

GCSE Spanish Y9

Pupils study the Edexcel GCSE course. This is a tiered exam, so pupils are entered for either Foundation tier (Grades 1-5) or Higher tier (Grades 4-9). The exam is split into four papers. Each paper is worth 25% of the final exam.

<u>PAPER 1 – SPEAKING (50 marks)</u> F = 7-9 min (+ 15 mins supervised preparation time) H = 10-12 min (+ 15 mins supervised preparation time) - Reading aloud passage and short conversation /12 - Role-play /10 - Picture task /12 and conversation /16.	<u>PAPER 2 – LISTENING (50 marks)</u> F = 45 mins including 5 mins reading time H = 60 mins including 5 mins reading time - Section A - Listening comprehension questions answered in English or non-verbally /40 - Section B – Dictation /10	<u>PAPER 3 – READING (50 marks)</u> F = 45 mins H = 1 hour - Section A - reading comprehension questions answered in English or non-verbally /40 - Section B - Translation into English /10	<u>PAPER 4 – WRITING (50 marks)</u> F = 1 hour 15 mins - Picture based task /8 40-50 word essay - choice of 2 titles /14 80-90 word essay - choice of 2 titles /18 - Translation of sentences into Spanish /10 H = 1 hour 20 mins 80-90 word essay - choice of 2 titles /18 130-150 word essay - choice of 2 titles /22 - Translation of paragraph into Spanish /10
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In Y9 we follow the “Viva” GCSE course. The topics and assessments are:

Module	Vocab Tests	Mid-module Assessment	Formal Assessment
Module 1 El mundo hispanohablante - Spanish-speaking sports stars - Talking about life online - Sports and free-time activities - Arranging to go out	3 vocab tests per module	Reading	Listening (including dictation), Reading & Translation into TL
Module 2 ¡Descubre Andalucía! - Using “me gusta” - Discussing travel plans - Festivals in the Spanish-speaking World - Saying what you did on holiday		Speaking	Listening, Reading and Writing (40-50 word essay)
Module 3 Mi gente, mi mundo - Reading about different families - Describing people - Talking about who you follow on social media		Foundation Past papers in Listening and Reading	
- Saying what you did at the weekend - Talking about days that went wrong			
- Describing where you stayed - Talking about holidays in different tenses			
- Friendships and relationships - Your identity and what matters to you - Problems and giving advice			

In Year 9 pupils are given a booklet containing the lists of vocabulary from the Edexcel specification, divided by theme and word type. Apart from a small number of unfamiliar words (which will be glossed in the exam or are cognates which can easily be understood), the vocab lists contain all the words that will be in the exams and therefore need to be learned. Regular revision of vocab is key throughout the course (“little and often”) and pupils will also have access to GCSE vocabulary sets via the Quizlet website (Memrise.com is also a great revision tool). In Year 10 your child will also be given a Speaking and Writing Booklet in which they will prepare possible responses for the Speaking and Writing exams.