



Why learn Spanish?

- While we wait...
- How many Spanish speaking countries can you think of?
There are around 20 in total!
(Think in your head)

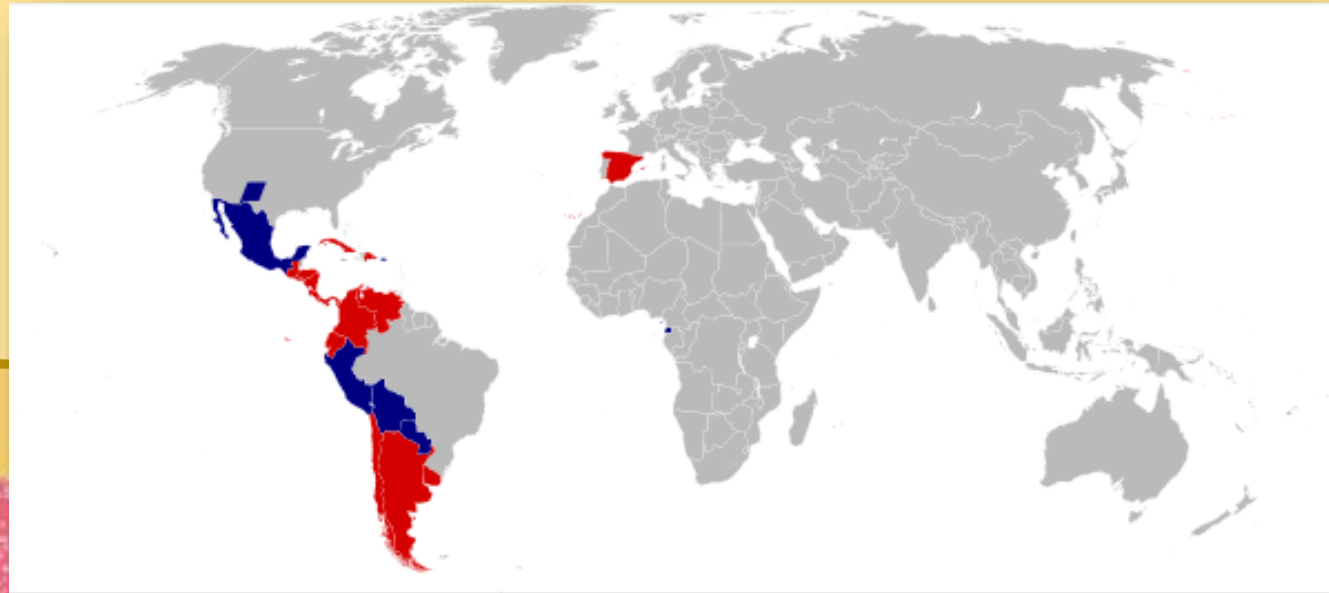
LANGUAGES AT ACS

- In KS4 you will continue learning the language that you study in KS3; Spanish.
- We also offer Gujarati if you are a native speaker.
- Additionally, you can take an extra GCSE exams on other native languages such as Arabic, Portuguese, Italian or Punjabi. You will not have lessons, but we will organise your exam.
Applications will take place in September 2026.

Question 1

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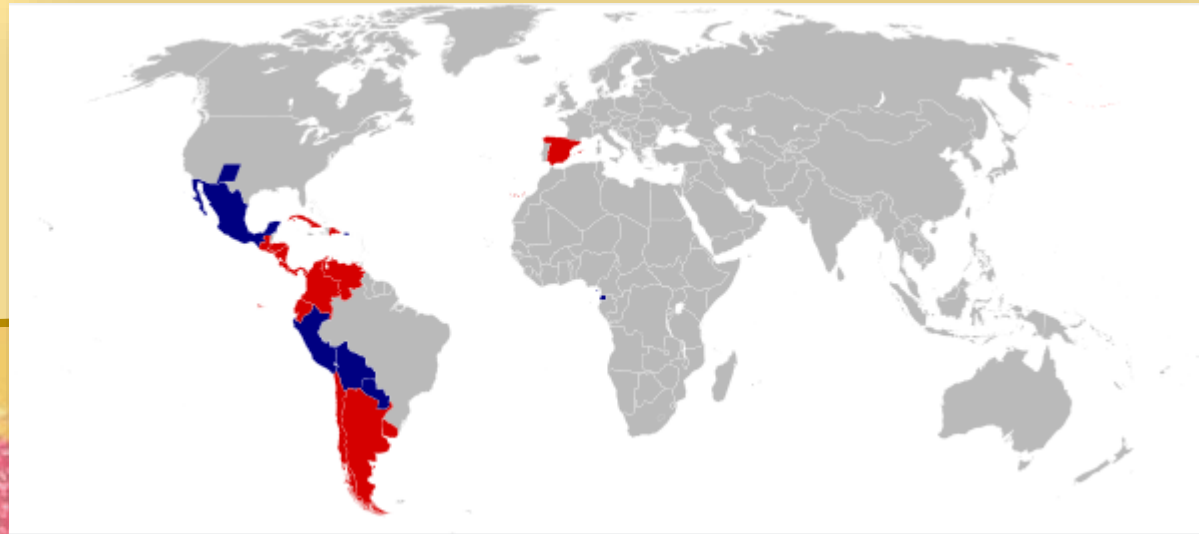
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Question 4

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True

False

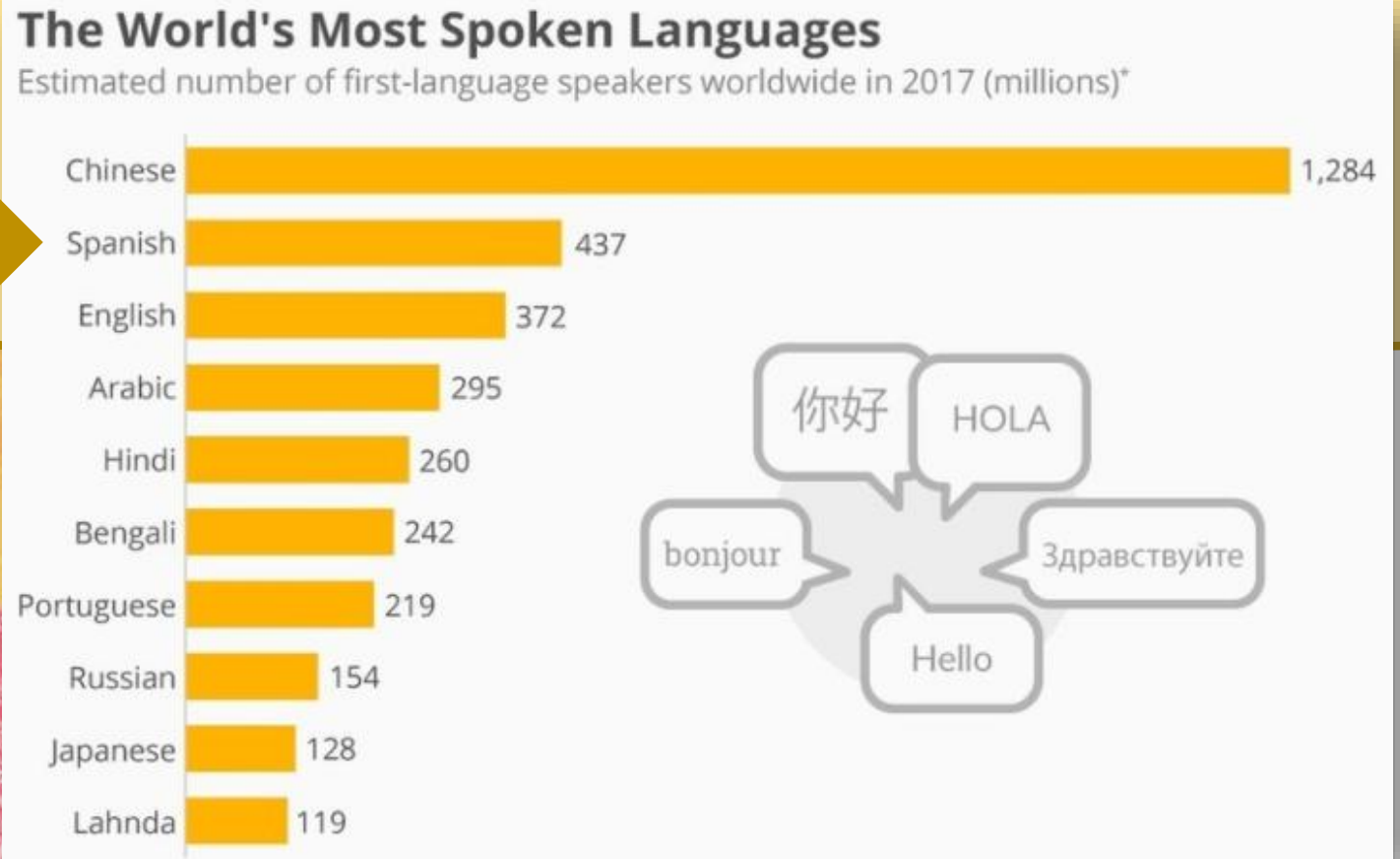


TRUE
OR
FALSE

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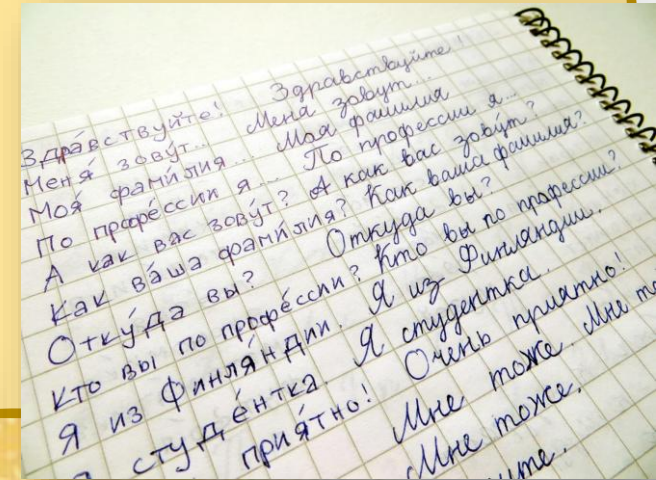
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Question 6

What other language has had a big influence on Spanish?

- A. Arabic
- B. Japanese
- C. Russian



Examples:



Rosa

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Rose

Roz

Vermelho

Rojo

Vermell

Rosso

Rouge

Roșu

Laranja

Naranja

Taronja

Arancione

Orange

Portocaliu

Preto

Negro

Negre

Nero

Noir

Negru

Prateado

Plateado

Platejat

Argento

Argenté

Argintiu

Dourado

Dorado

Daurat

Oro

Doré

Auriu

Question 6

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A. Arabic



Spanish has borrowed 8000 words from Arabic.

Examples

Arabic



Spanish

Al-Zaitoona

Aceituna

الزيتونة



Olive

Arabic



Spanish

Al-Zaa'faran

Azafrán

الزعفران



Saffron

Arabic



Spanish

Qamis

Camisa

قميص



Shirt

Arabic



Spanish

Zarafa

Jirafa

زرافة



Giraffe

Arabic



Spanish

Bantalon

Pantalones

بنطلون



Pants

Arabic



Spanish

Al-Zait

Aceite

الزيت



Oil

Arabic



Spanish

Al-Mikhadda

Almohada

المخدة



Pillow

Arabic



Spanish

Arozz

Arroz

أرز



Rice

Question 7

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Food

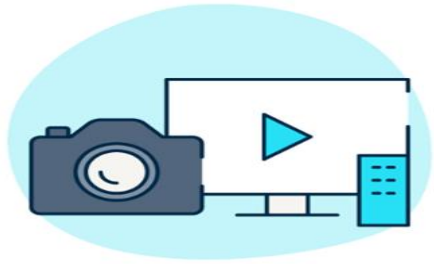
Banana	<i>Banana</i>
Chocolate	<i>Chocolate</i>
Fruit	<i>Fruta</i>
Prepare	<i>Preparar</i>
Restaurant	<i>Restaurante</i>
Salad	<i>Ensalada</i>



Daily life

Bank	<i>Banco</i>
Doctor	<i>Doctor</i>
Family	<i>Familia</i>
Hospital	<i>Hospital</i>
Organize	<i>Organizar</i>
Study	<i>Estudiar</i>

Examples:



Free time

Celebrate	<i>Celebrar</i>
Music	<i>Música</i>
Photography	<i>Fotografía</i>
Relax	<i>Relajarse</i>
Sport	<i>Deporte</i>
Television	<i>Televisión</i>



Travel

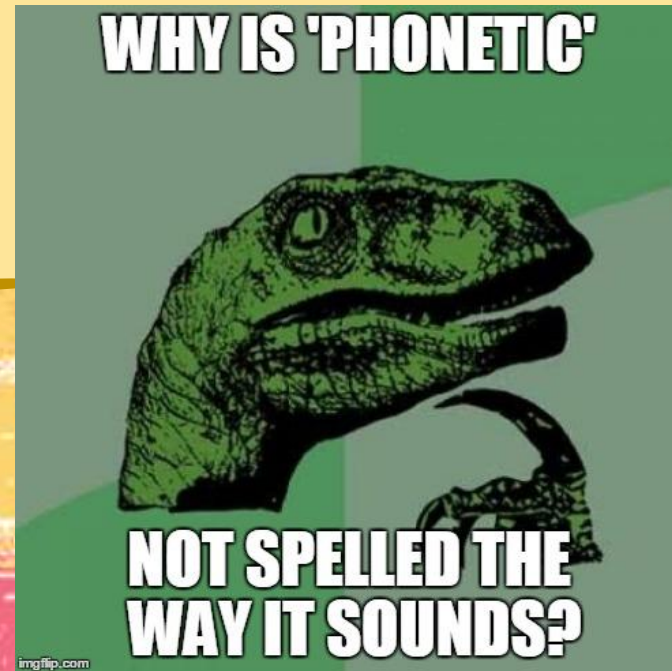
Airport	<i>Aeropuerto</i>
Hotel	<i>Hotel</i>
Passport	<i>Pasaporte</i>
Reserve	<i>Reservar</i>
Tourist	<i>Turista</i>
Visit	<i>Visitar</i>

Question 8

Spanish is a phonetic language. True or false?

True

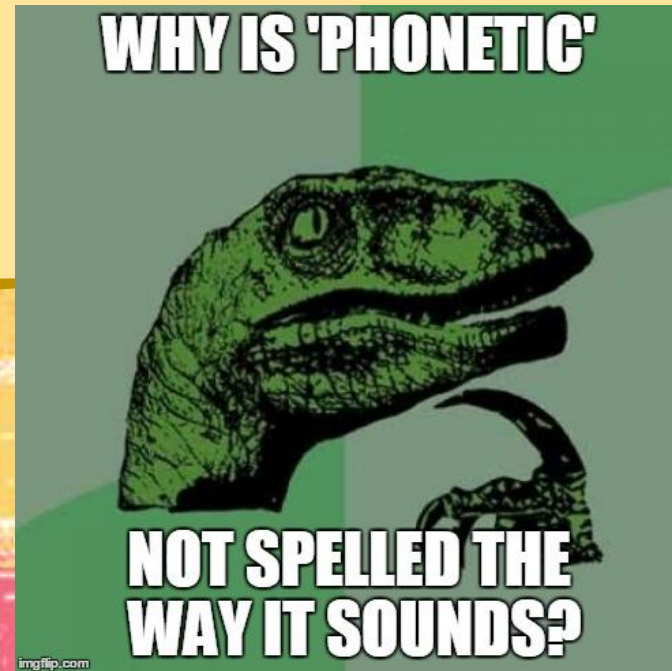
False



Question 8

Spanish is a phonetic language. True or false?

True
False



Question 9

Spain is the most popular holiday destination for people in the UK.
True or false?

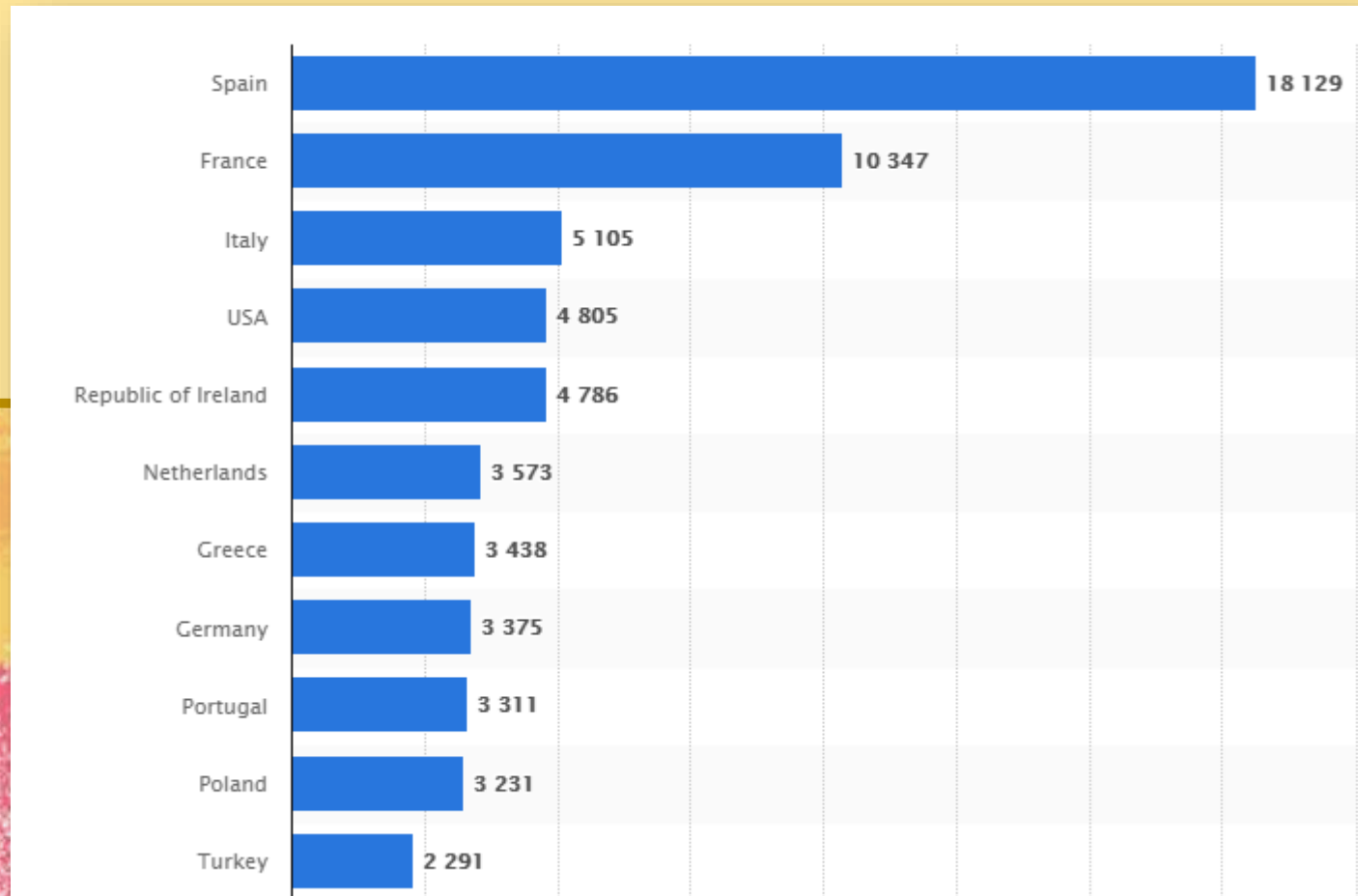
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False



Question 9

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True ←
False



Question 10

Companies in the UK need employees who can speak Spanish.
True or false?

True
False

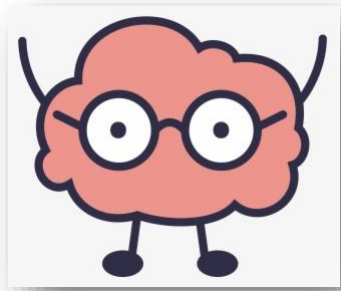


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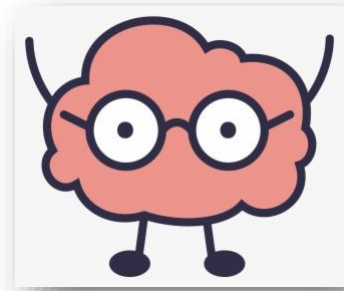
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False

Five languages top the list: Spanish, Mandarin, French, Arabic and German



Brain Health



Research has shown that there are numerous benefits for your brain health if you learn a second language:

- 1. Mental agility:** Better concentration, creativity, and attention span.
- 2. Cultural awareness:** Learning about different cultures makes you more tolerant and reduces bias.
- 3. Academic performance:** Students who learn multiple languages often show improved reading comprehension and perform better in other subjects.
- 4. Better memory and problem-solving**

Language Learning & The Brain

DEGREES THAT REQUIRE LANGUAGES

Some university degrees require an extra language. Can you name any...?



DEGREES THAT REQUIRE LANGUAGES

- **Modern Languages, Translation and Linguistics**

Requires strong evidence of languages.

- **International Relationships and Politics**

High focus on global communication.

- **Business, Management and International Marketing**

Some courses, such as International Business, require languages.

- **History and Literature**

A language qualification aids in studying texts in their original language.

- **Hotel Management and Tourism**

Requires multiple languages for customer service.

- **Journalism and Media studies**

Specifically broadcast journalism or international reporting.

- **Law**

International law involves European legal systems and require languages.

LANGUAGES AT UNIVERSITY

University College London (UCL)

UCL has one of the strongest preferences for a language qualification, requiring a foreign language GCSE (or equivalent) for admission to all its undergraduate degrees, or requiring students to take a module in a language during their studies.

Oxford and Cambridge

While not a formal universal requirement for all subjects, a GCSE in a language is viewed as a sign of a well-rounded student and is highly advantageous for competitive courses in arts, humanities, and social sciences.

Russell Group Universities

Although languages are not strictly a requirement, these universities still value language skills as evidence of academic ability.

GCSE Spanish Topics

1. People and Lifestyle

Identity and relationships with others

Healthy living and lifestyle

Education and work

2. Popular Culture

Free time activities

Customs, festivals and celebrations

Celebrity culture

3. Communication and the World around us

Travel and tourism, including places of interest

Media and technology

The environment and where people live



The GCSE Course

There are four exams, each worth 25% of the overall grade.

Each exam assesses a different skill:

- Listening
- Speaking
- Reading
- Writing

These exams can be entered at either foundation or higher tier.



EXAMS

In Spanish we have two tiers:

- Foundation tier: grades 1-5
- Higher tier: grades 9



Careers



In fact, learning a language will be hugely beneficial for a vast range of different careers, even if you don't end up using the actual language itself for your day-to-day work. Through learning a language, you will also develop a range of valuable skills that can be used in a variety of jobs and situations. This is why employers love to see a language qualification on your CV.

Problem-solving

Ability to multitask

Attention to

Interpreting information

detail
Tolerance &

Enhanced memory

understanding
Communication

Resilience

Listening to others



Travel



With 20 Spanish speaking countries, there's no shortage of places you could visit and use your language skills. One of the best things about learning Spanish is getting the chance to explore a different culture as well as the language.

Studying Spanish at GCSE could also give you the opportunity to visit Spain on one of our school trips where you can practise your Spanish, go shopping, visit monuments and play beach games with friends.



Toledo - Summer camp



