

Spanish

GCSE – Code: **1SP1** – Exam Board: **Edexcel**



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Assessment:

1. Speaking (Paper 1 – 25% of the qualification)

Task 1: Read aloud and short interaction.

Task 2: Role play.

Task 3: Picture task with conversation.

2. Listening and Understanding (Paper 2 – 25% of the qualification)

Section A: Listening (40 marks).

Section B: Dictation (10 marks).

3. Reading and Understanding (Paper 3 – 25% of the qualification)

Section A: Reading and Understanding

Section B: Translation into English

4. Writing (Paper 4 – 25% of the qualification)

Foundation Tier: Picture-based task, two open-response questions, and translation into Spanish.

Higher Tier: Two open-response questions and translation into Spanish.

Key Information:

This is a two-year course, assessed externally at the end of Year 11. The course covers six thematic contexts:

- My personal world
- Lifestyle and wellbeing
- My neighbourhood
- Media and technology
- Studying and my future
- Travel and tourism

Why choose Spanish?

Taking Spanish as a GCSE is a fantastic choice for students. Spanish is one of the most widely spoken languages in the world, opening doors to diverse cultures and countless opportunities.

Mastering Spanish can enhance travel experiences, making it easier to connect with locals and immerse in vibrant Spanish-speaking communities. It also boosts career prospects, as many international companies seek employees who are bilingual. Additionally, learning Spanish improves cognitive skills, such as memory and problem-solving, and fosters a deeper understanding of global perspectives. Choosing Spanish at GCSE is not just about learning a language; it's about gaining a valuable life skill that enriches personal and professional growth.

Skills Gained:

- **Communication Skills:** Enhances the ability to express oneself clearly and understand others in different languages.
- **Cognitive Skills:** Improves problem-solving, critical thinking, and memory.
- **Cultural Awareness:** Fosters appreciation and understanding of diverse cultures and perspectives.
- **Adaptability:** Builds resilience and the ability to navigate new linguistic and cultural contexts.
- **Listening Skills:** Develops better listening abilities and attention to detail.

Career Pathways:

- International Business
- Tourism and Hospitality
- Education
- Government and Diplomacy
- Media and Journalism

For more information, see the full course specification:

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