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Pearson Edexcel International GCSEs in French and Spanish (9-1) (4FR1 and 4SP1)

Guidance on the formation of future tenses in Question 8, Paper 2 in French and Spanish

Question 8 of Paper 2 is a gap-fill exercise that tests knowledge and application of grammar. Candidates must pay close attention to the format of the question when responding to questions that require a response in the future.

Immediate/near future

If the immediate - or near - future is targeted, the question in the grammar gap-fill text will be written as follows:

French: e.g. La semaine prochaine nous (a) [aller] voyager ...

Answer: (a) *allons*

Spanish: e.g. La semana que viene nosotros (a) [ir] a viajar a...

Answer: (a) *vamos*

Future tense/simple future

If the future tense - or simple future - is targeted*, the question in the gap-fill text will be written:

French: e.g. La semaine prochaine nous (a) [voyager] ...

Answer: (a) *voyagerons*

Spanish: e.g. La semana que viene nosotros (a) [viajar] a...

Answer: (a) *viajaremos*

*Answers that convey the 'immediate' or 'near future' using the appropriate part of the present tense of *aller* (French) or *ir* (Spanish) with the infinitive provided **would not be accepted** in the above example.