



Rewarding Learning

SPANISH STUDENT STUDY CARD #7

GUIDANCE FOR CONVERSATION AT A2

Introduction

The A2 conversation lasts nine minutes and is based on the themes studied at A2. It may also incorporate AS themes, where appropriate.

Assessment

An external visiting examiner carries out your speaking test and it is recorded.

Assessment Objective/s

You will be assessed according to the following criteria:

- A01: understand and respond to spoken language;
- A03: manipulate the language accurately and appropriately, using a range of lexis and structure.

Familiarise yourself with the requirements of each criterion and guidance on how to achieve the top bands.

A01 assesses:

- your degree of comprehension;
- the fluency of your responses;
- your initiative to develop answers and your ability to argue points of view;
- your pronunciation and intonation.

A03 assesses:

- your command of idiom and vocabulary;
- your knowledge and application of grammar.





Skills

Here are some suggestions to help you prepare for this skills area.

- Take advantage of all opportunities to practise your speaking skills during the course of the year.
- Take the initiative to develop your answers.
- Express and justify your opinions.
- Develop your answers thoroughly.
- Use a variety of structures and tenses appropriate to A Level.
- Research some idioms that you can use in your conversation.
- Do not rely heavily on pre-learnt material – the conversation should sound natural.
- Practise your pronunciation and intonation.
- Listen to native speakers and try to imitate them.
- Have a good knowledge of vocabulary appropriate to A2 topics.
- Vary your vocabulary.
- The more you speak, the more confident you will become.
- Prepare some conversation fillers such as 'pues', 'bueno' etc.
- Record yourself and play it back for self-assessment.