

FACTFILE: GCSE SPANISH



Writing 12

CONTEXT 3: SCHOOL LIFE, STUDIES AND THE WORLD OF WORK



Future plans and careers



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.

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?

