



ES.W5 Theme 2.4: Travel and tourism - Writing

AQA 8692 · Calculators not allowed · about 45 minutes

Total Marks

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Question 1 is the Foundation tier task: write approximately 90 words in Spanish. Question 2 is the Higher tier task: write approximately 150 words in Spanish. Answer the question that matches your tier, or attempt both for practice. Question 3 is a short structured writing task: answer each bullet point with a short response in Spanish. Question 4 asks you to translate five sentences into Spanish.

- 1** Foundation tier. You are writing a postcard-style message for a Spanish travel blog about your last holiday. Write approximately 90 words in Spanish. You must include the following points:
- adónde fuiste de vacaciones y con quién
 - qué hiciste durante las vacaciones
 - una opinión sobre el alojamiento
 - adónde te gustaría ir de vacaciones el año que viene

(Total for Question 1 is 20 marks)

- 2** Higher tier. You are writing an article for a Spanish travel magazine about your travel experiences. Write approximately 150 words in Spanish. You must include the following points:
- describe unas vacaciones memorables que hiciste
 - cómo ha cambiado tu forma de viajar desde que eras más joven
 - qué planes de viaje tienes para el futuro
 - tu opinión sobre el turismo de masas y su impacto en los destinos populares, con razones

(Total for Question 2 is 28 marks)

3 You are writing a short holiday diary entry for a Spanish exchange partner. Answer each question below with a short response in Spanish (one or two sentences).

(a) ¿Adónde fuiste de vacaciones el verano pasado? (2)

(b) ¿Cómo viajaste hasta allí? (2)

(c) ¿Dónde te alojaste? (2)

(d) ¿Qué actividad te gustó más? (2)

(Total for Question 3 is 8 marks)

4 Translate these sentences into Spanish.

(a) We travelled to Spain by plane and stayed in a hotel. **(3)**

(b) The beach was beautiful, but there were too many tourists. **(3)**

(c) If I had more money, I would travel to South America. **(4)**

(d) My parents want us to visit a new country every year. **(2)**

(Total for Question 4 is 12 marks)

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Question 1

- **Content and communication (AO4, 10 marks)**

- **Level 3** (8-10): All four bullet points covered with relevant detail; the message communicates clearly throughout; the opinion on the accommodation is clearly expressed and justified.
- **Level 2** (4-7): Most bullet points covered, though development may be thin on one or two; the message is mostly clear; an opinion is given but the justification may be brief or missing.
- **Level 1** (1-3): One or two bullet points covered in a basic way; the message has some clarity but gaps in meaning may occur; little or no opinion is offered.
- **Level 0** (0): No creditable content, or the response is entirely irrelevant to the task.

- **Range and accuracy of language (AO4, 10 marks)**

- **Level 3** (8-10): A good range of vocabulary and structures, including at least one opinion phrase and one connective beyond 'y'/'pero'; verbs are mostly correctly formed and agree with their subject; errors do not hinder understanding.
- **Level 2** (4-7): Some variety of vocabulary and structures; verbs are mostly recognisable though with some agreement or spelling errors; meaning is usually clear despite errors.
- **Level 1** (1-3): Limited, repetitive vocabulary and structures; frequent verb errors; meaning is sometimes unclear.
- **Level 0** (0): Language too limited or inaccurate to communicate meaning.

- **Indicative content:**

- Preterite statement of where they went and with whom, e.g. 'El verano pasado fui a Portugal con mi familia'.
- Preterite account of an activity done on holiday, e.g. 'Visitamos varios pueblos y comimos mucho marisco'.
- An opinion on the accommodation using an opinion phrase, e.g. 'El hotel donde nos alojamos me pareció muy cómodo' / 'Creo que el apartamento era un poco pequeño'.
- A justifying clause introduced by 'porque', e.g. 'porque tenía piscina y estaba cerca de la playa'.
- A future holiday wish using ir a + infinitive or me gustaría, e.g. 'El año que viene, me gustaría ir a Italia'.
- Use of a time marker to sequence events, e.g. 'primero', 'luego', 'después', 'al final'.
- A connective beyond 'y'/'pero', e.g. 'aunque', 'sin embargo', 'además', to link ideas within or across sentences.

Question 2

- **Content and communication (AO4, 16 marks)**

- **Level 4** (13-16): All four bullet points covered with well-developed detail and a clear personal voice; ideas are linked coherently; the article is fully relevant and communicates with precision.
- **Level 3** (9-12): All four bullet points covered, though development may be uneven; communication is clear with only occasional loss of precision.
- **Level 2** (5-8): Most bullet points covered but with limited development; communication is generally clear though some ideas may be underdeveloped or list-like.
- **Level 1** (1-4): One or two bullet points covered in a basic way; communication is patchy, with noticeable gaps in meaning.

- **Range and accuracy of language (AO4, 12 marks)**

- **Level 4** (10-12): A wide range of vocabulary and complex structures; a genuine spread of tenses (past, present and future/conditional) used accurately; minor errors only, never obscuring meaning.
- **Level 3** (7-9): A good range of vocabulary and some complex structures; at least two different time frames attempted with general accuracy; errors occasionally affect precision but not overall understanding.
- **Level 2** (4-6): Some variety of vocabulary; mostly simple structures with limited attempts at other time frames; verb errors are frequent but meaning is usually recoverable.
- **Level 1** (1-3): Narrow, repetitive vocabulary confined mostly to the present tense; frequent errors that sometimes prevent understanding.

- **Indicative content:**

- Preterite and imperfect description of a memorable holiday, e.g. 'Hace dos años, fui a Marruecos con mis padres y la experiencia fue inolvidable porque todo era muy diferente a lo que conocía'.
- Past-tense account of how their approach to travel has changed, e.g. 'Cuando era pequeño, solo íbamos a la misma playa cada año, pero ahora prefiero descubrir lugares nuevos y culturas diferentes'.
- Future or conditional travel plans, e.g. 'El próximo verano, viajaré por Sudamérica con unos amigos, y me encantaría visitar Machu Picchu algún día'.
- An opinion on mass tourism with a developed reason, e.g. 'En mi opinión, el turismo de masas perjudica a muchos destinos, porque provoca contaminación y hace subir los precios para los habitantes locales'.
- Use of a subordinate clause with 'porque', 'ya que' or 'aunque' to justify an opinion in depth.
- A concluding sentence that draws the points together, e.g. 'En resumen, creo que hay que viajar de una manera más responsable y sostenible'.
- Accurate use of at least one comparative or superlative, e.g. 'Ese viaje fue el más interesante de mi vida'.

Question 3

- (a) **B1** Content: names a plausible holiday destination
- (a) **B1** Accuracy: preterite of ir correctly conjugated in the first person
- **(a) Answer: El verano pasado fui a Francia con mis abuelos.**
- (b) **B1** Content: names a plausible method of transport
- (b) **B1** Accuracy: preterite of viajar correctly conjugated
- **(b) Answer: Viajé en avión y luego en autocar.**
- (c) **B1** Content: names a plausible type of accommodation
- (c) **B1** Accuracy: reflexive verb alojarse correctly conjugated in the preterite
- **(c) Answer: Me alojé en un camping cerca de la costa.**
- (d) **B1** Content: names a plausible holiday activity
- (d) **B1** Accuracy: gustar correctly conjugated in the preterite to agree with the activity
- **(d) Answer: La actividad que más me gustó fue bucear en el mar.**

Question 4

- (a) **B1** 'Viajamos a España en avión' for we travelled to Spain by plane, preterite of viajar
- (a) **B1** 'y nos alojamos en un hotel' for and stayed in a hotel
- (a) **B1** correct reflexive form nos alojamos (not alojamos alone)
- **(a) Answer: Viajamos a España en avión y nos alojamos en un hotel.**
- (b) **B1** 'La playa era preciosa' for the beach was beautiful, imperfect of ser for a description
- (b) **B1** 'pero había demasiados turistas' for but there were too many tourists, impersonal había
- (b) **B1** correct agreement of demasiados with the masculine plural turistas
- **(b) Answer: La playa era preciosa, pero había demasiados turistas.**
- (c) **B1** 'Si tuviera más dinero' for if I had more money, imperfect subjunctive of tener in the si-clause
- (c) **B1** 'viajaría' for I would travel, conditional of viajar
- (c) **B1** 'a Sudamérica' for to South America
- (c) **B1** correct spelling of tuviera (not tubiera)
- **(c) Answer: Si tuviera más dinero, viajaría a Sudamérica.**
- (d) **B1** 'Mis padres quieren que visitemos un país nuevo' for my parents want us to visit a new country, present subjunctive of visitar after querer que
- (d) **B1** 'cada año' for every year
- **(d) Answer: Mis padres quieren que visitemos un país nuevo cada año.**