



Rewarding Learning

SPANISH STUDENT STUDY CARD #18

USING IDIOMATIC PHRASES FOR EXTENDED WRITING

Introduction

Idiomatic phrases will give a natural feel to your responses when you express yourself in written Spanish.

Assessment

Using idiomatic phrases will be assessed across all aspects of the specification. The Extended Writing Unit will also give you the opportunity to demonstrate your knowledge of idioms. Idiomatic language will also provide you with the opportunity to access the higher mark bands.

Assessment Objective/s

You will be assessed according to the following criterion:

- A03: manipulate the language accurately and appropriately using a range of lexis and structure.

You should be able to:

- manipulate the language accurately and appropriately using a range of lexis; and
- understand and accurately apply the grammatical system and a range of structures.





Skills

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

- Make your extended written piece more creative by adding some idiomatic phrases, but do not over use them.
- Have a section in your notebook with common idiomatic phrases and add to it as you progress.
- Refer to grammar and idiomatic language websites or to grammar books to obtain a good set of idiomatic phrases.
- Try to read Spanish newspapers and magazines and listen to Spanish programmes on the radio or the TV. Idiomatic language is widely used in Spain and will help you to develop your colloquial language.
- Try to add idiomatic expressions to your daily work to practise using them.
- Ensure that you know the meaning of them and that you use them appropriately and coherently and in the right context.
- Don't just include idiomatic phrases in your extended written piece for the sake of including them as some may be irrelevant.
- Do not literally translate idiomatic phrases from your language into Spanish. They will not make sense.
- Pay attention to the feedback given by your teacher in your marked extended written work.