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Internal Assessment Resource

Languages Level 3

This resource supports assessment against:

Achievement Standard 91572

Standard title: Write a variety of text types in clear Spanish to explore and justify varied ideas and perspectives

**Credits:** 5

Resource title: A virtual classroom

**Resource reference:** Languages 3.5B v3 Spanish

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| This resource:   * Clarifies the requirements of the Standard * Supports good assessment practice * Should be subjected to the school’s usual assessment quality assurance process * Should be modified to make the context relevant to students in their school environment and ensure that submitted evidence is authentic |

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| Quality assurance status | These materials have been quality assured by NZQA. NZQA Approved number: A-A-03-2017-91572-03-6416 |
| Authenticity of evidence | Teachers must manage authenticity for any assessment from a public source, because students may have access to the assessment schedule or student exemplar material.  Using this assessment resource without modification may mean that students’ work is not authentic. The teacher may need to change figures, measurements or data sources or set a different context or topic to be investigated or a different text to read or perform. |

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Teacher guidelines

The following guidelines are supplied to enable teachers to carry out valid and consistent assessment using this internal assessment resource.

Teachers need to be very familiar with the outcome being assessed by the achievement standard. The achievement criteria and the explanatory notes contain information, definitions, and requirements that are crucial when interpreting the standard and assessing students against it.

Context/setting

This assessment requires students to imagine their Spanish class is establishing a virtual classroom on the school intranet and to produce a minimum of two written texts for this intranet site.

This resource provides four scenarios, from which students select a minimum of two. Adapt or replace any of the suggested scenarios that are not appropriate or sufficiently real for your students.

This assessment activity could be used in conjunction with assessment for Achievement Standard 91570 *Interact clearly using spoken Spanish to explore and justify varied ideas and perspectives in different situations.* In other words, students could be assessed for their interactive speaking and their writing using the same learning context. If this is done, ensure that the students are not achieving double credit for simply reusing the same ideas and language.

This resource material should be read in conjunction with:

* the Senior Secondary Teaching and Learning Guides for languages <http://seniorsecondary.tki.org.nz/>
* NCEA Level 3 Languages Conditions of Assessment <http://ncea.tki.org.nz/Resources-for-Internally-Assessed-Achievement-Standards>
* the NCEA Level 3 writing clarification documents for Spanish (available on the NZQA website).

Conditions

Your overall judgement will be made on the basis of the total evidence contained in the pieces of writing. The evidence should be sufficient to demonstrate that the student is working at the level reasonably consistently rather than accidentally and occasionally.

Resource requirements

You could support students with accessing and using a range of resources to help them draft and revise their writing, for example, search engines, word lists, spelling and grammar checkers, pamphlets, dictionaries, textbooks, and grammar notes.

Additional information

None.

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Student instructions

Introduction

Imagine that your Spanish class is establishing a virtual classroom on the school intranet. You are required to write a minimum of two texts in Spanish for this virtual classroom.

Write in a format and style that is linguistically and culturally appropriate. Ensure that the content is informed, well organised, and fit for the purpose and audience.

All work must be your own. Extracts from external sources should not be included without acknowledging the sources. Any extracts from external sources will not be considered in the final achievement judgement. Language from the language samples may not be used unless it is significantly reworked.

There is no word limit but it is recommended that, across the texts, you write a total of about 400–500 words. Quality is however more important than quantity.

You may draft and revise your writing. You may use resources such as search engines, word lists, spelling and grammar checkers, pamphlets, dictionaries, text books, and grammar notes to help you when you are drafting and revising. Only your final versions will be assessed.

You will be assessed on how effectively you use Spanish to explore and justify a variety of ideas and perspectives in your pieces of writing.

Task

Write a minimum of two texts in Spanish, suitable for posting on your class’s (imaginary) virtual classroom pages on the school intranet.

In your writing, you should:

* express, explore, and justify (with explanations or evidence) your own ideas and perspectives
* explore and support/challenge (with explanations or evidence) the ideas and perspectives of others
* use language and language features that are fit for purpose and audience
* include some ideas and information from sources other than your own direct experience (for example, articles, films, or discussions with native speakers).

Choose a minimum of two of the four following scenarios as the basis for your written texts. The bullet points are suggestions only and should not limit your ideas.

Use your language and cultural knowledge to organise each text so that it is appropriate for the purpose and audience.

Film review

You belong to a Spanish film club. Each week you view and discuss with the other members a Spanish film or a film about the Spanish culture. This week you have watched a film you feel particularly strongly about. Write a review and post it on your Spanish intranet class webpage.

In your review, you could:

* discuss one or more aspects of this film (for example, themes, the development of characters, film techniques) in detail
* express your personal response to this film
* include other views on this film
* give this film a rating out of five stars and justify your rating
* give recommendations to Spanishstudents on whether the film is worth viewing, and justify your recommendations.

Celebrating International Languages Week

Your school has held an event to celebrate International Languages Week. Write an article about this event in Spanish and post it on your Spanish intranet class webpage.

In your article, you could:

* give general information about the event (for example, what the event was, when and where it took place, who was involved)
* explain the purpose of the event and the benefits it has brought to the school
* describe what activities were available with specific reference to the involvement of your Spanish class (for example, food stalls, performances, and/or other cultural activities)
* evaluate the success of the event
* give advice to your school or Spanish class for improvements for future events and explain why your ideas would be improvements.

A helping hand

A natural disaster or humanitarian issue has affected Spain. Prepare a letter suitable for emailing to or posting on a class blog addressed to the students at your sister school in Spain, expressing your concern and asking what you could do to help. Post your letter on your Spanish intranet class webpage for peer review.

In your letter, you could:

* express sympathy and condolences if appropriate
* ask what initiatives Spain and/or your sister school have already undertaken and how you could be involved in their projects
* explain the ideas your Spanish class has come up with and ask if they are appropriate
* find out what other forms of support and assistance are needed.

Life in New Zealand

The students in your class have been asked to produce short Spanish articles for the international section of the school website, exploring life for young people in New Zealand. Post your article on your Spanish intranet class webpage for peer review.

In your article, you could:

* describe and explain some of the traditional ‘kiwiana’ and/or cultural practices that the students may experience, for example, eating a hāngi, the cultural significance of greenstone, visiting a marae, the silver fern, the All Blacks, pot luck dinners, jandals, possible similarities and differences in teenage life in New Zealand and in Spain
* describe and explain leisure activities and opportunities for socialising
* provide tips on fitting in with New Zealanders of the same age
* include experiences, ideas, and opinions from other Spanish students who have lived in New Zealand.

Across the texts, aim to:

* write clearly, so that you communicate your intended meaning
* use language in a way that is controlled and integrated
* make appropriate use of New Zealand Curriculum level 8 communication skills, language, and cultural knowledge.

As far as possible, avoid inconsistencies that might hinder communication (for example, inconsistencies in format, spelling, lexical choice, level of formality, language conventions, or language features).

Assessment schedule: Languages 91572 Spanish – A virtual classroom

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| **Evidence/Judgements for Achievement** | **Evidence/Judgements for Achievement with Merit** | **Evidence/Judgements for Achievement with Excellence** |
| In clear Spanish, the student has produced at least two written texts of various types for the agreed scenarios. The total length of the texts is approximately 400–500 words.  Across the texts, the student explores and justifies varied ideas and perspectives. They do this by:   * evaluating and giving explanations or evidence to support their own ideas and perspectives * supporting or challenging the ideas and perspective of others.   Their writing:   * is organised in a linguistic and culturally appropriate format and style * consists of content that is informed and fit for the purpose and audience * makes appropriate use of New Zealand Curriculum level 8 communication skills, language and cultural knowledge, for example:   *Esta semana vimos la película “El mar adentro” y me ha llamado mucho la atención. El protagonista es alguien que después de 30 años sin poder moverse de la cama, tiene como deseo terminar su vida dignamente. Nunca he pensado en el tema de la eutanasia hasta ahora. Realmente no es algo que tenga una respuesta sencilla.*  Communication is achieved overall despite inconsistencies (such as format, spelling, lexical choice, level of formality, language conventions, or language features).  *The examples above are indicative samples only.* | In clear, convincing Spanish, the student has produced at least two written texts of various types for the agreed scenarios. The total length of the texts is approximately 400–500 words.  Across the texts, the student explores and justifies varied ideas and perspectives. They do this by using language that is generally credible and connected to:   * evaluate and give explanations or evidence to support their own ideas and perspectives * support or challenge the ideas and perspectives of others.   Their writing:   * demonstrates use of a range of language and language features that are fit for the purpose and audience * is organised in a linguistic and culturally appropriate format and style * makes appropriate use of New Zealand Curriculum level 8 communication skills, language and cultural knowledge, for example:   *Esta semana fui a ver la película “El mar adentro” de Alejandro Amenábar y tengo que decir que me impresionaron la historia y los temas de los que trata.*  *Ramón, el protagonista, lleva más de 30 años sin poder moverse de la cama y su único deseo es terminar con su vida dignamente. El tema de la eutanasia no es algo en lo que haya pensado antes de ahora. De hecho, dudo que sea un tema en el que los adolescentes hayan pensado mucho*.  Communication is not significantly hindered by inconsistencies (such as format, spelling, lexical choice, level of formality, language conventions, or language features).  *The examples above are indicative samples only.* | In clear, effective Spanish, the student has produced at least two written texts of various types for the agreed scenarios. The total length of the texts is approximately 400–500 words.  Across the texts, the student explores and justifies varied ideas and perspectives. They do this by using language that is controlled and integrated to:   * evaluate and give explanations or evidence to support their own ideas and perspectives * support or challenge the ideas and perspectives of others.   Their writing:   * demonstrates capable selection and successful use of a range of language and language features that are fit for the purpose and audience * is organised in a linguistic and culturally appropriate format and style * makes appropriate use of New Zealand Curriculum level 8 communication skills, language and cultural knowledge, for example:   *Esta semana fui a ver una película española dirigida por Alejandro Amenábar, llamada “El mar adentro”. Tengo que decir que me impresionaron tanto la historia como los temas de los que trata.*  *El protagonista, Ramón, es una persona que tras un accidente, se encuentra limitado a estar en cama. Después de 30 años, uno puede entender que quiera acabar con su propia vida. El tema de la eutanasia ha estado en los medios de comunicación en Nueva Zelanda, pero dudo que sea un tema al que muchos adolescentes hayan dedicado mucho tiempo.*  *Realmente, si yo estuviera en la misma situación, no sé lo que haría. Lo mires como lo mires, es un tema que no tiene una respuesta sencilla.*  Communication is not hindered by inconsistencies (such as format, spelling, lexical choice, level of formality, language conventions, or language features).  *The examples above are indicative samples only.* |

Final grades will be decided using professional judgement based on a holistic examination of the evidence provided against the criteria in the Achievement Standard.