

# Spanish GCSE

# Why study Spanish at GCSE?

Spanish, the official language in 21 economically advanced countries, holds significance for potential business connections. It ranks as the world's second most common native language and the second language in the United States, making proficiency beneficial in our Americanized environment.

Studying Spanish is advantageous due to its phonetic simplicity, as the language's pronunciation generally follows consistent rules, making it easier for learners to articulate words accurately.

Embracing a second language enhances cognitive skills like problem-solving and memory, fostering effective communication. Proficiency in Spanish not only adds to educational opportunities but also meets the diverse perspectives valued by universities.

It is worth considering the ways that Spanish might be able to benefit your life and your capacity to learn in other areas. Spanish is certainly a useful language!

# Scheme of Assessment

## Specification: Edexcel (taught from 2024)

- Paper 1: Speaking (25% of the GCSE grade)
- Paper 2: Listening and Understanding (25% of the GCSE grade)
- Paper 3: Reading and Understanding (25% of the GCSE grade)
- Paper 4: Writing (25% of the GCSE grade)

Examinations will be taken in the summer term of Year 11.

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# The course

The vocabulary in this qualification enables students to communicate across a range of engaging and relatable thematic contexts, which are relevant to their current and future needs. The course follows six broad thematic contexts to provide a focus for the teaching and learning of the vocabulary and grammar:

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

