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SPANISH STUDENT STUDY CARD #9

LISTENING COMPREHENSION SKILLS

Introduction

AS Listening – Two questions based on two recorded passages – 40 minutes

A2 Listening – Two questions based on two recorded passages – 45 minutes

The recordings are on a disk and students are able to have full control over the playback of these. Each recording will last approximately two minutes and may be taken from authentic resources.

Assessment

AS Listening – Q1: QA in Spanish (10 marks) Q2: QA in English (15 marks)

A2 Listening – Q1: QA in Spanish (10 marks) Q2: QA in English (15 marks)

Assessment Objective/s

In the listening tasks candidates are assessed according to the A01 criterion only.

You will be expected to be able to:

- understand, infer meaning and draw conclusions from a variety of spoken sources covering different contexts, registers, styles and genres.
- respond in writing to spoken language.





Skills

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

- Before you listen to something, see what clues the title can give you regarding the content.
- Prepare for the exam by learning vocabulary appropriate to A Level.
- Read the questions carefully so you know what information is required in the answer – remember you may hear more information than what is actually needed to get the marks for the answer.
- Initially try to get the gist of what you hear and then focus on specific details.
- Be aware that speakers may have slightly different accents or intonation.
- Practice makes perfect – make use of all opportunities to practice your listening skills.
- Use a variety of resources to practice such as the radio and audio-visual resources.
- Be aware of the register that the speaker uses – is it formal or informal?
- If you do not understand it all the first time round –remember you have full control and can play the recording again.
- Manage your time appropriately in the exam – do not spend too much time listening to the same piece of recording.
- Listen for cognates.
- Be aware of ‘amigos falsos’.
- Familiarise yourself with the mark scheme and how much information is required for each question.