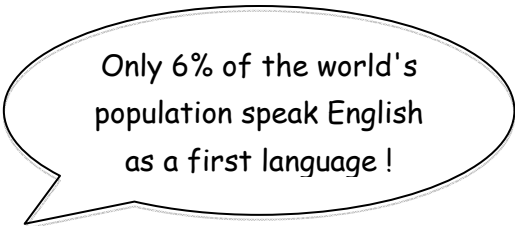


AQA GCSE Modern Languages | Spanish

Why study Spanish?

The Spanish-speaking world is growing fast. Spanish is the world's fourth most spoken language and ranks second in terms of native speakers. Presently, about **350 million people in 21 countries on 4 continents speak Spanish** as their native tongue.



Only 6% of the world's population speak English as a first language !

Spanish is also one of the easiest foreign languages to learn. Much of its vocabulary is similar to English and written Spanish is almost completely phonetic. It is predicted that there will be 530 million Spanish speakers by 2050. Spanish has roughly the same number of first language speakers as English. Spanish is predicted to become the first language of Florida in the next 10 years. That's a lot of people speaking Spanish. Will you be one of them?

What will I study?

In GCSE Spanish you will not only develop your understanding of "el mundo hispano", the Spanish-speaking world, but also broaden your knowledge of grammar and how to apply it and more importantly increase your ability to communicate in writing and speech. You will study the three topics of

1. Identity and Culture
2. Local, national, international and global areas of interest
3. Current and future study and employment

How will I be assessed?

Informal assessments take place each half-term to monitor progress. Formal assessments take place at the end of year 11 in Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing, and each assessment is worth 25% of the overall GCSE grade.

Paper 1 Listening	35-45 minute exam
Paper 2 Speaking	7-12 minute conversation
Paper 3 Reading	45-60 minute exam
Paper 4 Writing	60-75 minute exam

Where could this subject lead me in the future?

Learning Spanish will make travel to any of the 21 countries where Spanish is an official language easier, including the USA. You can gain access to Spanish art, music, books and films. As a Latin-based language, learning Spanish will improve your understanding of English and your ability to learn other Latin-based languages, such as French or Italian.

Who should I contact for more details?

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