

Yr 8 Spanish for Beginners- Autumn Term

Knowledge and Understanding

Students will study the following topics:

First unit:

- Numbers
- Greetings
- Alphabet
- Days of the week

Second unit:

- Pencil case items
- Gender as a grammatical concept
- Months of the year
- Formation of plural nouns

Transdisciplinary and Generic Skills developed

Communication:

Students will learn to communicate in Spanish in both writing and speaking. They will also learn to interpret basic spoken and written texts.

Capacity to learn:

Students will develop their study habits in foreign language learning, e.g. the keeping of a vocabulary book, the use of online vocabulary learning programmes, the use of bilingual dictionaries (specifically www.wordreference.com)

Assessment

Students will be assessed at the end of each unit, in September and November.

The Unit 1 test is a vocabulary test of 25 items taken at random from the vocabulary learnt in Unit 1. The Unit 2 test is a vocabulary test written in the same way and a grammar test, testing knowledge of the verb 'tener', the alphabet and plurals.

Challenge for All

Each lesson will contain a variety of short activities and games, and the teacher will provide support for some students and give extension tasks to others throughout the lesson. Extension and reinforcement activities are provided on the Spanish ISLE course. If students want reinforcement on any topic they are encouraged to ask for help. We have a lunchtime help session once a week and encourage students to come to ask for some help if needed.

Ways in which parents can support their children

Parents can support their child with learning Spanish even if they don't speak Spanish by regularly asking them about what they are learning and asking the child to teach them what they have learnt. Encourage the child to make regular use of the ISLE course to revise and review what has been taught in class. At this stage it is essential that students develop good revision habits: memorisation of vocabulary and verb conjugations is key - we make extensive use of the online application QUIZLET to aid this process. Your child should study LITTLE AND OFTEN, and use the more ACTIVE learning tools on Quizlet (matching, dictation, self-testing) instead of simply 'looking at the vocab list'. Links to our numerous Quizlet activities are to be found throughout the ISLE course. We also recommend the DUOLINGO website and app for continuous practice and revision of Spanish grammar.

Yr 8 Spanish for Beginners- Spring Term

Knowledge and Understanding

Students will study the following topics:

First unit:

- Family members
- Verbs 'ser' and 'tener'
- Pets
- Birthdays
- Possessives: my, your, his, her

Second unit:

- Colours
- Personality adjectives
- Physical description of people

Transdisciplinary and Generic Skills developed

Communication:

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Capacity to learn:

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Assessment

Students will be assessed at the end of each unit, in January and March.

The test for the first unit is a vocabulary test, a grammar test and a writing test in which students are required to write short sentences.

The test for the second unit is a vocabulary test, a grammar test and a speaking assessment.

Challenge for All

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Yr 8 Spanish Beginner's Course - Summer Term

Knowledge and Understanding

Students will study the following topics:

First unit:

- School subjects
- Giving opinions
- Telling the time
- Verb 'gustar'

Second unit:

- Saying where you live
- Geographical features
- Places in town
- Weather

Transdisciplinary and Generic Skills developed

Communication:

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Capacity to learn:

Students will develop their study habits in foreign language learning, e.g. the keeping of a vocabulary book, the use of online vocabulary learning programmes, the use of bilingual dictionaries (specifically www.wordreference.com)

Assessment

Students will be assessed at the end of each unit, in April and June.

The first unit test consists of a vocabulary test, a grammar test and a reading test.

The second test consists of a vocabulary test, a grammar test and a listening test.

Challenge for All

Each lesson will contain a variety of short activities and games, and the teacher will provide support for some students and give extension tasks to others throughout the lesson.

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