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EDUCATION



- How was/is your experience of education? Explain briefly what you know about the situation in Spanish schools.
- What can be done to improve the education system?
- If you had to make a choice between private or public school what would you choose and why?
- Whose responsibility is it to provide children and teenagers with a good education?
- What do think about university education?
- What is your opinion about bilingual education?

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MEANS OF TRANSPORT



- What means of transport do you use?
- What kind of public transport is there in your town/city?
- What can be done to improve the transport system in your country?
- Do you think people drive safely in your country? Do they wear safety belts?
- Are speed cameras effective?
- Are there cycle lanes? Do many people use them?
- How easy is it parking in the cities near you?
- Have you ever been fined for speeding or parking illegally?

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EATING HABITS



- Do you ever cook?
- What is your favourite dish?
- Do you think we eat differently now than 20 years ago? If so, explain why.
- Most experts agree that the Mediterranean diet is particularly beneficial. What are its main characteristics?
- Do you think vegetarians are healthier than people who eat a lot of meat. Explain.
- Do you ever eat unhealthy food? How do you feel about it?
- Do you eat out often? Do you think you have to pay a lot to eat well?

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YOUR HOME TOWN OR VILLAGE



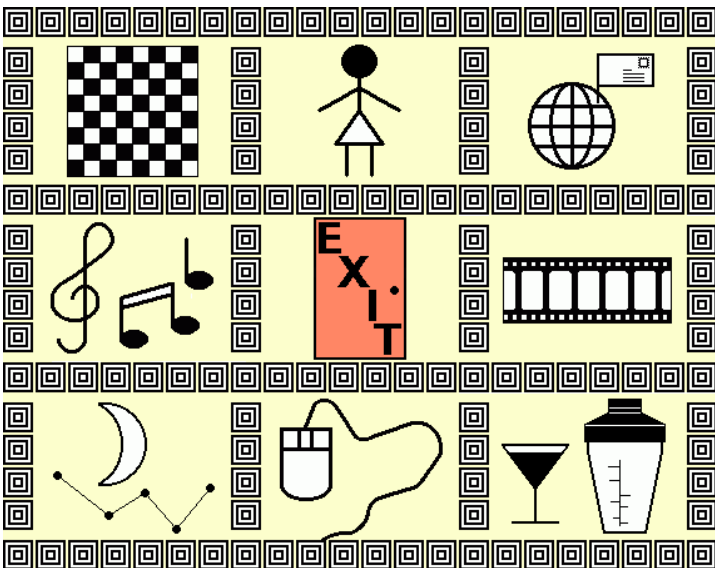
- What kind of place is it?
- What's the most interesting part of your home area?
- What kind of jobs do the people in your town/village do?
- Is your home town changing?
- Would you say it is a good place to live? Why?
- What changes would improve life in your home town?
- Are there any typical festivities?
- How do you celebrate them?

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YOUR HOBBIES

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do you like doing in your free time? Do you play any sports? • What do you watch on TV? • Do you have a computer? How do you use it? • Do you collect anything? • What do you usually do at the weekend? And during holidays? • Do you belong to any group or association? • Is there something you would like to do but have not done yet? • What do you think is the right amount of free time we should have? Explain
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YOUR JOB



- **What do you do for a living?**
Describe your duties
- **What things would you change about it and why?**
- **What three things are most important for you in a job?**
What's your ideal job?
- **How has technology changed business?**
- **Would you prefer to have an easy routine job or a job in which you made a lot of decisions?**
- **Would you like a job that involved a lot of travelling?**
Why(not)?
- **If you could own your own business, what would it be?**

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SUPERSTITIONS



- Do you believe people can predict the future?
- Do you ever touch wood to send bad luck away? Which are the most popular Spanish superstitions?
- Do you believe any of them?
- Can you think of occasions when people use a coin to make a decision?
- Why do you think some people go to an astrologer or a fortune-teller to find out about the future?
- Would you ever consider going? Why (not)?
- Do you read your horoscope? Does it influence your life?
- Have you ever carried a lucky charm with you to an exam?

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TYPICAL SPANISH



- What do you think the Spanish people of today are like?
- In what ways do you think Spanish people are different from people from other countries?
- Which stereotypes about Spanish people do you think are true/untrue?
- How are young Spaniards today different from young Spaniards forty or fifty years ago?
- Have you got any foreign friends? If so, are they like the stereotype of their country?
- Germans, Frenchmen, Britons, Italians... what, in your opinion, are the stereotypes of these people?

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COMMUNICATION TODAY



- How many phone calls do you make a day? What type of telephone do you use?
- Are international phone calls expensive in your country? What would be the best way to keep in touch with friends abroad?
- How much of your communication is done electronically?
- What IT systems do you use to communicate e.g. email, Skype, Face book, chat rooms, blogs ? What are the pros and cons?
- Which age-group do you think finds IT most difficult and why ?
- Do you use the postal system? What for?
- Have personal and family relationships changed as a result of the use of new communication technologies?

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RENEWABLE ENERGY



- What recycling projects does your community have?
- What are the worst environmental problems in your region? What can be done to improve them?
- Have you suffered the consequences of any natural disasters?
- Are people environmentally responsible? Why? Why not?
- What things do you do to contribute to help the environment?
- Do you think companies are more responsible now than they were in the past?
- What do you think about renewable energies i.e solar power, wind power, geothermal energy etc.? Are they in use in your area?

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TRAVELLING



- Have you ever travelled abroad? If so, can you remember the most interesting things you did? If not, why haven't you?
- Do you think it is expensive to travel?
- What do people spend most of their holiday budget on?
- Do you usually buy souvenirs for yourself or others when you're on a trip?
- If you could choose to go anywhere in the world, what place would it be? Why?
- Which do you prefer: beach holidays or cultural holidays?
- When did you last go on holiday?
- Did anything interesting happen to you?
- Do you think watching travel documentaries is a good alternative to travelling? Have you ever watched one?

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THE MEDIA

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe the media that you use: radio, TV newspapers and magazines, Internet • Do you read the newspaper every day? Will newspapers disappear in the future? • Which kind of news is the best? (e.g. newspaper, TV, internet etc) • Do you think the news influences people too much? • What is the most memorable TV moment you've ever watched? • What kind of magazines do you like to read? • Do you prefer listening to the radio or watching TV? • What kind of TV shows do you (not) like? Why?
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