, describe, express opinions and expand, as appropriate to the task.</li> <li>Communicates with no ambiguity.</li> <li>Excellent linking of the piece into a whole.</li> <li>Coherent and pleasant to read.</li> </ul>	13-15
<ul> <li>Detailed response to the stimulus but there may be minor omissions.</li> <li>Provides evidence of description, opinion and expansion, as appropriate to the task.</li> <li>Generally communicates clearly, with some lapses.</li> <li>Reasonable attempt to link the piece into a whole.</li> <li>Generally coherent.</li> <li>Pedestrian or alternatively somewhat over ambitious.</li> </ul>	10-12
<ul> <li>Most of the task is completed and relevant information is conveyed, although there may be some omissions and/or irrelevancies.</li> <li>Provides evidence of an ability to go beyond a minimal response.</li> <li>Begins to expand ideas and express opinions, as appropriate to the task.</li> <li>Comprehensible overall with some lapses, sometimes leading to ambiguity, especially if more ambitious language is attempted.</li> <li>Some attempt at linking piece into a whole.</li> </ul>	7-9
<ul> <li>Relevant key information is given but there may be may be major omissions, irrelevance and/or repetition.</li> <li>The level of response is minimal</li> <li>There is no evidence of description or opinions (other than simple likes/dislikes).</li> <li>Some ambiguity.</li> <li>Just about comprehensible overall.</li> <li>Sentences mostly written in isolation.</li> <li>Not easy to read.</li> </ul>	4-6
<ul> <li>Little relevant information is conveyed.</li> <li>Much ambiguity and omission.</li> <li>The level of response is very limited.</li> <li>Substantial degree of irrelevance and incoherence.</li> <li>Except for isolated items, would not be comprehensible to a native speaker.</li> </ul>	1-3
<ul> <li>No relevant communication worthy of credit.</li> <li>A mark of zero for communication and content will mean a mark of zero for knowledge and application of language and for accuracy</li> </ul>	0

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Knowledge and application of language	Mark
Wide range of vocabulary and structures, fully appropriate to the task and used effectively.	9-10
Little or no repetition.	
Confident use of more complex structures, such as object pronouns, negatives, superlatives and range of tenses, with very few lapses.	
Clear ability to manipulate language and to produce longer, fluent sentences with ease.	
<ul> <li>Quite a wide range of vocabulary and structures appropriate to describe and to express and justify opinions.</li> </ul>	7-8
• Some attempt to use ambitious structures (subordinate clauses, object pronouns, tenses, etc) with a fair measure of success.	
Tenses are generally used correctly.	
Some ability to manipulate language although not always successful.	
Vocabulary and structures are generally appropriate to the task.	5-6
Correct syntax when using simple, short sentences.	
Some longer sentences where syntax is not always correct.	
<ul> <li>Attempts enhancement of fact with adjectives and adverbial phrases with some success.</li> </ul>	
Some evidence of correct use of a range of tenses, with some lapses.	
Attempts to use subordinate clauses/simple linking with some success.	
Limited vocabulary and structures, often repetitive and stereotyped.	3-4
Language is basic and sometimes inappropriate to the task.	
Pre-learnt, set phrases predominate but there are some short simple sentences, which are more or less correct.	
Some attempts at tenses, but many mistakes.	
Some attempt to use adjectives.	
There may be some simple subordination.	
Very limited vocabulary, with occasional correct words.	1-2
Very little understanding of language structures.	
There may be the occasional correct phrase or short sentence pre-learnt or 'lifted'.	
No language worthy of credit.	0

Accuracy	Mark
High level of accuracy, though not necessarily faultless.	5
Spellings, genders, agreements, verb forms mastered with the odd slip.	
Secure when using more complex language with only a few minor errors.	
Generally accurate language.	4
<ul> <li>Most verb forms correct, secure in genders and agreements but the odd lapse.</li> </ul>	
Spellings mostly accurate.	
When more complex structures are attempted, accuracy can be more variable.	
Fairly accurate in straightforward language, but some lapses with more complex language.	3
Inconsistency in verb forms but more correct than incorrect.	
Spelling of common words generally accurate.	
The work is clearly more accurate than inaccurate.	
Language errors do not significantly hinder communication.	
Inaccuracy increases if more complex structures are attempted	
Many basic errors which often impede communication.	2
<ul> <li>Some correct phrases but frequent misspellings, inaccurate genders and incorrect verb forms.</li> </ul>	
Frequent basic errors and inaccuracies prevent communication.	1
Isolated examples of correct language.	
Spellings and genders very weak.	
Little or no evidence of correct verb formation.	
No language worthy of credit.	0

# **B** Assessment

# **Assessment summary**

Units 1 and 3 are external units, set and marked by us.

Unit 2 is an internal unit which is internally assessed by the centre and externally moderated by us.

Unit 4 is an internal unit which is marked by us.

### Summary of table of assessment

# Unit 1: Listening and understanding in Spanish Unit code: 5SP01

This unit is externally assessed via a paper-based examination. Content relates to prescribed common topic areas.

Timing Foundation tier: 25 minutes + 5 minutes reading time

Higher tier: 35 minutes + 5 minutes reading time

Total number of marks is 40.

# Unit 2 Speaking in Spanish

Samples of student performance are submitted to Edexcel for external moderation in May. Students may undertake their assessment when ready (on an ongoing basis) or as end-of-course oral tests, if these are more practical and appropriate for students. There is potential for students to focus on a specific chosen theme.

Students must undertake two different task types, each lasting 4-6 minutes.

Total number of marks is 60.

Unit code: 5SP02

Unit code: 5SP04

#### Unit 3 Reading and understanding in Spanish Unit code: 5SP03

This unit is externally assessed via a paper-based examination. Content relates to prescribed common topic areas.

Foundation tier: 35 minutes **Timing** 

Higher tier: 50 minutes

Total number of marks is 40.

#### Unit 4 **Writing in Spanish**

This unit is internally conducted under controlled conditions. Student work is submitted to Edexcel for external marking. The tasks may be completed at any time during the course but must be submitted for assessment for the May deadline. Students are allowed to focus on a specific chosen theme.

Students must produce a piece of writing in Spanish in two separate controlled assessment sessions. Each session can be a **maximum** of one hour (minimum 45 minutes).

Total number of marks is 60.

# **Assessment Objectives and weightings**

		% in GCSE Short Course (Spoken Language)	% in GCSE Short Course (Written Language)	% in GCSE
AO1: Understand spoken language.		40%	0%	20%
AO2: Communicate in speech.		60%	0%	30%
AO3: Understand written language.		0%	40%	20%
AO4: Communicate in writing.		0%	60%	30%
	TOTAL	100%	100%	100%

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# Relationship of Assessment Objectives to units

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Unit number	Assessment objective				
	A01	AO2	A03	A04	Total for AO1, AO2, AO3 and AO4
Unit 1	20%	0%	0%	0%	20%
Unit 2	0%	30%	0%	0%	30%
Unit 3	0%	0%	20%	0%	20%
Unit 4	0%	0%	0%	30%	30%
Total for GCSE	20%	30%	20%	30%	100%

# Edexcel GCSE (Short Course) in Spanish: Spoken Language

Unit number					
	A01	AO2	A03	A04	Total for AO1, AO2, AO3 and AO4
Unit 1	40%	0%	0%	0%	40%
Unit 2	0%	60%	0%	0%	60%
Unit 3	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Unit 4	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total for GCSE Short Course	40%	60%	0%	0%	100%

# Edexcel GCSE (Short Course) in Spanish: Written Language

Unit number	Assessment objective					
	A01	AO2	A03	A04	Total for AO1, AO2, AO3 and AO4	
Unit 1	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Unit 2	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Unit 3	0%	0%	40%	0%	40%	
Unit 4	0%	0%	0%	60%	60%	
Total for GCSE Short Course	0%	0%	40%	60%	100%	

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# **Entering your students for assessment**

### Student entry

From summer 2014 onwards students will be required to sit all their examinations and submit controlled assessment work for moderation at the end of the course. Students may complete the controlled assessment task(s) at any appropriate point during the course.

Details of how to enter students for this qualification can be found in Edexcel's *UK Information Manual*, a copy is sent to all examinations officers. The information can also be found on Edexcel's website: www.edexcel.com

#### Forbidden combinations and classification code

Centres should be aware that students who enter for more than one GCSE qualification with the same classification code will have only one grade (the highest) counted for the purpose of the School and College Performance Tables.

Students should be advised that, if they take two specifications with the same classification code, schools and colleges are very likely to take the view that they have achieved only one of the two GCSEs. The same view may be taken if students take two GCSE specifications that have different classification codes but have significant overlap of content. Students who have any doubts about their subject combinations should check with the institution to which they wish to progress before embarking on their programmes.

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# Access arrangements and special requirements

Please see the Edexcel website (www.edexcel.com) for:

- the JCQ policy Access Arrangements, Reasonable Adjustments and Special Consideration
- the forms to submit for requests for access arrangements and special considerations
- dates for submission of the forms.

Requests for access arrangements and special considerations must be addressed to:

Special Requirements Edexcel One90 High Holborn London WC1V 7BH

### Equality Act 2010

Please see the Edexcel website (www.edexcel.com) for information relating to the Equality Act 2010.

### **Controlled assessment**

In controlled assessments, control levels are set for three linked processes: task setting, task taking and task marking. The control levels (high, medium or limited are dependent on the subject) are set for each process so that the overall level of control secures validity and reliability, provides good manageability for all involved and allows teachers to authenticate the student work confidently.

The summary of the controlled conditions for this specification are shown below.

### Summary of conditions for controlled assessment

Control levels for the controlled assessment in Spanish are defined for the three stages of the assessment.

#### Task setting

To give teachers some control over assessment content, and to permit personalised learning, there is a **limited level of control** for task setting for both the **speaking and writing units**. Although Edexcel provides some possible tasks for use in controlled assessments, teachers may adapt these or create their own. All tasks used for live assessments **must** be refreshed every two years.

Task requirements should be clear and concise for students. As tasks are designed to develop Spanish language speaking or writing skills, related stimuli should feature a minimal amount of text (maximum 70 words) and may feature visual prompts, potentially with some additional English-language explanation of context. Prompts and cues may be set in either English or Spanish, appropriate to the specific scenario.

As tasks allow outcome-based assessment, teachers must ensure that students can perform at their optimal level. This means that tasks should provide **opportunities for appropriate stretch and challenge for all students**. It is important that students performances are not unduly constrained by stimuli content and demands in the case of speaking related teacher questioning. For example, it should be possible to ask most students to express a simple opinion (although the level of response may vary considerably from student to student).

#### Task taking

To facilitate potential for less 'high stakes' oral assessment and to enable teachers to assess students more flexibly, a **medium level of control** has been set for task taking in *Unit 2: Speaking in Spanish*. However, as students must complete all the written work submitted for assessment independently, *Unit 4: Writing in Spanish* has a **high level of control** for task taking.

The following task setting controls relate to both the speaking and writing units.

Authenticity controls: Students must undertake all formally assessed work in controlled conditions under the supervision of a teacher. They should have up to two weeks in advance and no more than six hours contact time for formal speaking and writing controlled assessments (longer time may be allowed for the writing in cases where students have special requirements). Students and teachers must also provide an authenticity statement. Students can, as part of their language learning development, receive general guidance on the requirements of the task types used for assessment and be trained to acquire the appropriate skills and knowledge to undertake them effectively. In this period, before starting work on a formal assessment task, they should have full access to resources and feedback to support them.

Feedback control: Teacher feedback is restricted to the clarification of general task requirements.

Collaboration control: It may be possible for some assessment tasks in Unit 2: Speaking in Spanish to involve more than one student in task taking, although this is **not** an assessment requirement. If teachers undertake assessments that involve more than one student, they should exercise extreme caution and ensure that the performance of one student does not prejudice or restrict the performance of another.

Resource control: Any key resources that students have consulted for each specific assessment should be identified on the CM4 form. In *Unit 2: Speaking in Spanish*, students are able to refer to a visual, notes depending on the task during their test (see the unit description for more details) but they must not refer to a dictionary, except when preparing. Conversely, in *Unit 4: Writing in Spanish*, students may refer to notes and a dictionary although access to any earlier draft, online grammar or spellchecker is prohibited (see unit description for more details).

Time control: In Unit 2: Speaking in Spanish, students must carry out two different types of controlled assessment. Each task should last between **4-6 minutes** and may relate to one specific chosen theme.

In *Unit 4:* Writing in Spanish, students must produce two\* distinctly different pieces of work, although these may relate to one specific chosen theme. The work should be completed in **two sessions** of up to **one hour** each.

\*It is possible that, for some students, it is appropriate to set two shorter tasks rather than one longer one in an assessment session. However, students aiming for grade C or above will need to demonstrate more extended-writing skills and are, therefore, expected to produce **over 200 words** in each task.

Teachers are free to assess Units 2 and 4 whenever it is most appropriate and practical for their students. Students can be assessed on repeat occasions but must not undertake the same assessment task twice if it is being counted towards their final assessment.

#### **Task marking**

Again, to facilitate less 'high stakes' and more flexible oral assessment, Unit 2: Speaking in Spanish features a **medium level** of marking **control**. Teachers can assess their own students' work and this is then externally moderated. Edexcel provides marking support and guidance for teachers through comprehensive training and guidance. Please refer to the unit description to view the assessment criteria and to the Administrative Support Guide for full details on recording and sampling requirements and marks submission arrangements.

In *Unit 4: Writing in Spanish,* there is a **high level** of marking control. Edexcel will mark work from all students. Examiners will require the stimuli and student notes used in the writing assessments to accompany all submissions.

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### Internal standardisation

Teachers must show clearly how the marks have been awarded in relation to the assessment criteria. If more than one teacher in a centre is marking students' work, there must be a process of internal standardisation to ensure that there is consistent application of the assessment criteria.

#### Authentication

All students must sign an authentication statement (which appears in the CM2 and CM4 forms). Statements relating to work not sampled should be held securely in your centre. Those which relate to sampled students must be attached to the work and sent to the moderator. In accordance with a revision to the current Code of Practice, any candidate unable to provide an authentication statement will receive zero credit for the component. Where credit has been awarded by a centre-assessor to sampled work without an accompanying authentication statement, the moderator will inform Edexcel and the mark adjusted to zero.

#### Further information

For more information on annotation, authentication, mark submission and moderation procedures, please refer to the *Administrative Support Guide* document, which is available on the Edexcel website.

For up-to-date advice on teacher involvement, please refer to the JCQ Instructions for conducting coursework/portfolio document on the JCQ website: www.jcq.org.uk For up-to-date advice on malpractice and plagiarism, please refer to the JCQ Suspected Malpractice in Examinations: Policies and Procedures and Instructions for conducting coursework/portfolio documents on the JCQ website (www.jcq.org.uk).

# **Assessing your students**

The first assessment opportunity for all units of this qualification will take place in the June 2014 series and in each following June series for the lifetime of the specification.

## Your student assessment opportunities

Unit	June 2014	June 2015
Unit 1: Listening and understanding in Spanish	<b>✓</b>	<b>√</b>
Unit 2: Speaking in Spanish	✓ *	✓
Unit 3: Reading and understanding in Spanish	<b>√</b>	✓
Unit 4: Writing in Spanish	√ *	✓

<sup>\*</sup> The controlled assessments may occur at any time during the GCSE in Spanish course but final marks and student work must be submitted in May (\*June exam series).

## Awarding and reporting

The grading, awarding and certification of this qualification will comply with the requirements of the current GCSE/GCE Code of Practice, which is published by the Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual). The GCSE qualification will be graded and certificated on an eight-grade scale from A\* to G. Individual unit results will be reported.

Students whose level of achievement is below the minimum judged by Edexcel to be of sufficient standard to be recorded on a certificate will receive an unclassified U result.

### Unit results

The minimum uniform marks required for each grade for each unit:

## Units 1 and 3

Unit grade	*A	Α	В	С	D	E	F	G
Maximum uniform mark = 60	54	48	42	36	30	24	18	12

Students who do not achieve the standard required for a grade G will receive a uniform mark in the range 0-11.

#### Units 2 and 4

Unit grade	*A	Α	В	С	D	E	F	G
Maximum uniform mark = 90	81	72	63	54	45	36	27	18

Students who do not achieve the standard required for a grade G will receive a uniform mark in the range 0-17.

## **Qualification results**

The minimum uniform marks required for each grade:

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Qualification grade	*A	Α	В	С	D	E	F	G
Maximum uniform mark = 300	270	240	210	180	150	120	90	60

Cash-in code: 2SP01

Students who do not achieve the standard required for a grade G will receive a uniform mark in the range 0–59.

GCSE (Short Course) in Spanish: Spoken Language cash-in code: 3SP0S GCSE (Short Course) in Spanish: Written Language

cash-in code: 3SPOW

Qualification grade	*A	A	В	С	D	E	F	G
Maximum uniform mark = 150	135	120	105	90	75	60	45	30

Students who do not achieve the standard required for a grade G will receive a uniform mark in the range 0-29.

## Re-taking of qualifications

Students wishing to re-take a GCSE and GCSE (Short Course) are required to re-take all the units in the qualification. Students will be permitted to carry forward the results from the controlled assessment unit(s) if they wish and only re-take the externally-assessed units.

## Language of assessment

Assessment of this specification will be available in Spanish although some questions will be set in English and require responses in English. Assessment materials will be published in Spanish.

## Stretch and challenge

Students can be stretched and challenged in all units through the use of different assessment strategies, for example:

- a requirement to use and recognise complex language structures and grammar
- a requirement to recognise and convey feelings and opinions
- use of open-ended questioning and stimuli
- a requirement to communicate effectively and accurately in Spanish (Units 2 and 4)
- a requirement to produce extended Spanish (Unit 4 only).

# **B** Assessment

## Malpractice and plagiarism

For up-to-date advice on malpractice and plagiarism, please refer to the Joint Council for Qualifications *Suspected Malpractice in Examinations: Policies and Procedures* document on the JCQ website www.jcq.org.uk

## Student recruitment

Edexcel's access policy concerning recruitment to our qualifications is that:

- they must be available to anyone who is capable of reaching the required standard
- they must be free from barriers that restrict access and progression
- equal opportunities exist for all students.

## Progression

This qualification offers a suitable progression route to GCE AS and GCE Advanced Level in Spanish language study as well as other Level 3 qualifications. In addition, the study of one language at GCSE can facilitate and help promote the learning of other languages.

The qualification may also add to an individual's employability profile.

# **Grade descriptions**

Candidates show understanding of a variety of spoken language that contains some complex language and relates to a range of contexts. They can identify main points, details and points of view and draw simple conclusions.

**A** 

They initiate and develop conversations and discussions, present information and narrate events. They express and explain ideas and points of view, and produce extended sequences of speech using a variety of vocabulary, structures and verb tenses. They speak confidently, with reasonably accurate pronunciation and intonation. The message is clear but there may be some errors, especially when they use more complex structures.

They show understanding of a variety of written texts relating to a range of contexts. They understand some unfamiliar language and extract meaning from more complex language and extended texts. They can identify main points, extract details, recognise points of view, attitudes and emotions and draw simple conclusions.

They write for different purposes and contexts about real or imaginary subjects. They express and explain ideas and points of view. They use a variety of vocabulary, structures and verb tenses. Their spelling and grammar are generally accurate. The message is clear but there may be some errors, especially when they write more complex sentences.

C	Candidates show understanding of different types of spoken language that contain a variety of structures. The spoken material relates to a range of contexts, including some that may be unfamiliar, and may relate to past and future events. They can identify main points, details and opinions.  They take part in conversations and simple discussions and present information. They express points of view and show an ability to deal with some unpredictable elements. Their spoken language contains a variety of structures and may relate to past and future events. Their pronunciation and intonation are more accurate than inaccurate. They convey a clear message but there may be some errors.  They show understanding of different types of written texts that contain a variety of structures. The written material relates to a range of contexts, including some that may be unfamiliar and may relate to past and future
	events. They can identify main points, extract details and recognise opinions.  They write for different contexts that may be real or imaginary. They communicate information and express points of view. They use a variety of structures and may include different tenses or time frames. The style is basic. They convey a clear message but there may be some errors.
F	Candidates show some understanding of simple language spoken clearly that relates to familiar contexts. They can identify main points and extract some details.  They take part in simple conversations, present simple information and can express their opinion. They use a limited range of language. Their pronunciation is understandable. There are grammatical inaccuracies but the main points are usually conveyed.
	They show some understanding of short, simple written texts that relate to familiar contexts. They show limited understanding of unfamiliar language. They can identify main points and some details.  They write short texts that relate to familiar contexts. They can express simple opinions. They use simple sentences. The main points are usually conveyed but there are mistakes in spelling and grammar.

# C Resources, support and training

## **Edexcel resources**

The resources from Edexcel provide you and your students with comprehensive support for our GCSE 2012 Spanish qualification. These materials have been developed by subject experts to ensure that you and your department have appropriate resources to deliver the specification.

For more information, and to order a free Evaluation Pack, please call 01865 888080 or visit www.edexcel.com/gcse2009

## **Edexcel publications**

You can order further copies of the Specification, Sample Assessment Materials (SAMs) and Teacher's Guide documents from:

Edexcel Publications Adamsway Mansfield Nottinghamshire NG18 4FN

Telephone: 01623 467467 Fax: 01623 450481

Email: publication.orders@edexcel.com

Website: www.edexcel.com

## **Endorsed resources**

Edexcel also endorses some additional materials written to support this qualification. Any resources bearing the Edexcel logo have been through a quality assurance process to ensure complete and accurate support for the specification. For up-to-date information about endorsed resources, please visit www.edexcel.com/endorsed

Please note that while resources are checked at the time of publication, materials may be withdrawn from circulation and website locations may change.

# **Edexcel support services**

Edexcel has a wide range of support services to help you implement this qualification successfully.

**ResultsPlus** – ResultsPlus is an application launched by Edexcel to help subject teachers, senior management teams, and students by providing detailed analysis of examination performance. Reports that compare performance between subjects, classes, your centre and similar centres can be generated in 'one-click'. Skills maps that show performance according to the specification topic being tested are available for some subjects. For further information about which subjects will be analysed through ResultsPlus, and for information on how to access and use the service, please visit www.edexcel.com/resultsplus

**Ask the Expert** – To make it easier for you to raise a query with us online, we have merged our **Ask Edexcel** and **Ask the Expert** services.

There is now one easy-to-use web query form that will allow you to ask any question about the delivery or teaching of Edexcel qualifications. You'll get a personal response, from one of our administrative or teaching experts, sent to the email address you provide. You can access this service at www.edexcel.com/ask.

We're always looking to improve the quantity and quality of information in our FAQ database, so you'll be able to find answers to many questions you might have by searching before you submit the question to us.

#### **Support for Students**

Learning flourishes when students take an active interest in their education; when they have all the information they need to make the right decisions about their futures. With the help of feedback from students and their teachers, we've developed a website for students that will help them:

- Understand subject specifications
- Access past papers and mark schemes
- Find out how to get exams remarked
- Learn about other students' experiences at university, on their travels and entering the workplace

We're committed to regularly updating and improving our online services for students. The most valuable service we can provide is helping schools and colleges unlock the potential of their learners. www.edexcel.com/students

# **Training**

A programme of professional development and training courses, covering various aspects of the specification and examination, will be arranged by Edexcel each year on a regional basis. Full details can be obtained from:

Training from Edexcel Edexcel One90 High Holborn London WC1V 7BH

0844 576 0027 Telephone:

Email: trainingbookings@edexcel.com

Website: www.edexcel.com

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# Appendix 1 Key skills

## Signposting

Key skills (Level 2)	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
Communication				
C2.1a		✓		
C2.1b		✓		
C2.2				✓
C2.3				✓
Information and communication technology				
ICT2.1				✓
ICT2.2				✓
ICT2.3				✓
Improving own learning and performance				
LP2.1	✓	✓	✓	✓
LP2.2	✓	✓	✓	✓
LP2.3	✓	✓	✓	✓
Working with others				
WO2.1		✓		✓
WO2.2		✓		✓
WO2.3		✓		✓

Teachers should note that assessment of the key skill in communication must be in English, Irish or Welsh and that, although foreign language study clearly presents opportunities to develop skills in communication, assessment in the foreign language is not appropriate. For this specification, all key skills communication evidence must be in English.

## Development suggestions

Please refer to the Edexcel website (www.edexcel.com) for key skills development suggestions.

# Appendix 2 Wider curriculum

## Signposting

Issue	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
Spiritual	✓	✓	✓	✓
Moral	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ethical	✓	✓	✓	✓
Social	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cultural	✓	✓	✓	✓
Citizenship	✓	✓	✓	✓
Environmental	✓	✓	✓	✓
European initiatives	✓	✓	✓	✓
Health and safety	✓	✓	✓	✓
Legislative	✓	✓	✓	✓
Economic	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sustainable development	<b>√</b>	✓	✓	<b>√</b>

In addition to acquiring knowledge about language structures and the development of practical language skills, effective language learning involves a promotion of cultural understanding. This specification requires students to consider a range of common topic areas, to focus on one or more broad themes and develop an appreciation of the culture and society of Spanish-speaking countries and communities. Consequently, teachers can link students' language study to the issues listed above.

# Development suggestions

Issue	Units	Opportunities for development or internal assessment
Spiritual	Unit 4	A student may produce a report on a particular religious festival and reflect on its meaning and significance.
Moral	Unit 2	A student could refer to a moral tension that young people face when discussing an aspect of youth culture.
Ethical	Unit 2	A student might wish to deliver a presentation advocating 'fair trade' business.
Social	Unit 4	A student considering work issues might produce a piece of writing on voluntary work and related social issues.
Cultural	Unit 3	Reading a short passage on visitor information, a student might become more aware of the different cultural activities and facilities available.
Citizenship	Units 1 and 3	When undertaking listening and reading activities, related to the prescribed common topic areas, students may become aware of issues that can be linked to citizenship.
Environmental	Unit 1	A student might hear a recording in Spanish referring to the environmental benefits of public transport.
European initiatives	Unit 4	A student undertaking written work on a local amenity or visitor attraction may discover that it has been partly supported through the European Regional Development Fund.
Health and safety	Unit 2	A student giving an oral presentation on a healthy lifestyle may refer to the negative impact of smoking, alcohol or drug abuse.
Legislative	Units 2 and 4	Students may, through projects related to the world of work, become aware of workplace-related legislation.
Economic	Units 2	A student undertaking work related to the leisure industry may become aware of the contribution of this sector to different national economies.
Sustainable development	Units 2 and 4	A student considering travel-related issues may consider projects that promote sustainable tourism.

# Appendix 3 Codes

Type of code	Use of code	Code number
National classification codes	Every qualification is assigned to a national classification code indicating the subject area to which it belongs. Centres should be aware that students who enter for more than one GCSE qualification with the same classification code will have only one grade (the highest) counted for the purpose of the school and college performance tables.	5750
National Qualifications	Each qualification title is allocated a National Qualifications Framework (NQF) code.	The QNs for the qualifications in this publication are:
Framework (NQF) codes	The National Qualifications Framework (NQF) code is known as a Qualification Number (QN). This is	GCSE in Spanish – 500/4595/7
	the code that features in the DfE Section 96 and on the LARA as being eligible for 16–18 and 19+ funding, and is to be used for all qualification funding purposes. The QN is the number that will appear on	GCSE (Short Course) in Spanish: Spoken Language – 500/4646/9
	the student's final certification documentation.	GCSE (Short Course) in Spanish: Written Language – 500/4643/3
Unit codes	Each unit is assigned a unit code. This unit code is	Unit 1 - 5SP01
	used as an entry code to indicate that a student wishes to take the assessment for that unit. Centres	Unit 2 – 5SP02
	will need to use the entry codes only when entering	Unit 3 – 5SP03
	students for their examination.	Unit 4 - 5SP04
Cash-in codes	The cash-in code is used as an entry code to	GCSE in Spanish – 2SP01
	aggregate the student's unit scores to obtain the overall grade for the qualification. Centres will need to use the entry codes only when claiming students' qualifications.	GCSE (Short Course) in Spanish: Spoken Language - 3SP0S
	quamications	GCSE (Short Course) in Spanish: Written Language – 3SP0W
Entry codes	The entry codes are used to:	Please refer to the Edexcel
	enter a student for the assessment of a unit	UK Information Manual, available on the Edexcel
	<ul> <li>aggregate the student's unit to obtain the overall grade for the qualification.</li> </ul>	website.

# Appendix 4 Grammar list

GCSE students will be expected to acquire knowledge and understanding of Spanish grammar during their course. In the examination they will need to apply their knowledge and understanding, drawing from the following lists. The examples in brackets are indicative, not exclusive. For structures marked (R), only receptive knowledge is required.

## Spanish (Foundation tier)

#### **Nouns**

- gender
- singular and plural forms

#### **Articles**

- · definite and indefinite
- lo plus adjective (R)

#### **Adjectives**

- agreement
- position
- comparative and superlative: regular and mayor, menor, mejor, peor
- demonstrative (este, ese, aquel)
- indefinite (cada, otro, todo, mismo, alguno)
- possessive, short form (mi)
- possessive, long form (mío) (R)
- interrogative (cuánto, qué)

#### **Adverbs**

- formation
- comparative and superlative
- regular
- interrogative (cómo, cuándo, dónde)
- adverbs of time and place (aquí, allí, ahora, ya)
- common adverbial phrases

**Quantifiers/intensifiers** (muy, bastante, demasiado, poco, mucho)

#### **Pronouns**

- subject
- object (R)
- position and order of object pronouns (R)
- reflexive
- relative: que
- relative: quien, lo que (R)
- disjunctive (conmigo, para mí)
- demonstrative (éste, ése, aquél, esto, eso, aquello)
- indefinite (algo, alguien)
- interrogative (cuál, qué, quién)

#### **Verbs**

- regular and irregular verbs, including reflexive verbs
- all persons of the verb, singular and plural
- modes of address: tú and usted
- radical-changing verbs
- negative forms
- interrogative forms
- reflexive constructions (se puede, se necesita, se habla)
- uses of ser and estar
- tenses
  - present indicative
  - present continuous
  - preterite
  - o imperfect: in weather expressions with estar, hacer
  - o imperfect (R)
  - o immediate future
  - o future (R)
  - perfect: most common verbs only
  - o conditional: *gustar* only in set phrases
  - pluperfect (R)

- gerund (R)
- imperative: common forms including negative
- subjunctive, present: (R) in certain exclamatory phrases (iViva! iDígame!)
- subjunctive, imperfect: quisiera
- impersonal verbs: most common only

## **Prepositions**

- common, including personal a
- por and para

**Conjunctions:** common, including *y*, *pero*, *o*, *porque*, *como*, *cuando* 

## Number, quantity, dates

Time: use of desde hace with present tense (R)

## Spanish (Higher tier)

All grammar and structures listed for Foundation Tier, as well as the following.

Articles: Io plus adjective

#### **Adjectives**

- · comparative and superlative
- possessive, short and long forms (mi, mío)
- relative (cuyo)

Adverbs: comparative and superlative

#### **Pronouns**

- object
- position and order of object pronouns
- relative: all other uses including quien, lo que, el que, cual
- possessive (el mío, la mía)

#### **Verbs**

- tenses
  - o future
  - o imperfect
  - o imperfect continuous
  - perfect
  - pluperfect
  - conditional
  - o passive voice (R)
- gerund
- present subjunctive: imperative, affirmation and negation; future after conjunctions of time (cuando); after verbs of wishing, command, request, emotion; to express purpose (para que)
- imperfect subjunctive (R)

#### **Time**

- use of desde hace with present tense
- use of desde hace with imperfect tense (R)

# Appendix 5 Minimum core vocabulary list

The following vocabulary list is intended to assist teachers in planning their work. It provides the minimum core generic vocabulary that all students will need to acquire (regardless of chosen theme). It is an essential vocabulary list that students should refer to and build on when preparing for listening and reading examinations.

All assessment tasks in *Unit 1: Listening and understanding in Spanish* and *Unit 3: Reading and understanding in Spanish* targeted at grades G–C will be based on this vocabulary list. Occasional glossing of individual words may occur in the examinations although this will be avoided whenever possible.

For the speaking and writing units, it is important to note that the vocabulary requirements, even within each of the chosen pathways (**Media and culture**, **Sport and leisure**, **Travel and tourism**, **Business, work and employment** or **Centre-devised**), could vary between students.

# High frequency language (multiple contexts)

### Verbs

abrir to open acabar, terminar to finish, end aceptar to accept acompañar to accompany aconsejar to advise to love adorar/encantar agradecer to thank alquilar to rent/to hire añadir to add andar, pasear to walk to cancel anular aparcar to park to learn aprender arrepentirse, sentir to regret, be sorry to land aterrizar ayudar to help

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beber to drink

caer to fall

cambiar to change

cargar to load, to charge

cerrar to close

circular (en coche) to go along (in a car)

cliquear to click
coger, tomar to take

comer to eat

complacer to please

comprar to buy

conducir to drive

conocer to know (be familiar with)

contactar to contact

contar to count, intend

contar to tell

costar to cost

cuidar to look after

dar to give

darse prisa to hurry

deber/tener que to have to

decidir to decide

decir to say

dejar to leave (an object)

descender to go down

descolgar (el teléfono) to lift the receiver

describir to describe

desear to wish

dirigir to manage

dirigirse a, solicitar to apply to

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discutir to discuss

discutir to argue

divertirse to enjoy oneself

dormirto sleepdurarto lastechar de menos, faltarto miss

elegir to choose

empezar/comenzar to start/ to begin

empujar to push

encender to light, turn on

encontrar to find

encontrarse, estar situado/situarse to be located

enfadarse to get angry

entender to understand

entrar to enter

enviar to send

escapar(se) to escape

escribir to write

escuchar to listen

esperar to wait for

esperar to hope

estar/alojarse to stay

estudiar to study

fallar to go wrong/to fail, to miss

firmar to sign

ganar to win, earn

gastar to spend to have hablar to speak

hacer una pregunta to ask a question

iluminar to light

informar to inform

intentar to try

interesarse en to be interested in

introducir to introduce

investigar to research

invitar to invite

juntarse, encontrar, conocer to meet

leer to read

llamar to call

llamar (a la puerta), golpear to knock, hit

llamar (el timbre) to ring

llamarse to be called

llegar to arrive

llorar to cry

mandar to give orders

mecanografiar to type

mejorar to improve

merecer to deserve

mostrar/enseñar to show

navegar en internet to surf the internet

nevar to snow

notar/darse cuenta to note

odiar/detestar to hate

ofrecer/dar (regalos) to give (presents)

oír to hear

olvidar to forget

organizar to organise

parar(se) to stop

parecer to seem

parecerse a to look like, to resemble

partir to leave

pasar to pass by/to go

pasearse to go for a walk

pedir to ask

pedir (comida en el restaurante) to order

pedir prestado to borrow

pegar to stick
pensar to think

pensar, creer to think, believe

perder to lose
perdonar to forgive
permitir to allow

poder, ser capaz de to be able to

poner to put

preferir to prefer

preguntar to place, ask (a question)

presentar to present

prestar, dejar to lend

prevenir to avoid, to prevent, to warn

producir to produce

querer to like

querer to want

querer, desear to want, desire

recibir, acoger to receive, be host to

recomendar to recommend
recordar to remember

reír to laugh

rellenar to fill

reembolsar to refund

reemplazar to replace

reparar, arreglar to repair

repetir to repeat

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reponer to put back
reservar to reserve
responder to answer
revisar to revise
robar to steal/fly

saber, conocer to know (a fact)

saltar to jump
salvar to save
seguir to follow
sentarse to sit down
sentir to be sorry

sentir to feel
ser to be

servir

telefonear

to serve

to phone

sonreír to smile
subir to climb

tener to have tener to hold

tener prisa in a hurry

terminar(se) to end

 $\begin{array}{ccc} \text{tirar} & & \textit{to throw} \\ \\ \text{tirar} & & \textit{to pull} \\ \\ \text{tocar} & & \textit{to touch} \\ \end{array}$ 

trabajar to work

triunfar to succeed

usar, servirse deto useutilizarto usevenderto sellvenirto comeverto see

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verificar to check
visitar to visit
vivir to live
volver to return

## Adjectives

abierto/a open
aburrido/a boring
agradecido/a grateful
alto/a high, tall
amable kind

antiguo/a former, antique

asqueroso/a disgusting
bello/a beautiful
breve brief
brillante brilliant
bueno/a good

buscado/a sought after

caliente hot
cansado tiring
cercano/a close
cerrado/a con llave locked
cerrado/a closed

confortable comfortable

contento/a happy/pleased

corto/a short

de buen humor in a good mood

de pie standing

débil weak

difícil difficult

dinámico/a dynamic

divertido/a funny duro/a hard enfadado/a, en cólera angry estupendo great estúpido/a, tonto/a stupid falso/a false fantástico/a great fatigado/a, cansado/a tired

favorito/a favourite
favorito/a, preferido/a favourite

feo/a ugly
flexible flexible

formidable great, marvellous

fuerte strong
gordo/a fat
grande big, tal

 $\begin{array}{ccc} \text{grande} & & \textit{big, tall} \\ \\ \text{grande} & & \textit{great} \\ \\ \text{gratis, gratuito/a} & & \textit{free} \\ \end{array}$ 

guapo/a handsome/pretty/charming

horrible awful igual same ilusionado/a exciting

increíble *unbelievable* 

joven younger
joven young
junto/a together

largo/a long
libre free
ligero/a light
limpio/a clean
listo/a ready

lleno/a full

maduro/a mature

magnifico/a magnificent

maravilloso/a marvellous

mismo/a same

necesario/a necessary

nuevo/a new

numeroso/a numerous

otro/a other pequeño/a small

perdido/a lost

perfecto/a perfect

pesado/a heavy

podrido/a rotten

propio/a own

próximo/a next

rápido/a fast/quick

real real

responsable responsible

rico/a rich

roto/a broken

ruidoso/a noisy

sabio/a wise

sano/a healthy

satisfecho/a satisfied

sensacional sensational

serio/a serious

severo/a, estricto/a strict

silencioso/a silent

solo/a alone

sucio/a dirty

tímido/a shy
típico/a typical
todo/a all

tonto/a

trabajador/a hardworking

silly

último/a last útil useful vago/a lazy válido/a valid valioso/a, de (gran) valor valuable variable variable verdadero/a true viejo/a old

## Colours

amarillo/a yellow

avellana chestnut brown

azul blue
blanco/a white
claro/a light
color (m) colour

gris grey
marrón brown
naranja orange
negro/a black
oscuro/a dark
rojo/a red

rosa pink verde green

violeta *violet* 

## Adverbs

(por) mucho tiempo (for a) long time

a menudo often

a veces sometimes

abajo below (down)

ahí over there

allí there

aquí here

arriba *up there* 

aunque however

bastante rather

casi almost

demasiado too

deprisa quickly

desgraciadamente *unfortunately* 

enseguida straight away

especialmente especially

inmediatamente immediately

más *more* 

muy very

quizás perhaps

realmente really

recientemente recently

siempre always

sobre todo especially

todavía still (yet)

ya already

## Numbers

#### 1-100

## Quantities

bastante enough a bottle of botella de, una cada each caja de, una a box of cuarto de, un a quarter of doble double, twice docena dozen docena de, una a dozen exactamente exactly kilo, el kilogram lata de, un a tin litro, el litre máximo maximum mínimo minimum mitad, la half of mucho/a/s much/many nada nothing paquete de, un a packet of parte de, una a part of a piece of pedazo, un poco de, un a little of rebanada de, una a slice of solamente only suficiente enough tarro de, un a jar of tercio de, un a third of varios/as several

## Connecting words

antes before

aunque though

después then

entonces then

lo primero (de todo) first of all

o or

pero but

pues so

sin embargo nevertheless

también also y and

## Time expressions

a partir de from

ahora now

ahora mismo just now, in a little while

al día siguiente (m) the next day

ayer *yesterday* 

de vez en cuando from time to time

desde since

día (m) day

fiesta (f) party

fin de semana weekend

hoy today

jornada (f) day

mañana tomorrow

mañana (f) morning

más tarde later

medianoche (f) midnight

minuto (m) minute

noche (f) night

pasado mañana the day after tomorrow

principio/comienzo, al at the start

pronto/luego soon

próximo/siguiente next

puntual/a tiempo on time

quince dias a fortnight

quincena (f) a fortnight

semana (f) week

siempre always

tarde (f) afternoon

tarde (f) evening

temprano/puntual on time, early

todos días, cada día every day

## Times

## Awareness of times (analogue and digital)

a la una at one o'clock

a las dos, etc at two o'clock, etc

a media noche at midnight

a medio día at noon

de la mañana in the morning

de la noche in the night

de la tarde in the evening

es la una it's one o'clock

hora, la hour

menos cuarto quarter to

menos diez, etc ten to, etc

minuto, el minute

son las dos, etc it's two o'clock, etc

y cinco, etc five past, etc

y cuarto quarter past

y media half past

## Days of the week

lunes Monday

martes Tuesday

miércoles Wednesday

jueves Thursday

viernes Friday

sábado Saturday

domingo Sunday

## Months of the year

enero January

febrero February

marzo March

abril April

mayo May

junio June

julio July

agosto August

septiembre September

octubre October

noviembre November

diciembre December

## Question words

¿cómo? How?

¿cuál? Which?

¿cuándo? When?

¿cuánto, cuántos/as? How much?/How many?

¿dónde? Where?

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¿para qué?What for?¿por qué?Why?¿qué?What?¿quien?Who?

## Other expressions

¿cómo se deletrea? How do you spell that?

ahí lo tienes there you are aquí lo tienes here you are

bien OK

buena suerte good luck

con (mucho) gusto/placer with pleasure

demasiado mal too bad

depende it depends

en mi opinión in my opinion

estar a punto de to be about to

estar haciendo (algo) to be in the process of

estoy bien I'm fine

he tenido bastante I've had enough

me da igual I don't mind

mío/a mine

no importa nada it doesn't matter

no importa, da igual don't care!

normalmente, usualmente usually

otra vez once again

iqué pena! what a shame

seguro of course

todo lo mejor all the better

## Other high frequency words

algo something alguien someone cifra (f) figure como as, like thing cosa (f) esto/eso this/that fin (f) end forma (f) shape forma, manera (f) way género, tipo (m) type medio (m) middle no número (m) number por ejemplo for example porque because sí yes si Sr. Mr Sra. Mrs Srta. Miss todo el mundo, todos everybody

### Countries

vez (f)

Alemania (f)

Inglaterra (f)

Austria

Bélgica (f)

Dinamarca (f)

England

Austria

Belgium

Denmark

Escocia (f)

Scotland

time

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España (f) Spain

Estados Unidos (m/pl) United States

Francia (f) France

Gran Bretaña (f) Great Britain

Grecia (f) Greece

Holanda (f) Holland

Irlanda (f) Ireland

Italia (f) Italy

Países Bajos (m/pl) Netherlands

País de Gales (m) Wales

Reino Unido (m) United Kingdom

Rusia (f) Russia

Suiza (f) Switzerland

### Continents

África (f) Africa

Asia (f) Asia

América del Sur (f) South America

América del Norte (f) North America

Australia (f)

Europa (f)

Europe

### Nationalities

alemán/a German

americano/a American

austriaco/a Austrian

belga Belgian

británico/a British

danés/esa Danish

escocés/esa Scottish

español/a Spanish

europeo/a European

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francés/esa Spanish galés/esa Welsh Greek griego/a holandés/esa Dutch inglés/esa English irlandés/esa Irish italiano/a Italian ruso/a Russian suizo/a **Swiss** 

## Areas/mountains

Andalucía (CCAA) Andalusia (AC)

Aragón (CCAA) Aragon (AC)

Canal de la Mancha, el the English Channel

Castilla (CCAA) Castile (AC)
Cataluña (CCAA) Catalonia (AC)

Comunidades Autónomas, CCAA (f/pl) Autonomous Communities, AC

Galicia (CCAA) Galicia (AC)

Mar Cantábrico Cantabric Sea

Mar Mediterráneo Mediterranean Sea

Oceáno Atlántico Atlantic Ocean

País Vasco (CCAA) Basque Country (AC)

Pirineos, Los the Pyrenees

Rioja, La (CCAA) Rioja (AC)

## Useful acronyms and abbreviations

A3 Spanish TV channel

AVE high speed train

CAMPSA Spanish oil monopoly

CD-ROM CD-ROM

CES secondary school
CV curriculum vitae

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DNI ID card

EEUU USA

ESO secondary education

GB Great Britain

IVA value added tax (VAT)

RENFE Spanish national railway company

RNE Spanish public radio channel

RTVE Spanish public TV and radio channel

SIDA AIDS

TALGO fast train service

E European Union

## Social conventions

¿diga? hello (on the telephone)

adiós goodbye

buenas noches (pl) goodnight

buenas tardes (pl) good evening

gracias thank you

hasta luego/pronto see you later

hasta mañana see you tomorrow

hasta pronto see you soon

hola hi

hola, buenos días (pl) hello, good day

muchas gracias thank you very much

por favor please

saludos best wishes

socorro help

## Prepositions

at, to

a causa de because of

al final de at the end of

next to

opposite

between

al lado de

alrededor about alrededor de around antes before bajo under cerca de near with con contra against from de, desde delante de in front of después after detrás behind durante during en in, by en casa de at (someone's house) en, dentro de in en, sobre on encima above

enfrente entre

entre among
fuera outside
hacia towards

hasta until lejos de far from

por todo everywhere

por, a través de through

por, para for, in order to

salvo, excepto except

según according to

sin without

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## Language used in dialogues and messages

(Some words may feature in other sections.)

a la atención de for the attention of

agenda de teléfonos telephone book

de hecho in fact

de momento for the moment

en contacto con in communication with

en línea online

enviado/a por (m) sent by

escucho I'm listening

espere wait

hablando, al aparato on the line/speaking

hasta luego see you later
hasta pronto see you soon

le paso I will put you through

llámame/llámeme call me (informal/formal)

stay on the line

marcar el número to dial the number

mensaje (de texto) text message

mensaje en el contestador (f) voice mail

momento (m) moment

no cuelgue

numero equivocado (m) wrong number

prefijo (m) area code

radiomensajería (f) paging

receptor (m) receiver (telephone)

después de further to/following

teléfono (m) telephone

texto (m) text timbre (m) tone

vuelvo enseguida I'll be right back

# Language related to common topic areas

#### Out and about

1º/2º piso, etc 1st/2nd floor etc a la derecha on the right on the left a la izquierda on foot a pie aeropuerto (m) airport afuera, en el exterior outside al aire libre outside albergue juvenil (f) youth hostel andén (m) platform aparcamiento (m) car park lift ascensor (m) autobús (m) bus autocar (m) coach autopista (f) motorway avería (f) breakdown avión (m) plane ayuntamiento (m) town hall bajos (pl) basement balcón (m) balcony banco (m) bank baño (m) bath bar (m) bar

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bar de tapas, buffet (m)

barco (m)

biblioteca (f)

bicicleta (f)

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snack bar, buffet

boat

library

bicycle

bienvenida welcome

billete (m) ticket

billete de ida (m) single ticket
billete de ida y vuelta (m) return ticket

buen viaje have a good journey

cafetería café

calle (f) road/street

calor (m) heat camión (m) lorry

camping (m), área de acampada (f) campsite

campo (m) country

carné (m) book (of tickets)

carné de conducir (m) driving licence

carné de identidad (f) identity card

carnicería (f) butcher
castillo (m) castle

catedral (f) cathedral

centro ciudad (m) town centre

centro comercial (m) shopping centre

centro de deporte sports centre

centro de ocio leisure centre

cielo (m) sky

ciudad (f)

cine (m) cinema
circulación (f) traffic

claro (m) sunny interval

town

clausura (f) closing

clima (m) climate

coche (f) car

coche-cama (m) sleeping car

colina (f) hill

colonia de vacaciones (f) summer camp

comercio (m) business/trade

comisaría de policía (m) police station

compartimento compartment

comunidad autónoma (f) autonomous community

concierto (m) concert

conductor (de taxi) (m) (taxi) driver

conductor (m) conductora (f) driver

conexión (f) connection

confirmar un billete to validate a ticket

consigna (f) left luggage

control de pasaportes (m) passport control

costa (f) coast

cruce (m) crossroads

cruzar, atravesar to cross

cubierto (m) overcast

despegar to take off (plane)

desvío (f) diversion, detour

día de fiesta (m) public holiday

dirección única, sentido único (m) one way system

discoteca/disco (f) disco

disfrute la estancia enjoy your stay

distracción (f), entretenimiento (m) entertainment, things to do

edificio (m) building

embotellamiento (m) traffic jam

en el extranjero abroad

en invierno in winter

en verano in summer

entrada (f) entrance

entrevista (f) appointment, interview

equipaje (m/pl) luggage
escalera (f) staircase

estación (f) season

estación de autobuses (f) coach station

estación de metro (f) underground station

estación de servicio (f) service station

estación de trenes (f) (train) station

estadio (m) stadium
este (m) east

excursión (f) outing

exposición (f) exhibition

fábrica (f) factory

ficha (f) form

fiesta (f) feast, holiday, fair, fête

folleto (f) brochure/leaflet

frío/a cold

funcionar to function, to work

gasoil diesel

gasolina (f) petrol

grado (m) degree

granja (f) farm

guardia (m/f) police officer

habitación (f) room

histórico/a historic

horario (m) timetable

hospital (m) hospital

iglesia (f) church

incluido/a included

industria (f) industry

lago (m) lake

lejos far(away)

línea (f) line/route lista de hoteles (f) hotel list lista de precios (f) price list litera (f) berth/bunk lugar de encuentro (m) meeting place llave (f) key llueve, está lloviendo it is raining lluvia (f) rain lo siento, perdone me I'm sorry/excuse me lugar (m) place lugar, sitio (m) place maleta (f) suitcase malo/a bad mapa de carreteras (f) road map mar (f) sea marca (f) brand/make mercado (m) market metro (m) metre metro (m) metro/underground railway montaña (f) mountain engine/motor motor (m) moto (m) motorbike municipal, público/a public/municipal museo (m) museum niebla (m) fog nieve (f) snow norte (m) north nube (m) cloud ocupado/a occupied oeste (m) west

oficina (f)

office

oficina de información y turismo (f)/ tourist information office

oficina de turismo (f)

oficina/ventanilla de billetes (m) ticket office

palacio (m) palace
panadería (f) baker's

parada de autobús (f) bus stop

parque (m) park

peatón (m) pedestrian

película (f) film (for a camera)

pintoresco/a picturesque

piscina (f) swimming pool

piso (1°, 2°...) floor (1st, 2nd...)

pista de patinaje (f) *ice rink* 

plano (de la ciudad) (m) map (of the town)

planta baja/calle (f) ground floor

playa (f) beach
plaza (f) square

por adelantado in advance
postal (f) postcard

póster (m) poster/notice

potable suitable for drinking
predicción metereológica/del tiempo (f) weather forecast

presión (f) pressure/draught (beer)

prioridad a la derecha (f) priority to the right

problema (m) problem

prohibido forbidden to...

provincia province
pueblo (m) village
puente (m) bridge

puerta (de entrada) (f) (front) door

puerto (m) port

quiosco de periódicos (m) newspaper stall

recepción (f) reception
recepcionista (m/f) receptionist

región (f) region

retraso (m) waiting period/time limit

retraso (m) delay

revisor (m) ticket inspector

rincón (m) corner
río (m) river

rotonda (f) roundabout
sala de espera (f) waiting room

sala de juegos (f) games room

salida (f) departure

salida (f) way out/exit

semáforos (m/pl) traffic lights

señal (m) sign
servicios, baños (m/pl) toilets

siguiente following
sin plomo unleaded
situado/a situated
sol (m) sun
soleado/a (m) sunny
suburbio (m) suburb

supermercado (m)hypermarketsuplemento (m)supplement

sur (m) south

tan pronto como as soon as (to general)

taxi (m) taxi
teatro (m) theatre
televisión (f) television

televisor (m) television set

tiempo (m) weather

tienda (f) shop

todo recto straight on

tormenta (f) storm

torre (f) tower

tranquilo/a quiet

transporte publico (m) public transport

tren (m) railway
turístico/a tourist

vagón restaurante (m) restaurant car

variable variable
viaje (m) journey
viento (m) wind

visita (médica) (medical) appointment

vista (f) view volver to turn

vuelo (m) flight/theft

vuelta (f)tourwc (m), servicios (m/pl)WC

zona peatonal (f) pedestrianised area

zoo (m) zoo

#### Customer service and transactions

a vuestro servicio at your service

agua (f) water
algodón (m) cotton
asado roast

barra de pan French stick

bebida (f) drink
bocadillo, sándwich (m) sandwich

bocadillo de jamón (m) ham sandwich (roll)

café (m) coffee caja (f) till

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calcetín (m) sock

cámara de fotos (m) camera

camarero/a (m/f) waiter/waitress

cambio (m) exchange rate

carné de identidad, DNI (m) identity card

cartera (f) wallet
cerdo (m) pork

champiñón (m) mushroom

chaqueta (f) casual jacket

cheque (m) (de viaje) (traveller's) cheque

chorizo (m) salami type sausage

cliente (m/f) customer
cocinado/a cooked

comedor (m) dining room

comida (f) meal

comisaría de policía (f) police station

completo/a full

compras (f/pl) shopping
crêpe (m) pancake

departamento (m) department

desayuno (m) breakfast
dinero (m) money

enfermo/a ill

entrante (m) starter
error (m) mistake

estanco (m) tobacconist/stamp seller

euro (m) euro

factura (f) bill, invoice

falda (f) skirt
ficha (f), formulario (m) form

folleto (m) brochure

frambuesa (f) raspberry

fruta (f) fruit
guante (m) glove

guisantes (m/pl) peas

helado (m) ice cream

 huevo (m)
 egg

 jamón (m)
 ham

 ladrón (m)
 thief

 lana (f)
 wool

 leche (f)
 milk

libra esterlina (f) pound sterling

limón (m) lemon
mejillones (m/pl) mussels
melocotón (m) peach
menú (m) menu

moneda (f) coin
monedero (m) purse

oficina de cambio (f) exchange bureau

oficina de objetos perdidos (f) lost property office

opción (f) choice

pagar to pay

pan (m) bread

pantalones (m/pl) trousers

pastelería (f) cake shop

patata (f) potato

patatas fritas (f/pl) chips/crisps

patrón/ona (m/f) boss

peluquero/a (m/f) hairdresser

pena (f) damage, pity, shame

pera (f) pear

plano (m) de la ciudad town map

plato (del día) (m) dish (of the day)
pollo (m) chicken

postal (f) postcard

precio (m) price

propina (f) tip

reducción (f)

queso (m) cheese recibo (m) receipt

reducido/a reduced
regalo (m) present

robo (m) theft
salchichón (m) salami type sausage

sandalia (f) sandal sello (m) stamp

servicio (no) incluido service (not) included

reduction

talla (f) size

talla (f), numero (m) (de zapatos) size (shoes)

tapa (f) snack

tarjeta de banco (f) bank card

tarjeta de crédito (f) credit card

té (m) tea

teclado (m) keyboard

tienda (f) department store

tortilla omelette

tostada de queso toasted cheese sandwich

traje de baño (m) swimsuit/trunks

vendedor/a (m/f) salesman/woman

verdura (f)vegetablevestido (m)dressvino (m)winevuelo (m)flight

> jersey (m) sweater, jumper

yogur (m) yoghurt zapatillas de deporte (f/pl) trainers

zapato (m) shoe

zumo de fruta (m) fruit juice

## Personal information

(pelo) liso straight (hair)

(puesto de) trabajo (m), oficio (m) job

mobile phone (teléfono) móvil (m)

actividad (f) activity amable likeable

ambiente (f) atmosphere

amigo/a (m/f) friend anillo (m) ring año (m) year

artículos de deporte (m pl) sports equipment

atletismo (m) athletics

bolsa (f) bag

campeonato (m) championship campo de deporte (m) sports ground

canción (f) song

casado/a married chándal (m) tracksuit

charlatán/a, hablador/a (m/f) talkative

chaqueta (f)

ciclismo (m) cycling

clásico/a (m/f) classical, classic

jacket

código postal (m) postcode conocimiento (m) knowledge

cumpleaños (m) birthday

delgado/a (m/f) thin deporte (m) sport deportista (m/f) sporty dirección (f) address disco compacto (m) CD CD (compact disc) discoteca (f) nightclub divorciado/a divorced edad (m) age egoísta (m/f) selfish equipo (m) team/equipment equitación (f) horse riding esposa, mujer (f) wife, woman esquí (m) skiing esquí náutico (m) water skiing estrella (f) star, celebrity familia (f) family famoso/a (m/f) celebrity fanático de fanatical about fecha de nacimiento (f) date of birth fiebre (f) temperature flauta (f) flute fútbol (m) football gafas (f/pl) glasses guitarra (f) guitar informática (f) computing, ICT iPod (m) iPod jockey (m) hockey juego de ordenador/electrónico, video video game juego (m) jugador/a (m/f) player lectura (f) reading

> lugar de nacimiento (m) birthplace madre (f) mother

marido (m) husband

mayor (m/f) older, first born

moda (f) fashion modern

moderno/a (m/f)

mp3 mp3

muerto/a dead

música (f) music

nariz (f) nose

nacido/a

natación (f) swimming

born

nombre (m) first name

obra de teatro (f) play

ocio (m) leisure

ojos (m/pl) eyes

oreja (f) our

orquesta (f) orchestra

padre (m) father

paraguas (m) umbrella

pasatiempo (m) leisure

pasear (el perro) to take out for a walk (dog)

patinaje (m) skating

red (hair) pelirrojo (m)

pelo (m) hair

pendientes (m/pl) earrings

piano (m) piano

pop (m) pop (music)

programa de televisión (m) (television) programme

rap (m) rap

rizado/a (m/f) curly

rock (m) rock (music)

ropa (f) clothes

rugby (m) rugby

separado/a separated

sombrero (m) hat

teclado (m) keyboard

tenis (m) tennis

tenis de mesa, ping pong (m) table tennis

tiempo libre (m) free time

trompeta (f) trumpet

turismo (m) tourism

único/a only (child)

universidad (f) university

vegetariano/a (m/f) vegetarian

vestíbulo (m) hall

vestido/a de dressed

viejo/a old
violín violin

zapatillas de deporte (f/pl) trainers

# Future plans, education and work

a tiempo parcial part time

actor/actriz (m/f) actor, actress

adulto/a (m/f) adult

agencia de viajes (f) travel agency

agente de policía (m/f) police officer

anuncio (m) advert

aprendizaje (m) apprenticeship

archivador (m) file

archivar to file

archivo (m) file

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arquitecto (m) architect

azafata/o (f/m) air hostess/air steward

banco, oficina de banco bank/bank office

biología (f) biology
bombero (m) fireman

borrar to erase, rub out

buzón (de correos) (m) letter box

camarero/a (m/f) waiter/waitress

cambio (m) exchange

carnicero/a (m/f) butcher

carpeta (f) folder

ciencias (f/pl) science

clasificar to file

cocinero/a (m/f) cook

colega (m/f) colleague

colgar (el teléfono) to hang up (phone)

comedor (m) canteen

comercio (m) business/shop

comida (f), parar a comer lunch break

con experiencia experienced

condiciones de trabajo (f/pl) terms of employment

conferencia (f) conference
constructor (m) builder

contestador (m) answerphone contraseña (f) password

correo/mensaje (electrónico) (m) (electronic) mail

(oficina de) correos post (office)

cortar to cut

costura (f) sewing, tailoring

cursor (m) cursor

demanda de empleo (f) situation wanted

deporte (m) sport

diploma (m) qualification

director/a (m/f) headteacher, director

disco (m) disc
educación física PE

electricista (m/f) electrician

email *email* 

empleado/a (m/f) (bank/office) employee

entrevista (f) interview (job)

estudiante (m/f) student
estudiar to study

evaluación (final) (m) school report (end of year)

form

examen (m) examination

experiencia de trabajo (f) work experience

falta (f) fault fax (m) fax

física (f) physics
fontanero/a (m/f) plumber
formación (f) training

formulario (m)

funcionario (m/f) civil servant
geografía (f) geography

geografía (f) geography
gerente/director (m/f) manager
granjero/a (m/f) farmer

hacer un curso to do a course

historia (f)
history
horario (m)
timetable
idioma (m) lengua (f)
language
bien pagado/a
impresora (f)
imprimir
to printer

informático/a (m/f) computer scientist

informe (m) connection, report

ingeniero/a (m) engineer
instituto (m) school

libra esterlina (f) Pound sterling

licenciatura (f) degree (university)

llamada de teléfono (f) telephone call

maestro/a (m/f) teacher (primary)

mal pagado/a badly paid

marcar el numero to dial the number

marketing (m) marketing

matemáticas maths

mecánico/a (m/f) mechanic

mensaje (m) message

moda (f) fashion

monitor/a (m/f) instructor

ocupado/a (m/f) busy

ordenador (m) computer

panadero/a (m/f) baker

pantalla (f) screen

papel (m) paper

parar a desayunar tea/lunch break

paro, desempleo (m) unemployment

patrón (m) employer

periodista (m/f) journalist

por hora per hour

presencia en oficina duty office

previsto/a, planeado/a planned
profesor/a (m/f) teacher

programador/a (m/f) programmer

progreso (m) progress

next year

próximo año (f)

proyecto (m) plan, project química (f) chemistry ratón (m) mouse representante (m/f) representative respuesta (f) answer, reply resultado (m) results reunión (f) meeting salario, sueldo (m) salary sitio web (m) website sociedad (f) society/company

solicitar un (puesto de) trabajo to apply for a job sondeo (m) opinion poll/survey

sujeto (m) subject

superior superior/higher

tecla (de teclado) (f) key (of keyboard)

teclado (m) keyboard

técnico/a (m/f) technician

trabajo (m) work/job

trimestre (m) term

vestuario (m) cloakroom

vez (f)timeweb (m)the webweb-mail (m)webmail

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