



**NATIONAL 5**  
*Spanish*  
Speaking Exam Tips



# Preparation

## PRESENTATION

- Once you have selected your topic of choice, write your essay, then ask your teacher to mark it.
- In order to memorise it, try breaking it into chunks that are a couple of sentences long, then gradually add on more until you have a full paragraph.
- Writing each individual paragraph onto a flashcard helps to test yourself.
- Once you are quite confident that you have memorised most of it, try to write it out from memory. Focus on your accents here, as you will be more likely to remember them in pronunciation.
- Finally, practice saying your presentation the whole way through! Keep practicing it again and again until you are confident in your pronunciation and memorisation.
- Try to make it sound natural - remember to take your time and pause where appropriate.
- Recording yourself is a great way to correct your own pronunciation.

## CONVERSATION

- Your teacher may provide you with some questions to think about in advance, but if they don't, check out the other resources available on the Language Learning Scotland website.
- Write and memorise some answers for questions that commonly could come up, especially on topics such as family, school and free time.
- If you aren't confident on conjugating tenses on the spot, make sure you're familiar with how to say things such as what you did last weekend or what you are going to do next weekend as these questions are a great way to show off your ability!
- Ask a friend or family member to test you on your questions in order to practice - even if they don't speak Spanish.

# Performance

## PRESENTATION

- Take your time! The presentation should last between 1-2 minutes.
- In order to sound as natural as possible, take pauses after each sentence like you would in English when you reach a full stop.
- Be confident! Make sure that when you deliver your presentation you know exactly what you are going to say next.
- If possible, use a variety of tenses in your presentation, even if it is just a short phrase.

## CONVERSATION

- Don't panic! Your teacher is on your side and they want you to do the best you possibly can, they will help you out if you get stuck.
- Expand on your points as much as possible, if you can add detail to your answers then go for it!
- You have the potential to lead the conversation in a certain direction, for example: if your teacher has asked you about your plans after school, you could use this to lead further onto the topic of travel possibly through mentioning a gap year, then further onto holidays.
- Try not to speak in English at all - if you are unsure how to answer a question in Spanish use a phrase in Spanish to express that you don't understand.
- If you get the chance to, ask your teacher a question in return! It takes the pressure off of you momentarily, and demonstrates real skills in conversation.

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