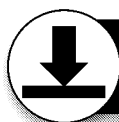**2024 specification** (first exams in 2026)

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Teacher's Introduction

These Practice Papers have been written to help your students prepare for the **Listening** examination for the GCSE Edexcel Spanish **2024 specification**.

This pack contains three **Foundation** tier practice papers. They have been designed in the style of the real Edexcel exam but with completely original content, including questions, transcripts and mark schemes.

The papers contain all of the question types that appear in the new SAMs, so that students can revise effectively. Each paper includes Section A: Listening Comprehension and Section B: Dictation, totalling 50 marks.

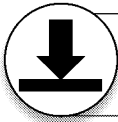| **Remember!** |
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| Always check the exam board website for new information, including changes to the specification and sample assessment material. |

How to use this resource:
Set the paper under exam conditions to give students an idea of what level they are working at. Go over the answers in class to identify strategies, such as:
- reading the questions and predicting plausible answers before listening to the recordings
- applying a mixture of grammatical awareness and common sense
- using the context to aid intelligent guessing

Students should be encouraged to note down, and learn, any new vocabulary from the questions they got wrong. The same paper could be set again after a couple of months, when students should aim to get 100%.

Additional note:
Dictation is a new skill for the 2024 specification. Students should be encouraged to practise this in class and discuss specific techniques. ZigZag Education has a Dictation Skills Pack available to support knowledge and skill-building in this area.

All audio tracks are provided on the ZigZag Education Support Files system, which can be accessed via **zzed.uk/productsupport**

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Update to ensure all vocabulary meets Edexcel requirements, and non-write on versions included.

Specification Match Grid

The grid below provides the subtopics covered that relate to the six thematic co[...]
2024 specification:
1. My personal world
2. Lifestyle and well-being
3. My neighbourhood
4. Media and technology
5. Studying and my future
6. Travel and tourism

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Teacher's note:
Before starting the first track for a mock exam, students should be given 5 minutes of reading time. All tracks include the correct number of pauses and repetitions.

ZigZag Practice Exa[m]

Supporting GCSE (9–1) Edexcel Spanish: 2024

Write-on paper

Span[ish] Listening Examination

Foundation Tier: Practice Paper 1

Name	

Time allowed: 45 minutes

5 minutes: reading time
40 minutes: exam time

The maximum mark for this paper is 5[0]

Information:
- Answ[er eac]h question in the space provided.
- Use a [black] pen to write your answers.
- Answer all questions in both sections.
- In **Section A**, answer the questions in **English**.
- In **Section B**, complete the dictation in **Spanish**.
- You must not use a dictionary.
- The number of marks available for each question is given in brackets. This should help you to plan your time.

Advice:
- You have 5 minutes to read the questions and the instructions before listening to the recordings.
  You can use that time to take notes if you want to.
- The recording will be played three times. There [will be a] short pause between the recordings when you ca[n rea]d th[e q]uestions again, and each will be followed by one, two o[r thr]ee [bee]ps.
- You can write at any ti[me du]r[in]g the test.

Section A – LISTENING COMPREHENSION

My teachers

1. María, Raúl and Jorge are talking about their teachers.

    What do they say?

    Listen to the recording and complete the sentences by putting a cross (X) in the

    a) María thinks that her English teacher is…

	A	nice
	B	awful
	C	generous

    b) Raúl doesn't like his Maths teacher because…

	A	she's very grumpy
	B	she's very late
	C	she's very strict

    c) Jorge says that the teachers in his school…

	A	shout a lot
	B	help a lot
	C	give a lot of homework

Shopping

2. Miguel is talking about what he buys from Spanish clothes shop Mango.

    What clothes does he buy?

    Listen to the recording and put a cross (X) in each of the **three** correct boxes.

	A	jeans
	B	trousers
	C	T-shirts
	D	shirts
	E	shoes
	F	socks

Modern technology

3. Ana is talking in a podcast.

    What does she say about modern technology?

    Complete each sentence using a word or phrase from the box below. There a
    than gaps.

bad	....ting	awful	hard
easier		boring	good

    a) Ana thinks that modern technology is a ....

    b) Modern technology is going to make life ....

    c) At work, we will not do the .... jobs.

Food and drink

4. Emilio is talking about the food and drink he does.. like.

    What does he mention?

    Listen [logo] rec..ding and put a cross (X) in each one of the **three** correct bo

	A	rice
	B	paella
	C	salt
	D	sugar
	E	fish
	F	tapas

Film

5. Diego is talking about films.

    What does he say?

    Listen to the recording and complete the sentences by putting a cross (X) in the box.

    a) Yesterday Diego watched…

	A	a ... r film
	B	a horror film
	C	an adventure film

    b) He thought the film was…

	A	funny
	B	interesting
	C	entertaining

    c) The special effects were…

	A	brilliant
	B	origi...
		...ad

    d) Next week he will watch…

	A	a science fiction film
	B	a detective film
	C	a horror film

At the hotel

6. Natalia wants to book a room.

    What does she find out?

    Listen to the recording and complete the following table in English.

    You do not need to write in full sentences.

    a)

Price of the room
....

    b)

What is included?
....

    c)

What time does the pool close?
....

My home

7.   Juan is talking about his house.

What does he say?

Listen to the recording and complete the sentences by putting a cross (X) in the box for each question.

a)   Juan lives in a big house situated...

	A	near the city centre
	B	on the outskirts of the city
	C	in the city centre

b)   He says that his house has...

	A	a small bathroom and a big garden
	B	a big bathroom and a big garden
	C	a big bathroom and a small garden

c)   The only thing he doesn't like about his house is...

	A	his bedroom
	B	the bathroom
	C	the garden

Inspirations

8. Fátima and Javier are talking about who inspires them.

   What do they say?

   Complete each sentence using a word or phrase from the box below.

   There are more words/phrases than you need.

	sports	brother
relationships		unnecessary
nurses	important	chef

   a) Fátima admires ....

   b) She says they do .... work.

   c) In the future she wants to be a ....

   d) Javier admires his ....

   e) He gets help with his ....

The natural world

9. Antonio is talking about world problems.

   Which topics does he talk about?

   Listen to the recording and put a cross (X) in each one of the **three** correct boxes.

A	world hunger	
B	the environment	
C	more strict rules	
D	flying bans	
E	recycling	
F	animals in danger	

Travel

10. David, Pilar and Manuel are talking about travelling.

   What do they say?

   Listen to the recording and complete the sentences by putting a cross (X) in the

   a) David prefers…

	A	staying at home
	B	travelling abroad
	C	going on day trips

   b) Pilar likes to travel by…

	A	train
	B	car
	C	plane

   c) Manuel prefers to…

	A	visit other countries
	B	stay and explore his country
	C	stay at home and not travel at all

   d) Manuel loves…

	A	to be a tourist
	B	to have tourists stay with him
	C	to meet other tourists

My local area

11. a)   Leya is talking about her local area.

What does she say?

Listen to the recording and answer the following questions in English.

You do not need to write in full sentences.

i)   Where does Leya go on Mondays and Wednesdays?

....

ii)   What does Leya do at the weekend with her friends?

....

b)   Leya and Alejandro are talking about their towns.

What do they say?

Listen to the recording and complete the following tables in English.

You do not need to write in full sentences.

(i)   Alejandro...

likes	
dislikes	

(ii)   Leya...

likes	
dislikes	

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Section B – DICTATION

You are going to hear someone talking about their family.

Sentences 1–3: Write down the missing words in the gaps provided. In each gap, in Spanish.

Example: Mi <u>hermana</u> es muy <u>alta</u>.

1. Mi hermana ....

2. Ella es .... y ....

3. Le .... mucho los ....

Sentences 4–6: Write down the full sentences that you hear in the spaces provide

Example: <u>Su cumpleaños es en octubre.</u>

4. ....

5. ....

6. ....

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ZigZag Practice Exa[m]

Supporting GCSE (9–1) Edexcel Spanish: 2024

Non-write-on paper

Spanish Listening Examination

Foundation Tier: Practice Paper 1

Time allowed: 45 minutes

5 minutes: reading time
40 minutes: exam time

The maximum mark for this paper is 50.

Information:
- Answer each question in your exer[cise bo]ok.
- Use a black pen to write [your answers].
- Answer all questi[ons in all] sections.
- In Se[ction] [A, a]n[swer] the questions in **English**.
- In Se[ction] [B,] complete the dictation in **Spanish**.
- You must not use a dictionary.
- The number of marks available for each question is given in brackets. This should help you to plan your time.

Advice:
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- The recording will be played three times. There will be a short pause between the recordings when you can read the questions again, and each will be followed by one, two or three beeps.
- You can write at any time during the test.

Section A – LISTENING COMPREHENSION

My teachers

1. María, Raúl and Jorge are talking about their teachers. What do they say?

    Listen to the recording and write A, B or C for each question.

    a)   María thinks that her English   b)   Raúl doesn't like his Maths
         teacher is...   teacher because...
         A   nice   **A**   she's very grumpy
         B   awful   **B**   she's very late
         C   ....er is   **C**   she's very strict

Shopping

2. Miguel is talking about what he buys from Spanish clothes shop Mango. Wha

    Listen to the recording and identify the **three** correct answers.

A	jeans	D	shirts
B	trousers	E	shoes
C	T-shirts	F	socks

Modern Technology

3. Ana is talking in a p......c .t ..hat does she say about modern technology?

    Compl.....h sentence using a word or phrase from the box below. There a
    than gaps.

bad	interesting	awful	harder	easier

    a)   Ana thinks that modern technology is a .... invention.
    b)   Modern technology is going to make life .... for us.
    c)   At work, we will not do the .... jobs.

Food and ...ink

4. Emilio is talking about the food and .....e doesn't like. What does he men

    Listen to the record.....tify the **three** correct answers.

A		D	sugar
B	paella	E	fish
C	salt	F	tapas

Film

5. Diego is talking about films. What does he say?

    Listen to the recording and write A, B or C for each question.

    a) Yesterday Diego watched...
        A a war film
        B a horror film
        C an adventure film

    b) He thought the film...
        A funny
        B interesting
        C entertaining

    c) The special effects...
        A brilliant
        B original
        C bad

    d) Next week he will...
        A a science fiction
        B a detective film
        C a horror film

At the hotel

6. Natalia wants to book a room. What does she find out?

    Listen to the recording and write your answers in English. You do not need to
    a) Price of the room
    b) What is included?
    c) What time does the pool close?

My home

7. Juan is talking about his house. What does he say?

    Listen to the recording and write A, B or C for each question.

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        A near the city centre
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        A a small bathroom and a big garden
        B a big bathroom and a big garden
        C a big bathroom and a small garden

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8. Fátima and Javier are talking about who inspires them. What do they say?

    Complete each sentence using a word or phrase from the box below. There are

doctors	sports	brother	ho...
unnecessary	sister nurses	important	ch...

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B	the environment	E	recycling m...
C	more strict rules	F	an... s i...anger

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       - A staying at home
       - B travelling abroad
       - C going on day trips

    c) Manuel prefers to...
       - A visit other cou...
       - B stay and explo...
       - C stay at home...

    b) Pilar likes to travel by...
       - A train
       - B car
       - C plane

    d) Manuel loves...
       - A to be a tourist
       - B to have touris...
       - C to meet other...

My local area

11. a) Leya is talking about her local area. What does she say?

       Listen to the recording a... s... ...he questions in **English**. You do not ne...

       i) Where d... ...ya go on Mondays and Wednesdays?
       ii) ...at ...es Leya do at the weekend with her friends?

    b) Ley... ...and Alejandro are talking about their towns. What do they say?

       Listen to the recording and write your answers in English. You do not n...

       (i) Alejandro...
          - likes
          - dislikes

       (ii) Leya...
          - likes
          - dislikes

(TO...

Section B – DICTATION

You are going to hear someone talking about their family.

Sentences 1–3: Write down **only** the missing word... ...n ...sh.

Example: Mi <u>hermana</u> es muy <u>alto</u>

1. Mi hermana ....
2. Ella es...... .... y ....
3. Le .... mucho los ....

Sentences 4–6: Write down the full sentences that you hear in Spanish.

Example: <u>Su cumpleaños es en octubre.</u>

TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 10 MARKS

Preview of Questions Ends Here

Section A – Listening Comprehension

Track			Question 1: Tourist attractions
2	Narrator	F1	¿Indra?
	Indra	F2	Me encanta visit r los sitios famosos, como los m cer... or e cial.
	Narrator		...iente?
	Vi...	M1	A mi hermano le encanta ir a los palacios, pero y
	No...	F1	¿Jalil?
	Jalil	M2	Mi padre prefiere comer en restaurantes bueno comida rápida.

Track			Question 2: Gaming
3	Álex	M1	Me encanta jugar en internet, pero no me gusta son aburridos. Prefiero juegos de terror o de av

Track			Question 3: Holidays
4	Amira	F1	Prefiero las vacaciones en la costa. Me gusta mu y pasear en la playa. Odio visitar los museos, pe

Track			Question 4: TV programmes
5	Hugo	M1	A mí me gu... bastante ver la tele con mi famili ...las series porque son divertidas y me ...que son aburridas.

Track			Question 5: Work
6	Alejandro	M1	No me gustaría trabajar en una compañía. Hace tienda. Fue muy interesante ayudar a los cliente encantaría trabajar en una biblioteca.

Track			Question 6: Environmental issues
7	Malek	M1	En mi opinión, el problema más serio es el de n muchas compañías que tiran papel y plástico al r salvar a los animales en el río. Las empresas deb

Track			Question 7: Sports
8	Ana	F1	Soy miembro del ...de baloncesto del institu competi... ra mejor equipo de la región. Lo ...po y fue maravilloso. En el futuro me e

Track			Question 8: Music
9	*Carmen*	F1	La música es importante en mi vida porque me a... estudio para los exámenes. Normalmente los ca... sus seguidores hablando de amor y la vida en su...
	Marcos	M1	No voy a muchos concier... de música en direct... entradas son cara... y el... no es muy bueno p... directo y n... ... uena voz.

Track			Question 9: My town
10	P...	F1	Mi pueblo tiene muchos sitios buenos e interesa... importantes. Por ejemplo, no tenemos ningún c... encanta la historia! No tenemos muchos sitios p... pena. Quiero un cine nuevo porque el antiguo y...

Track			Question 10: Social media
11	*Narrator*	F1	¿Omar?
	Omar	M1	Paso demasiado tiempo en los medios sociales. ... encanta chatear con la gente.
	Narrator	F1	¿Carla?
	Carla	F2	Creo que los medios sociales son peligrosos par... Hay muchas personas falsas para atrapar a niño...
	Narrator	F1	¿Dani?
	Dani	M2	Creo que usar int... ... t... á b...en si no lo haces n... horas al d... ... m... ... áximo y eso es bueno.

Track			Question 11 (a): Physical and mental well-...
12	N...	M1	¿Mónika?
	M...	F1	Para mí es importante hacer ejercicio porque m... forma. Normalmente duermo al menos ocho ho... como demasiado chocolate.

Track			Question 11 (b): Physical and mental well-...
13	*Narrator*	M1	¿Luis?
	Luis	M2	Me gusta ser organizado. Por ejemplo, como sa... Odio estudiar tarde por la noche porque prefier...
	Narrator	M1	¿Mónika?
	Mónika	F1	Me encanta estudiar con mis amigos porque es n... No me gusta escuchar m... ... cuando estudio p... aprendo menos.

Track			Question 12: School
14	*Narrator*	F1	Example: El instituto es fenomenal. Sentence 1. Mi **colegio** es **muy** gr...
15	*Narrator*	F1	Sentence 2. F... trabajo, pero es **complicado***.
16	*Narrator*		Sentence 3. Ayer **fui** de **excursión*** escolar.
17	*Narrator*	M1	Example: Vivo cerca del instituto. Sentence 4. No me gusta hacer deberes.
18	*Narrator*	M1	Sentence 5. Estudiamos muchas asignaturas interesantes.
19	*Narrator*	M1	Sentence 6. Mis profesores son bastante estrictos.

* = Word not from the vocabulary list

Mark Scheme

Section A – LISTENING COMPREHENSION

Question number	Answer
1 (a)	A
1 (b)	C
1 (c)	B
2	A, D, E
3 (a)	at the seaside
3 (b)	~~swim in the pool~~
3 (c)	visit museums
4	B, E, F
5 (a)	B
5 (b)	A
5 (c)	B
5 (d)	C
6 (a)	not recycling
6 b)	throw rubbish (paper and plastic) into the river
6 (c)	(companies should) recycle all rubbish
7 (a)	B
7 (b)	C
7 (c)	A
8 (a)	study
8 (b)	life
8 (c)	expensive
8 (d)	rhythm
8 (e)	voices
9	B, D, E
10 (a)	B
10 (b)	A
10 (c)	
10 (d)	B
11 (a) (i)	doing exercise
11 (a) (ii)	chocolate
11 (b) (i)	**Likes** to be organised **Dislikes** studying (late) at night
11 (b) (ii)	**Likes** studying with friends **Dislikes** listening to music when studying

Section B – DICTATION (10 marks)

Mark	Number of rewardable words
10	19–20
9	17–18
8	15–16
7	13–14
6	11–12
5	9–10
4	7–8
3	5–6
2	3–4
1	1–2
0	0

Sentence 1: colegio / muy
Sentence 2: dibujo / complicado*
Sentence 3: fui / excursión*
Sentence 4: No me gusta hacer deberes
Sentence 5: Estudiamos muchas asignaturas
Sentence 6: Mis profesores son bástante

* = Word not from the vocabulary list

Mark Scheme

Section A – LISTENING COMPREHENSION

Question number	Answer
1 (a)	B
1 (b)	C
1 (c)	A
2	A, C, D
3 (a)	slow
3 (b)	
3 (c)	Jane
4	A, C, F
5 (a)	C
5 (b)	B
5 (c)	C
5 (d)	A
6 (a)	Respecting the right of people with disabilities
6 b)	(a degree) to become a teacher
6 (c)	good/interesting/successful life (any one)
7 (a)	B
7 (b)	C
7 (c)	A
8 (a)	important
8 (b)	easier
8 (c)	news
8 (d)	real
8 (e)	true
9	A, C, D
10 (a)	C
10 (b)	B
10 (c)	
10 (d)	
11 (a) (i)	having friends
11 (a) (ii)	because they help and support you with your problems
11 (b) (i)	**Likes** talking to friends when he has problems with his girlfriend **Dislikes** arguing about football teams
11 (b) (ii)	**Likes** spending a lot of time with friends **Dislikes** arguing about silly things (such as clothes or boys)

Section B – DICTATION (10 marks)

Mark	Number of rewardable words
10	19–20
9	17–18
8	15–16
7	13–14
6	12
5	
4	8
3	5–6
2	3–4
1	1–2
0	0

Sentence 1: ir / vacaciones
Sentence 2: paella / deliciosa*
Sentence 3: conciertos / arena*
Sentence 4: Me encanta viajar a
Sentence 5: Hace calor en verano
Sentence 6. El hotel estaba en Es

* = Word not from the vocabular

Preview of Answers Ends Here