

Assessment at GCSE

GCSE Spanish has a Foundation Tier (grades 1–5) and a Higher Tier (grades 4–9). Students must take all four question papers at the same tier. All question papers must be taken in the same series.

AO1: Listening – Paper 1	AO2: Speaking – Paper 2	AO3: Reading – Paper 3	AO4: Writing – Paper 4
<p>What's assessed? Understanding and responding to different types of spoken language.</p>	<p>What's assessed? Communicating and interacting effectively in speech for a variety of purposes.</p>	<p>What's assessed? Understanding and responding to different types of written language.</p>	<p>What's assessed? Communicating effectively in writing for a variety of purposes.</p>
<p>How is it assessed? Written exam: 35 minutes (Foundation Tier) 45 minutes (Higher Tier) 40 marks (Foundation Tier) 50 marks (Higher Tier) • 25% of GCSE Each exam includes 5 minutes' reading time of the question.</p>	<p>How is it assessed? Non-exam assessment: 7–9 minutes (Foundation Tier) + preparation time 10–12 minutes (Higher Tier) + preparation time • 25% of GCSE 60 marks (for each of Foundation Tier and higher Tier)</p>	<p>How is it assessed? Written exam: 45 minutes (Foundation Tier) 1 hour (Higher Tier) • 25% of GCSE 60 marks (for each of Foundation Tier and Higher Tier)</p>	<p>How is it assessed? Written exam: 1 hour (Foundation Tier) 1 hour 15 minutes (Higher Tier) 50 marks (Foundation Tier) 60 marks (Higher Tier) • 25% of GCSE</p>
<p>Questions Foundation Tier and Higher Tier: • Section A – questions in English, to be answered in English or non-verbally • Section B – questions in Spanish, to be answered in Spanish or non-verbally</p>	<p>Questions The format is the same at Foundation Tier and Higher Tier, but with different stimulus questions for the Photo card and different stimulus materials for the Role-play. Timings are different too: • Role-play – 15 marks (2 minutes at Foundation Tier; 2 minutes at Higher Tier) • Photo card – 15 marks 2 minutes (Foundation Tier) 3 minutes (Higher Tier) • General conversation – 30 marks 3–5 minutes (Foundation Tier) 5–7 minutes (Higher Tier)</p>	<p>Questions Foundation Tier and Higher Tier: • Section A – questions in English, to be answered in English or non-verbally • Section B – questions in Spanish, to be answered in Spanish or non-verbally • Section C – translation from Spanish into English (a minimum of 35 words at Foundation Tier) (a minimum of 50 words at Higher Tier)</p>	<p>Questions Foundation Tier: • Question 1 – four sentences about a photo – 8 marks • Question 2 – short passage in response to four bullet points – 16 marks • Question 3 – translation from English into Spanish – 10 marks • Question 4 – extended writing responding to four bullet points – choice of two questions – 16 marks Higher Tier: • Question 1 – extended writing responding to four bullet points – choice of two questions – 16 marks • Question 2 – extended writing task responding to two bullet points – choice of two questions – 32 marks • Question 3 – translation from English into Spanish – 12 marks</p>

Year 9 - ¡Viva! 3 Rojo / ¡Viva! GCSE Foundation (Sets 1 & 2)

Autumn 1	Módulo – 1 ¡Somos así! → Free time (Theme 1)	Listening and Reading Skills Assessment Translation into English Modules 1 & 2
Autumn 2	Módulo – 2 ¡Orientate! → Jobs (Theme 3)	
Spring 1	Módulo – 3 En forma → Health (Theme 1/2) supplemented with ¡Viva! F Module 8 & 6	Speaking and Writing Skills Assessment Translation into Spanish & GCSE style Photocard Modules 3 & 4
Spring 2	Módulo – 4 Jóvenes en acción → Environment (Theme 2) supplemented with ¡Viva! F Module 8	
Summer 1	Módulo – 5 Una Aventura a Madrid → Free time and Shopping (Theme 1) supplemented with ¡Viva! F Module 5	End of Year Assessment of all 4 Skills Translations & GCSE style Photocard and Roleplay Summer Homework
Summer 2	Project work and Hispanic Cultural Awareness	

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Home Learning

You will receive Home Learning set by your teacher over the course of the year. Your teacher may also give you learning homework (for example: a list of vocabulary needed for the topics being studied). You will also have workbooks for both home and class learning which you will be expected to keep up to date.

Equipment

School required equipment is mandatory. It is also a good idea for you to have a Spanish / English (bilingual) dictionary which you can bring with you to lessons. Your teacher may set you work via Google Classroom, so an internet connection at home will be useful. (If this is not possible, you will be able to use school computers in Homework Club, etc).

How can your parents support your learning?

Friends and family can support you by testing you and/or learning the language with you. You can use various websites on the internet (eg: [ActiveLearn](#) - ask your teacher for your username and password) to practise listening and reading Spanish vocabulary, through exercises & games.

What extra-curricular activities or enrichment opportunities are available?

Language Club is held every week; come along and have fun with the language; get a Spanish penfriend; learn other languages or just get help with anything at all you are struggling with in your learning. You are always welcome to come and ask the teachers for help with work at any other time too. Apply to become a “Language Leader” and use your skills and enthusiasm for languages as a way to help and motivate others; as well as promoting languages at events, etc in and out of school.

Year 9 - ¡Viva! 3 Verde (Sets 3, 4 & 5)

Autumn 1	Módulo – 1 ¡Somos así! → Free time	Listening and Reading Skills Assessment Translation into English Modules 1 & 2
Autumn 2	Módulo – 2 ¡Orientate! → Jobs	
Spring 1	Módulo – 3 En forma → Health	Speaking and Writing Skills Assessment Translation into Spanish & GCSE style Photocard Modules 3 & 4
Spring 2	Módulo – 4 Jóvenes en acción → Environment	
Summer 1	Módulo – 5 Una Aventura a Madrid → Free time and Shopping	End of Year Assessment of all 4 Skills Translations & GCSE style Photocard and Roleplay Summer Homework
Summer 2	Project work and Hispanic Cultural Awareness	

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Year 10 - ¡Viva! GCSE Higher (2018 → 2019)

Autumn 1	Módulo – 1 ¡Desconéctate! → Holidays (Theme 2)	Mock Exam paper Christmas Exams (Past paper or SAMs Foundation)
Autumn 2	Módulo – 1/2 Mi vida en el insti → School (Theme 3)	
Spring 1	Módulo – 2/3 Mi gente → Friends and Family (Theme 1)	Mock Exam paper Easter (Past paper mixture of Higher and Foundation)
Spring 2	Módulo – 3 Mi gente → Friends and Family (Theme 1)	
Summer 1	Módulo – 4 Intereses e influencias → Media & Entertainment (Theme 1)	EOY Assessment of all 4 Skills (Mock Exams PP/ SAMs Higher) Translations & GCSE style Photocard and Roleplay Summer Homework (Cultural Awareness)
Summer 2	Módulo – 4/5 Ciudades → Home and Local Area (Theme 2)	

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Year 11 - ¡Viva! GCSE Higher (2019 → 2020)

Autumn 1	Módulo – 6 (Theme 1)	Review Summer Homework ¡De Costumbre! → Culture/Food	Mock Exam paper Christmas Exams (Past paper or SAMs Higher)
Autumn 2	Módulo – 6/7	¡A currar! → Jobs and Future employment (Theme 3)	
Spring 1	Módulo – 7/8	Hacia un mundo mejor → Environment & Lifestyle (Theme 2)	Mock Exam paper Easter (Past paper Higher) Cultural awareness
Spring 2	Módulo – 8	As above & Catch up time on any missed topics.	
Summer 1	Exam Skills and Past Paper practice		GCSE EXAMS
Summer 2	Exam Skills and Past Paper practice		

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Autumn 1	Módulo – 2 Review Summer Homework, Vida en el insti → School (Theme 3)	Mock Exam paper Christmas Exams (Past paper or SAMs Higher)
Autumn 2	Módulo – 2/4 Intereses e influencias → Media & Entertainment (Theme 1)	
Spring 1	Módulo – 4/7 ¡A currar! → Jobs and Future employment (Theme 3)	Mock Exam paper Easter (Past paper Higher) Cultural awareness
Spring 2	Módulo – 7/8 Hacia un mundo mejor → Environment & Lifestyle (Theme 2)	
Summer 1	Catch up time on any missed topics & Exam Skills and Past Paper practice	GCSE EXAMS
Summer 2	Exam Skills and Past Paper practice	

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