

FACTFILE: GCSE SPANISH



Writing 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:

- communicate in writing for a variety of purposes;
- write short texts, using simple sentences and familiar language to convey meaning and exchange information;
- translate sentences from English into Spanish to convey key messages accurately and to apply grammatical knowledge of language and structures in context;
- produce clear and coherent extended text to present facts and express ideas and opinions for different purposes and in different settings;

- make accurate use of a variety of vocabulary and grammatical structures;
- manipulate the language, using and adapting a variety of structures and vocabulary with accuracy and fluency for new purposes (including using appropriate style and register); and
- make independent and creative use of the language to identify key points, express and justify their thoughts and points of view.

These lists are neither prescriptive nor exhaustive.

Skills

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

Preparation

- Familiarise yourself with the layout of the written aspect of the examination.
- Prepare all written classwork and homework to a high standard; show that you understand the topic.
- In all written pieces be clear and concise.
- Always reinforce your opinion with justification.
- Have a solid knowledge of grammar and structures.
- Aim to include a variety of tenses in a written piece.
- Learn all tenses off by heart, including irregulars.
- Prepare a bank of vocabulary for every topic area.
- Study the mark scheme and be aware of what the examiner is looking for.

Practice

- Make use of CCEA specimen materials and past papers.
- Practice your translation skills by using any Spanish materials that you have available to you; this may be from a newspaper, song, website or a text book.
- Make your written classwork and homework as detailed as possible.
- Take on board any suggestions or changes your teacher makes to your work.
- Have a sound knowledge of verb endings; practice this online or in class time with your teacher.
- Use websites that you have been provided with and access the appropriate area to practice your written work.

Revision

- Are you confident in using different time frames?
- Have you incorporated idiomatic language into your written pieces?
- Are you familiar with common irregular verbs?
- Are you familiar with all topic vocabulary?
- Is every opinion justified?

