

GCSE Spanish speaking practice

Las vacaciones : Conversation questions

1. **¿Qué haces normalmente durante las vacaciones en casa / en Inglaterra?**



Normalmente ...salgo con mis amigos / voy de compras / juego al fútbol / veo la tele / escucho música

Me gusta/ me encanta ... salir / jugar/ ir / ver/ bailar/ nadar/

Suelo cocinar (I usually cook etc.) / **suelo** escuchar música

Extra details: con mis amigos / en mi dormitorio (bedroom) / en Leeds

Reasons: porque es ...divertido / guay/

10. **¿Cómo serían tus vacaciones ideales/ vacaciones de tu sueño? (Ideal holiday)**

Si tuviera el dinero (if I had the money), me gustaría visitar Australia porque me encantan los animales y paisajes impresionantes (impressive landscapes).

Iría (I would go) a la costa y me encantaría ver (I would love to see)los canguros.
¡Sería fenomenal!

If you were in the vicinity of the languages classrooms this week, you may have been able to hear the Lower and Upper 5 pupils speaking to Mrs Wilson individually about their holidays and school life. Some examples of the questions and possible answers are shown above. The parts in bold and italics are complex phrases. To gain the highest marks in the GCSE speaking test pupils have to answer questions using extended sentences, accurate verbs and give and explain opinions. They also have to communicate clearly with correct pronunciation, use some complex language and demonstrate fluency and spontaneity. I am delighted to say that the quality of their spoken Spanish has really impressed me. Some achieved full marks and many were awarded commendations. To improve further, they received a recording of the conversation, a feedback form and a recording of feedback on their performance including pronunciation and grammar points.

Although it can be a nerve-wracking experience, they have risen to the challenge and tried out different techniques to prepare and practise the content and language which we have been working on for a few weeks. It is very important that pupils have the opportunity to practise with their teacher on their own with the voice recorder so that they get used to the experience. At Gateways, our small class sizes enable us to do this. All GCSE pupils do a full practice speaking test in the library in examination conditions at least twice during the course.

High School & Sixth Form



They are also offered extra practice sessions at lunchtimes and after school. The more they practise, the more confident they become and pupils often say after their actual speaking test that they almost enjoyed it!

Mrs Fiona Wilson