

Theme 1: Identity and culture

Topic 1: Me, my family and friends

- Relationships with family and friends
- Marriage/partnership

Topic 2: Technology in everyday life

- Social media
- Mobile technology

Topic 3: Free-time activities

- Music
- Cinema and TV
- Food and eating out
- Sport

Topic 4: Customs and festivals in Spanish-speaking countries

Theme 2: Local, national, international and global areas of interest

Topic 1: Home, town, neighbourhood and region

Topic 2: Social issues

- Charity/voluntary work
- Healthy/unhealthy living

Topic 3: Global issues

- The environment
- Poverty/homelessness

Topic 4: Travel and tourism

Theme 3: Current and future study and employment

Topic 1: My studies

Topic 2: Life at school/college

Topic 3: Education post-16

Topic 4: Jobs, career choices and ambitions

2021 series: Writing papers

Foundation tier		Higher tier	
Students answer:		Students answer:	
Question 1		Question 1	1.1 (Theme 1) OR
Question 2			1.2 (Theme 2) OR
Question 3			1.3 (Theme 3)
Question 4	4.1 (Theme 1) OR 4.2 (Theme 2) OR 4.3 (Theme 3)	Question 2	2.1 (Theme 1) OR 2.2 (Theme 2) OR 2.3 (Theme 3)
		Question 3	

Paper 1: Listening
<p>What's assessed</p> <p>Understanding and responding to different types of spoken language</p>
<p>How it's assessed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written exam: 35 minutes (Foundation Tier), 45 minutes (Higher Tier) 40 marks (Foundation Tier), 50 marks (Higher Tier) 25% of GCSE <p>(Each exam includes 5 minutes' reading time of the question paper before the listening stimulus is played.)</p>
<p>Questions</p> <p>Foundation Tier and Higher Tier</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section A – questions in English, to be answered in English or non-verbally Section B – questions in Spanish, to be answered in Spanish or non-verbally

Paper 3: Reading
<p>What's assessed</p> <p>Understanding and responding to different types of written language</p>
<p>How it's assessed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written exam: 45 minutes (Foundation Tier), 1 hour (Higher Tier) 60 marks (for each of Foundation Tier and Higher Tier) 25% of GCSE
<p>Questions</p> <p>Foundation Tier and Higher Tier</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section A – questions in English, to be answered in English or non-verbally Section B – questions in Spanish, to be answered in Spanish or non-verbally Section C – translation from Spanish into English (a minimum of 35 words at Foundation Tier and 50 words at Higher Tier)

Resources

Knowledge organisers

BBCbitesize

AQA website for past papers and exemplar material

Quizlet for vocabulary practice and flashcards