

# Spanish Leaving Cert



# WHY STUDY SPANISH?

- **Why Study Spanish?**
- Importance of Spanish as a global language.
- Benefits: Travel, career opportunities, and communication.
- How it can boost Leaving Cert points.

# ORDINARY VS. HIGHER

- Key differences in **content, difficulty, and expectations**
- Both levels have the **same sections** in the exam:
  - **Listening (Aural) – 20%**
  - **Reading Comprehension – 30%**
  - **Writing – 25%**
  - **Oral Exam – 25%**

However, the **difficulty of the questions** and the level of detail required in the answers are what set them apart.

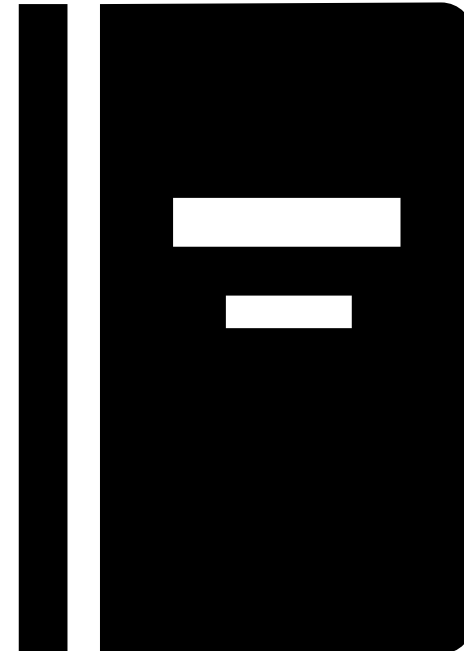
# Oral

- 10 minute conversation about yourself
  - Family, pastimes, your summer, your house, the problems in your area
- 5 minute role-play
  - You choose one randomly in the moment
    - La autocaravana
    - El accidente de tráfico
    - El portátil roto
    - El cambio climático
    - El Alojamiento
- **Ordinary Level:**
  - Simpler questions and answers.
  - Less emphasis on a wide range of tenses.
  - More structured and straightforward responses accepted.



# Reading

- **Higher Level:**
  - Longer, more complex texts.
  - A mix of different tenses and advanced grammar.
  - Questions that require inference and deeper understanding.
  - **Two long texts and two short texts**
- **Ordinary Level:**
  - Shorter and simpler texts.
  - More direct questions with answers that are easier to find in the text.
  - More multiple-choice questions to help guide answers.



# Listening

- Higher level
  - More detailed answer required
  - More advanced vocabulary and idioms
- Ordinary
  - Multiple choice questions
  - Answers are shorter
  - Same audio different questions



# Writing

- **Higher Level:**

- Must write a **formal or informal letter, opinion piece, or diary entry or note.**
- Expected to use a variety of tenses, linking words, and good structure.
- More advanced grammar required.

- **Ordinary Level:**

- Simpler writing tasks (e.g., filling out a form, writing a postcard, or a short note or diary ).
- Basic sentences and structures are enough.
- More emphasis on communication rather than complex grammar.

# What do I chose ?



- **Choose Higher Level if:**

- You are comfortable with Spanish and can use different tenses.
- You can write structured and detailed answers.
- You are confident in speaking and expressing opinions.
- You want to maximize points (Higher Level has a better points system).

- **Choose Ordinary Level if:**

- You struggle with grammar and vocabulary.
- You prefer shorter, more straightforward answers.
- You find listening to fast Spanish difficult.
- You just need to pass and do not need Spanish for college.