

Module 2 – Viajes

Writing Practice – Higher Tier

80–90 word writing task

Exer
1

Look at this writing exam task and then, for each bullet point:

- 1 Think about what vocabulary you have learned that you could use in your answer. For example:
 - **nouns** and **verbs** to say what there is / what tourists can do
 - **verbs of opinion** and **adjectives** to explain reasons
 - language for **narrating a story** about what you did
 - how to explain where you **would like to go** and **why**.
- 2 Write down three or four ideas for what you could write about.
- 3 Write down which tense(s) you will need to use in your answer.

Write a letter to your friend about holidays and travel.

You **must** include the following points:

- activities or attractions for tourists in your area
- your opinion of public transport with reasons
- what you did in the summer holidays
- somewhere you would like to visit in the future

Write your answer **in Spanish**.

Aim to write between 80 and 90 words.

Only use language that you know. For example, if you went to Scotland but don't know the Spanish name for it, say you went to Spain instead (as long as you know the word *España*).



Exer
2

Read Alex's answer to the exam task. Answer the questions in the callouts.

- 1** These are examples of **complex language**. What do they mean? Find three more examples from the text.

- 2** Which **tense** is this? What other examples can you find? Does he use any other tenses?

- 3** How could he **avoid repetition** by using a synonym here?

Hola, Gonzalo

Mi pueblo es bonito, pero **es pequeño**. **No hay mucha para los turistas**. Sin embargo, si te gusta la historia, **hay que pasear** por las calles antiguas. También **hay un bosque**. **Se puede apreciar** la naturaleza.

Por un lado, **suelo viajar** en autobús porque **es más barato que** viajar en tren. Por otro lado, no me gusta **porque** es menos rápido. ¡Qué aburrido!

Acabo de pasar una semana en España. Lo mejor fue cuando fuimos a la playa y **jugué en la arena** con mi hermano, pero el hotel **fue decepcionante** porque **no tenía ni** piscina **ni** gimnasio.

Creo que me gustaría ir a Australia y **aprovechar** el buen clima. También, **me gustaría** disfrutar del **bonito** paisaje.

¡Hasta luego!

Alex

- 4** Which connectives could you use here to form **extended sentences**? What other connectives does he use?

- 5** These words show a **variety of vocabulary**. What do they mean? Find two more examples.



Leer
3

Read Alex's answer again. Copy and complete the sentences.

- 1 In Alex's town there is a where you can .
- 2 He tends to travel by because .
- 3 He has just .
- 4 He liked it when they .
- 5 He wasn't impressed with the because .
- 6 Australia has and , in his opinion.

Escribir
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Prepare your own answer to the task.

- Think about how you can develop your answer for each bullet point.
- Look back at your notes from exercises 1 and 2.
- Look at the 'Challenge Checklist' and consider how you can show off your Spanish!
- Write a **brief** plan and organise your answer into paragraphs.
- Write your answer and then carefully check the accuracy of what you have written.

Challenge checklist

	✓ Past, present and future time frames ✓ Connectives/time phrases/sequencers ✓ Some extended sentences ✓ Different opinion phrases
	✓ A wider range of tenses (e.g. imperfect) ✓ Different persons of the verb ✓ More varied opinions (e.g. exclamations) ✓ Negatives (e.g. <i>no tenía...</i>) ✓ A wide range of interesting vocabulary
	✓ Phrases with more than one tense ✓ Verbs with an infinitive (e.g. <i>acabo de / suelo / se puede(n) + infinitive</i>) ✓ Complex language (e.g. comparatives, superlatives, <i>si</i> + present tense) ✓ Positive/negative phrases (e.g. <i>lo peor fue cuando...</i>) ✓ More varied connectives (e.g. <i>por un lado, por otro lado...</i>)

Translation

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1

Read the English text and Carla's translation of it. Correct the **ten** mistakes in the Spanish translation. (But be careful: they are not grammatical mistakes, just mistakes of meaning.)

I love going to the countryside in the holidays. It is usually very beautiful in autumn. There aren't many shops, but you can enjoy the incredible views. However, last year we went to Mexico. Next time I think I would like to travel by boat because it's less expensive than the plane.

Me gusta ir al camping en las vacaciones. A menudo es muy hermosa en primavera. No hay muchos espectáculos, pero se puede disfrutar de edificios increíbles. Por lo tanto, el año pasado fui a México. La próxima vez creo que me gustaría viajar en metro porque es más caro que el avión.

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2

Translate the following text into Spanish.

I don't like going abroad in summer. It is always hot and there are lots of people. Last year I lost my mobile phone on the beach. I prefer to visit a city because you can enjoy the architecture. Next year we are going to rent an apartment because it's cheaper than a hotel.

Remember that most weather phrases don't translate word for word. Which verb do you need to use for 'it is hot'?

