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Practice Papers for GCSE AQA Spanish

Listening: Foundation



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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 AQA Spanish **2024 specification**.

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

Remember!

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

The papers contain 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 40 marks.

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

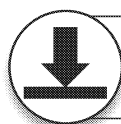
Students should be encouraged to note down, and learn, any new vocabulary from the questions they got wrong. The same paper could be set again after a couple of months, when students should aim to get 100%.

Each paper is provided in two formats: a write-on version, which typifies the format of the exam paper, and a non-write-on version, where students write the answers in their exercise books, designed to reduce photocopying.

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. Marking criteria and exemplification for Section B dictation can be found on the AQA website.

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

Specification Match Grid

The grid below shows how the audio tracks for the questions correspond with the 2024 specification:

1. Identity and relationships with others
2. Healthy living and lifestyle
3. Education and work
4. Free-time activities
5. Customs, festivals and celebrations
6. Celebrity culture
7. Travel and tourism
8. Media and technology
9. The environment and where people live

Paper 1		Paper 2	
Track 2	Education and work	Track 2	Customs, festivals and celebrations
Track 3	Free-time activities	Track 3	Media and technology
Track 4	The environment and where people live	Track 4	Free-time activities
Track 5	Identity and relationships with others	Track 5	Healthy living and lifestyle
Track 6	Customs, festivals and celebrations Travel and tourism	Track 6	Travel and tourism
Track 7	Celebrity culture	Track 7	Education and work
Track 8	Healthy living and lifestyle	Track 8	Celebrity culture Identity and relationships with others
Track 9	Media and technology	Track 9	Healthy living and lifestyle

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Track Listings

Paper 1	
Track	Title
1	Introduction
2	My timetable at school
3	My favourite sport
4	Are you environmentally friendly?
5	Family and friends
6	My friend's celebration party
7	Artana, a Spanish singer
8	Cooking ideas
9	A podcast about technology
10	Dictation sentence 1
11	Dictation sentence 2
12	Dictation sentence 3
13	Dictation sentence 4

Paper 2	
Track	Title
1	Introduction
2	Festivals in Spain
3	Technology at home
4	Practising sports
5	Living in the countryside
6	A trip to South America
7	A conversation with a friend
8	Celebrity childhood
9	Let's party
10	Dictation sentence 1
11	Dictation sentence 2
12	Dictation sentence 3
13	Dictation sentence 4

Paper 3	
Track	Title
1	Introduction
2	Transport choices
3	Relationships with friends
4	Technology habits
5	Do you eat well?
6	Podcast about my favourite idol
7	Climate
8	Let's party
9	School projects
10	Dictation sentence 1
11	Dictation sentence 2
12	Dictation sentence 3
13	Dictation sentence 4

Teacher's note:

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

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Write-on paper

Spanish
Listening

Foundation Tier Practice Paper 1

Name

Time allowed:

Approximately 35 minutes, including:

- 5 minutes' reading time before the test. You may make notes during this time.
- 2 minutes' checking time at the end to check your work.

Information:

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this part is 10.

Instructions:

- Fill in your name at the top of this page.
- **Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.**

For each part of the exam:

- Read the instructions and questions.
- Listen carefully to the recording and then re-read the questions.
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Section A

Listening comprehension

My timetable at school

Pedro is telling you about the lessons he has on Mondays.

A	PE
B	Maths
C	Chemistry
D	History
E	Spanish
F	Art

Which subjects does he study for each lesson?

Write the correct letter in each box.

1. First lesson

2. Third lesson

3. Fourth

4. Last lesson

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My favourite sport

Elena is telling you about her favourite sport.

Write the correct letter in each box.

5. What sort of sports does Elena love?

A	Ball sports
B	Water sports
C	Other sports

6. How often does Elena train?

A	Once a week
B	Twice a week
C	Every weekend

7. What does Elena like about the park close to her house?

A	It is very big
B	There are many kids to play with
C	There are a lot of trees

8. Elena's parents don't allow her to go to the park when ...

A	She has homework to do
B	She is ill
C	It's too cold

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Are you environmentally friendly?

You are going to listen to two Spanish teenagers talking about their habits.

Which of each speaker's habits are good for the environment?

Which habits should they change to reduce their carbon footprint?

A	Recycling
B	Use public transport
C	Waste of paper
D	Consume local products
E	Waste of electricity
F	Use of plastic bags

Answer both parts of each question.

Write the correct letter in each box.

	Good	Needs to improve
9.1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9.2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Family relationships

On Spanish radio, Paloma, a young student, is talking about family relationships with her friends.

What is her opinion about these aspects of her relationships?

Write **P** for a **positive** opinion.

Write **N** for a **negative** opinion.

Write **P+N** for a **positive** and **negative** opinion.

Answer both parts of question 10.

10.1 Her mother



10.2 Herself when she was a child

Answer both parts of question 11.

11.1 Her brothers and sister

11.2 Her father's decision



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My friend's celebration party

Elisa has been on holiday visiting her friend Pedro. She phones a friend to chat about her trip.

Answer the questions in **English**.

12. What was the first thing that impressed Elisa about the island when she landed?

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13. After resting at the beach, what did they do?

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14. What is the restaurant where they had dinner famous for?

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15. Why is Pedro holding a celebration?

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Aitana, a Spanish singer

Juan is listening to a programme about his favourite Spanish singer.

When do each of the events related take place?

Write **P** for something that has happened in the **past**.

Write **N** for something that is happening **now**.

Write **F** for something that is going to happen in the **future**.

Answer both parts of question 16.

16.1 A song

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16.2 Tour

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Answer both parts of question 17.

17.1 Musical contest

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17.2 Series of films

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Cooking ideas

Teresa is talking to her friend Pablo about cooking and a healthy diet. What do they say?

Write the correct letter in each box.

Answer both parts of question 18.

18.1 Teresa needs to buy...

A	ham
B	chicken
C	apples

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18.2 Pablo says they could...

A	carry the vegetables home
B	choose the drinks also
C	keep in touch

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Answer both parts of question 19.

19.1 Teresa says that when her English family came to her home for dinner, she used to...

A	meat and chips
B	vegetable dishes
C	pasta with fish

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19.2 Which member(s) of the family used to have a different dish?

A	the uncle
B	the cousins
C	the aunt

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A podcast about technology

You are listening to people talking about problems related to using new technology. Write down the technology they use, and what is the related problem?

Write the correct **letter** for the type of technology and the correct **number** for the problem.

Type of technology		Problem	
A	Computer	1	Expensive
B	Video camera	2	Lack of sleep
C	Telephone	3	Data protection and privacy
D	Speakers	4	Isolation

20. Felipe

Type of Technology

Problem

21. Manuela

Type of Technology

Problem

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Section B

Dictation

Listen carefully to the four short sentences.

Each sentence will be played **three** times: in full, in sections, and again in full.

Write down exactly what you hear in Spanish using your knowledge of Spanish so

Check that what you have written is accurate and makes sense.

Sentence 1

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Sentence 2

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Sentence 3

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Sentence 4

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Non-write-on paper

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Elena is telling you about her favourite sport. Write the correct letter for each question.

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 - A Ball sports
 - B Water sports
 - C Team sports
6. How often does she play tennis? (1 mark)
 - A Once a week
 - B Twice a week
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7. What does Elena like about her house?
 - A It is very big
 - B There are many rooms
 - C There are a lot of trees
8. Elena's parents like to go to the park with her.
 - A She still has to go
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C	Water usage	F	Use of plastic bags

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Needs to improve:
- 9.2 Good:

Needs to improve:

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17.2 Serie *La última*

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C	Telephones
D	Speakers

Problem

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3	Data protection and privacy
4	Isolation

20. Felipe: Type of Technology

Problem

21. Manuela: Type of Technology

Problem

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Transcript

Section A: Listening Comprehension

Track	Question	Name	Festivals in Spain
2	1	LUIS	En invierno se celebra esta fiesta y la gente
	2	LUIS	Voy a los talleres de cerámica en verano porque siempre
	3	LUIS	El verano también ponerse el traje de flamenco y en primavera.
	4	LUIS	Recogemos la uva en otoño para hacer vino

Track	Question	Name	Technology at home
3	5	MARÍA	Por las noches mi hermano lee los correos electrónicos
	6	MARÍA	Mi madre usa la tableta vieja para guardar los temas diferentes.
	7	MARÍA	Cuando salgo de casa siempre llevo conmigo a mi novio.
	8	MARÍA	Mi padre quiere una cámara nueva de una marca que tiene funciona mal.

Track	Question	Name	Practising sports
4	9.1	NARRATOR 1	Para correr es importante ponerse zapatos cómodos, camiseta, y pantalón corto. Tengo que ir más pero no quiero pagar la entrada.
	9.2	NARRATOR 2	Cuando voy a nadar miro qué tiempo va a hacer. Si llueve voy a la piscina. Pero soy poco responsable debería tener más cuidado.

Track	Question	Name	Living in the countryside
5	10.1	ALICIA	Cuando era niña vivía en un pueblo tranquilo cerca de las montañas al norte.
	10.2	ALICIA	Como yo era muy activa, discutía mucho con mis amigos y gritaba a veces.
	11.1	ALICIA	Mi barrio era bonito, pero había pocos niños y era aburrido.
	11.2	ALICIA	Todos los vecinos eran simpáticos, menos mi vecina de mal humor. Un día los perros se escaparon y dejamos la puerta abierta. ¡Estaba muy enojada!

Track	Question	Name	A trip to South America
6	12	ELISA	Cuando vimos Argentina por primera vez, me encantó el país.
	13	ELISA	Después de salir del aeropuerto nos llevaron a ver los paisajes más verdes y bonitos del mundo.
	14	ELISA	Luego descubrí que allí se hizo mi película favorita. Los chicos que conocí en el viaje.
	15	ELISA	El lugar era un parque que se puede visitar todo un día con mi familia!

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Track	Question	Name	A conversation with a
7	16	JAVIER	La profesora dice que va a preguntar las palabras en español mañana, así que ahora estoy repasando en clase.
	17	JAVIER	La canción española que aprendimos en clase fue difícil de entender. El domingo voy a comprar en el mercado.

Track	Question	Name	Celebrity childhood
8	18.1	LEONOR	Quiero ver el partido de Alcaraz. ¿Tus programas favoritos de deportes? Mi televisión es barata y antigua.
		JORGE	Sí, puedes venir a casa a verlo. Así no veré sin al jugador favorito.
	19.1	LEONOR	Cuando Alcaraz era pequeño jugaba siempre con los amigos. ¿Lo sabías?
	19.2	JORGE	Sí, empezó a jugar con cuatro años. Su abuelo le enseñó y tenía futuro.

Track	Question	Name	Lifestyle habits
9	20	DIEGO	Me llamo Diego y me encanta beber vino con amigos. Cuando bebo demasiado, al día siguiente estoy cansado. ¡Lo paso muy mal!
	21	LUCÍA	Soy Lucía y me encanta pasar el día sin hacer nada. No hago ejercicio y por eso cada vez peso más.

Section B: Dictation

Track	Section	Name	Section B: Dictation
10	1	M	Mi hermana/ lleva / un uniforme de enfermera.
11	2	F	Muchas personas / hacen ejercicio / para estar en forma.
12	3	M	Es un actor / reconocido .
13	4	F	Hay un virus / en el ordenador.

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Mark scheme

Section A: Listening comprehension

Question	Accept	
1	B	
2	C	
3	F	
4	D	
5	C	
6	P	
7		
8		
9.1	C, A	
9.2	D, F	
10.1	P	
10.2	N	
11.1	P+N	
11.2	P+N	
12	Bigger than expected / how big it is	Must qualify big
13	Some of the greenest / most beautiful in the world	
14	Her favourite film was shot there	Specify location (not
15	Iguazu Park, but from a neighbouring country	Another country mu
16.1	F	
16.2	N	
17.1	P	
17.2	F	
18.1	C	
18.2	B	
19.1	B	
19.2	A	
20		
21		

Section B: Dictation

Sentence 1

Mi hermana lleva un uniforme de enfermera.

Sentence 2

Muchas personas hacen ejercicio para estar en forma.

Sentence 3

Es un actor **reconocido**.

Sentence 4

Hay un **virus** en el ordenador.

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