



Rewarding Learning

SPANISH STUDENT STUDY CARD #14

GAP-FILLING SKILLS [A2]

Introduction

You will be required to complete one gap-filling exercise as part of the reading section of the A2 examination. This is the first question in the Reading section of the examination paper.

You will be given a text containing gaps and a bank of words from which to select the correct answer for each gap.

Assessment

The gap-filling exercise is Question 1 of Section B in Unit A2 2.

Assessment Objective/s

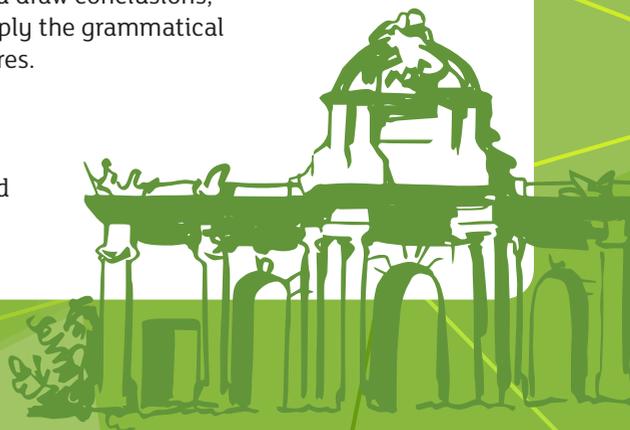
You will be assessed according to the following criterion:

- A02: understand and respond to written language drawn from a variety of sources.

You should be able to:

- understand, infer meaning and draw conclusions;
- understand and accurately apply the grammatical system and a range of structures.

Look at the mark scheme to familiarise yourself with the requirements of the criterion and guidance on how to achieve the top bands.





Skills

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

- Read the whole text very carefully, at least twice.
- Start with the words you are sure about.
- Identify key words such as nouns, verbs and pronouns and think about what follows or precedes them.
- Pay attention to number and gender of nouns.
- Check that verb endings match the subject of the sentence.
- Tenses should be consistent within a sentence which can provide useful clues.
- Watch out for “si” clauses and the tense couples they require.
- The words immediately before and after the gap are important but so is the whole sentence.
- Watch out for negation in the sentence or text-this could completely change the requirements of the gap.
- Look out for subjunctive triggers.
- Watch out for the use of the present continuous and the perfect tense.