

Conquering the nerves of GCSE Spanish speaking tests



As a parent, you will no doubt remember your foreign language speaking test as maybe one of the most nerve-wracking situations you had to face. It may still rank in the top ten of your life experiences! So, you can imagine how proud I am of the Upper 5 Spanish pupils who have just done their speaking test, conquering their nerves and showing great resilience!

Of course, it is not just about the performance on the day. A huge amount of preparation goes into building their skills, practising different revision techniques and ensuring that they know what each of the three speaking tasks involve. They have had a full practice speaking test in the library in examination conditions at least twice during the GCSE course. In addition, they were all offered a slot to do another practice test in the library during an Easter holiday revision day, which almost all attended. At Gateways, our small class sizes enable us to do this. They are also offered extra practice sessions at lunchtimes and after school. The more they practise, the more confident they become. Most of the Upper 5 pupils said that the test was not as bad as they thought it was going to be and some even said that they almost enjoyed it! I wish them all the best for the rest of their GCSEs.

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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!

5 Spanish speaking assessment – Holiday Conversation

Present	Past	Future	Opinion	Reason	Complex

Grammar mistakes

Pronunciation mistakes

Content / 10	Language/ 10	Pronunciation and Fluency/ 5	Accuracy / 5