



Rewarding Learning

SPANISH STUDENT STUDY CARD #10

READING - STEPS TO SUCCESS

Introduction

- AS One written passage with questions in Spanish
Translating a short passage (approx. 130 words) into English
- A2 Three questions based on three written texts
Translate a short passage (approx. 130 words) into Spanish

Assessment

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| AS | Q1. Q and A in Spanish | 20 marks |
| | Q2. Translation of Spanish into English | 20 marks |

Total time: 50 minutes

Total marks: 40 marks

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| A2 | Q1. Gap-filling exercise | 10 marks |
| | Q2. Respond in Spanish to questions in Spanish | 15 marks |
| | Q3. A summary in English of approximately 100 words | 15 marks |
| | Q4. Translation of English into Spanish | 35 marks |

Total time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Total marks: 100





Assessment Objective/s

AO 2 and AO 3 are assessed.

Skills

Here are some suggestions to help you prepare for this skills area.

- Aim to read at least one thing in Spanish every day.
- Read for pleasure as well as improving your knowledge of the A Level themes.
- Try to read texts taken from a variety of resources e.g. newspapers, books, reports.
- Be aware of the style and register of the text that you are reading e.g. an informal text may contain colloquial words and phrases and may differ from a formal piece of text.
- Try to find cognates in the text that will aid your understanding.
- Be aware of 'amigos falsos' - these are words that may look similar to English but do in fact mean something different.
- Develop a good knowledge of vocabulary based on the A Level themes.
- Try to read a text several times before answering any questions on it.
- Initially try to get the general gist of the text before focusing on the details.
- Use a dictionary to look up new vocabulary and use a Spanish thesaurus to find synonyms.
- Look at the title of the text; this may give you clues about the content.
- Put words into context to help decipher their meaning.
- In the exam make sure you read the question properly.
- Ensure that you answer in the correct language – questions in Spanish will always require an answer in Spanish.
- Look at the mark scheme as this will give you an idea as to how many points of information are required in your answer.
- Remember to not copy directly from the passage; answer in your own words.
- Make sure your answers are clear and concise.
- Manage your time; make sure that you will have sufficient time to answer all questions.