

FACTFILE: GCSE SPANISH



Reading 11

CONTEXT 3: SCHOOL LIFE, STUDIES AND THE WORLD OF WORK



Part-time jobs and money management



Introduction

Here are some key points to help you study this topic.

Learning Outcomes

You should be able to:

- understand and respond to different types of written language;
- understand details within texts using high frequency familiar language;
- identify the overall message, key points, details and opinions in a variety of written passages;
- deduce meaning from a variety of written texts (from a range of specified contexts including short narratives, authentic material and unfamiliar material);

- recognise and respond to key information, important themes and ideas in extended written text and authentic sources;
- demonstrate understanding by being able to scan for particular information, organise and present relevant details, draw conclusions in context and recognise implicit meaning where appropriate; and
- translate sentences from Spanish into English.

These lists are neither prescriptive nor exhaustive.

Skills

- Problem Solving.
- Self Management.
- Using ICT.
- Using Mathematics.

Preparation

- Be familiar with the layout of the reading aspect of the course/examination.
- Prepare banks of topic vocabulary – use the CCEA specification to refer to core vocabulary.
- Learn vocabulary off by heart and test yourself regularly.
- Use all Specimen Assessment Material provided by CCEA.
- Familiarise yourself with the examination rubrics.
- Be prepared for the translation element of the reading paper – grammar is important.
- Recognise idiomatic language.
- Revise numbers and dates.

Practice

- Read a variety of extracts with different registers on a regular basis; in class and independently.
- Work independently and use interactive exercises online to practice.
- Read authentic materials such as train timetables and menus.
- Practice reading for gist; remember you do not need to know what every word means to answer the question.
- Never leave anything out and always look at the amount of marks a question carries.

Revision

- Are you familiar with the layout of the reading paper?
- Do you have a firm grasp of all topic vocabulary?
- Have you completed past papers?
- Is there a vocab area that you need to brush up on?
- Have you learned numbers off by heart?

