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## Level 2 Spanish 2025

### 91148 Demonstrate understanding of a variety of spoken Spanish texts on familiar matters

Credits: Five

Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
Demonstrate understanding of a variety of spoken Spanish texts on familiar matters.	Demonstrate clear understanding of a variety of spoken Spanish texts on familiar matters.	Demonstrate thorough understanding of a variety of spoken Spanish texts on familiar matters.

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**You should attempt ALL the questions in this booklet.**

Each of the questions in this assessment requires you to listen to a passage in Spanish. You will hear each passage three times:

- The first time, you will hear it as a whole.
- The second and third times, you will hear it in sections, with a pause after each.
- As you listen, you may make notes in the space provided.
- Before the passage begins, you will have 30 seconds to read the question.
- Once the passage has finished, you will have time to review your answers.

Answer in your choice of English, te reo Māori, and/or Spanish. If you need more room for any answer, use the extra space provided at the back of this booklet.

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## INSTRUCTIONS

You may listen to each passage three times using the audio player. The first reading is the entire passage, and the second and third readings split the passage into sections. **Complete your audio listening before continuing to the next page.**

## FIRST PASSAGE: *Pasar tiempo juntos* (Spending time together)

Listen to an interview with a nurse about the benefits of old and young people spending time together. Refer to the passage in your answer to Question One.

### AUDIO PLAYER: First Passage

Read the question before you begin listening to the passage.

**Each section can be played ONCE only, and cannot be paused or stopped.**

#### FIRST READING

Full passage  
3m 25s Played

#### SECOND READING

Section 1  
Played

Section 2  
1m 16s Played

Section 3  
Played

#### THIRD READING

Section 1  
1m 4s

Section 2  
1m 16s

Section 3  
38s

### LISTENING NOTES

## QUESTION ONE

(a) What do the old and young people do during their time together?

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Twice a week, the elderly at a retirement village in Madrid participate in a very special activity, in which they spend an hour with children from 2 to 3 years old to engage in 'leisure activities' together. The children learn how to respect elders and the elderly teach them kids' games and songs. According to the nurse Mario Torres, during this visit, the elderly and the children play, talk, sing, work in the garden and together, and they then share food with each other. Thus, this experience gives them the opportunity to socialise, interact and give them a 'change of environment'. Additionally, it also helps them to develop their social and physical skills.

(b) How do they benefit from this programme? Use evidence from the passage to support your answer.

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According to the passage, both the children and the elderly benefit from this programme. In a practical sense, the two centres, one for the elderly and one for the children, lie under the same roof, which means that they are able to share distinct activities. This means that transport nor additional workers are needed and there are no costs, hence denoting an economic benefit as well! (They do not have to pay for travel fees.)

For the elderly, this programme allows them to socialise and spend time with others. The nurse Mario Torres says that both parties are very happy spending time with each other, and that it offers a ton of benefits. The elderly live in the centre and often don't have family around, and can feel lonely and isolated. This is significant as humans are inherently social, and hence human interaction is a necessity for the sake of our wellbeing and the maintenance of our social wellbeing. Therefore, this special programme allows them to engage with children and have fun with them, which is to compensate with their lack of human interaction while staying in the retirement village. This is particularly significant as elderly, of their old age and no longer part of the workforce and no longer as physically fit, may feel that they no longer serve a purpose in their life, especially when most of their families are busy with work and school and often do not have the time to visit them. However, this programme gives the elderly the opportunity to socialise, interact and give them a 'change of environment'. Additionally, it also helps them to develop their social and physical skills, and improves the elderly's self-esteem. The elderly say that they feel useful because they have a sense of responsibility. This essentially reminds them the beauty of human connection and realise that life is still worth enjoying even at old age, even when one cannot do the things they used to be able to do. This suggests that spending time with children restores their inner peace and brings them joy and happiness, perhaps even bringing out their inner child in the process.

On the children's part, this experience is akin to having grandparents around. This ultimately develops their empathy, and they learn how to value and treat the elderly with respect. The elderly teach them kids' games and songs. Therefore, this suggests that this programme is beneficial for children as it teaches them positive values such as being respectful and empathetic and politeness, all of which are valuable qualities which especially when ingrained in their mindset from a young age, will serve them well for their future. It is evident that both the children and elderly alike are eager to and enjoy spending time with each other, as the nurse Mario Torres says that the children always ask him if the elderly are coming, and at the end of every session, both the elderly and the children count down to their next moment together. Therefore, this programme is beneficial because it enhances the mental, social, emotional and even physical wellbeing of elderly and children alike, overall contributing to an enhanced quality of life for both parties.

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### SECOND PASSAGE: *Los plátanos – la fruta diversa* (Bananas – the diverse fruit)

Listen to a report about eating bananas. Refer to the passage in your answer to Question Two.

#### Glossed Vocabulary

madurar	to mature
el pico	spike
el potasio	potassium

#### AUDIO PLAYER: Second Passage

Read the question before you begin listening to the passage.

**Each section can be played ONCE only, and cannot be paused or stopped.**

##### FIRST READING



##### SECOND READING



##### THIRD READING



#### LISTENING NOTES

#### QUESTION TWO

Is it better to eat bananas when they are green or yellow? Explain your answer by comparing the qualities of both.

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According to the passage, the banana is a type of food that is full of beneficial nutrients. Bananas give us energy quickly and are rich in vitamins and minerals. However, it notes that this fruit changes flavour, shape and appearance depending on its ripeness. Green and yellow bananas also have different nutrient profiles. Thus, the banana can be eaten when it is green or yellow, and each has its own particular advantages. Therefore depending on the individual (their medical conditions, what nutrients they require, what taste they are looking for, etc.) green or yellow bananas can be eaten depending on the situation.

The passage says that the greenest bananas are hard and quite sour and bitter in taste. That is, they tend to be less sweet than riper (yellow) bananas. As greener bananas have lower sugar content, it's less likely for them cause blood sugar spikes. Therefore, green bananas would be beneficial for people who have problems relating blood sugar, such as diabetes. When a banana is green, it contains more vitamin C, which helps the immune system, meanign green bananas provide a stronger protection against illness. This is further proof that green bananas would be a better option for those with certain conditions such as diabetes, who would be more susceptible and vulnerable to disease. Additionally, green bananas also contain more fibre compared to yellow bananas, meaning they offer an additional benefit of making us feel full more quickly/the sensation of fullness. This fact also means that eating green bananas may allow one to lose weight in a more efficient way, as when one feels full, one will be far less likely to overeat. So, for people who are looking to lose weight in general, people with diabetes and obesity, or people who are more sedentary and less physically active, bananas would be better eaten green, due to the particular key nutrients it contains that would be very beneficial in improving their physical health. Additionally if one is more inclined towards bitter and sour foods, which is uncommon but does exist, green bananas would be better.

Meanwhile, the passage says that one of the advantages of riper, yellow bananas is that they contain a high level of potassium, which is an essential mineral which works to maintain the function of the heart and muscles. Therefore, certain people with heart and muscle issues such as cardiovascular diseases, muscle tension/pain and muscle cramps would be better off eating bananas that are yellow in colour compared to bananas that are green. Yellow bananas also contain more sugar compared to green bananas, and so people who have a sweet tooth and a preference for sweeter foods would be better off consuming bananas that are yellow, as this satisfies their flavour palate. (This also means yellow bananas would be more suitable for baking and creating products like banana bread.) However, the passage says that we should take into account that the yellow banana's sweeter taste does not change the number of carbohydrates it contains. Instead, what it changes is the rate at which the sugar enters the blood. So, being an important source of carbohydrates and potassium and promoting the quick absorption of sugar into the blood to produce energy, it is also an especially good option for those who play sports and those who must intake these nutrients quickly, because the carbs, the high carb absorption rate and potassium all work to give energy for the day as well as making sure that the muscles and heart, which are actively engaging in physical activity. So if one is looking for a banana that gives them energy, if one prefers sweeter foods, or if one is more physically active and does not have any medical conditions relating blood sugar, a banana that is yellow in colour would be much better to consume.

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### THIRD PASSAGE: *Consejos de una viajera* (Advice from a traveller)

Listen to Linda's podcast. Refer to the passage in your answer to Question Three.

#### Glossed Vocabulary

el visado    visa

<p><b>AUDIO PLAYER: Third Passage</b></p> <p>Read the question before you begin listening to the passage.</p> <p><b>Each section can be played ONCE only, and cannot be paused or stopped.</b></p> <p>FIRST READING</p> <p> Full passage 3m 48s Played</p> <p>SECOND READING</p> <p> Section 1 1m 16s Played</p> <p> Section 2 1m 32s Played</p> <p> Section 3 45s Played</p> <p>THIRD READING</p> <p> Section 1 1m 16s</p> <p> Section 2 1m 32s</p> <p> Section 3 45s</p>	<p><b>LISTENING NOTES</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 200px;"></div>
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### QUESTION THREE

(a) Why did Linda make this podcast?

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Linda made this podcast because, according to Linda, she had just returned from some incredible weeks overseas, but did not prepare herself well. Therefore, she had some problems when she arrived in the country. Her first mistake was that she didn't have the right visa. She didn't know she needed a visa to enter the country, so she had to wait in the airport for several hours to arrange it. She then took her suitcase and left. She hadn't organised transport to her hotel nor how to get there by transport public. She says how it was a nightmare, and the fact also without knowing how to speak the language made it even more difficult. Therefore, because of Linda's recent personal experience, she realised the essentiality of being well-prepared for travels and decided to create this podcast, all to ensure that others are well-prepared for their trip and do not have the same chaotic and frustrating experiences as she did. Essentially, Linda is trying to be informative and making sure that others are aware of how necessary it is to be well-prepared, so that they are able to have a holiday and not a nightmare, unlike her.

(b) Why is it a good idea to listen to podcasts such as Linda's before travelling? Use evidence from the passage to support your answer.

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In her podcast, Linda says that before going, one must look online to see if a visa is necessary according to which passport they hold and what country they are travelling to, and also to make sure that their passport is valid and has not yet expired, which would otherwise render it practically useless. Without these documents, one cannot enter the country and one will have wasted lots of money on plane tickets and all other logistics, just to be denied entrance into the country, which would be a big disappointment. Therefore, it is a good idea to listen to Linda's podcast before travelling, because it means that one may be able to avoid mishaps. We are all human and all make mistakes, and sometimes we may forget the blatantly obvious, especially as many people who work and travel have busy lives. It is likely that Linda's podcast reminds us to bring the most important things of all, documents, so we do not end up spending money all for nothing, which is significant as travelling has large costs (for example, plane tickets) and so wasting it all would be a very big shame.

Linda also stresses that one of the most important aspects is accommodation. A hotel in a central location can reduce the need of using transport. Additionally, hotels usually offer other activities, which can make the whole difference in price. For example, cleaning or breakfast. You need money for accommodation, transport and food, though Linda also recommends you need to investigate sites of interests there are in your destination and how much they cost to enter. Linda states that having a clear understanding and keeping an accurate track of prices avoids one from being unpleasantly surprised if there happen to be additional costs, that would be unexpected. So, it is a good idea to listen to Linda's podcast because it gives us advice on how to decrease additional costs, such as for transport and other amenities, by taking advantage of our accommodation, doing proper research prior to travelling and keeping track of costs: the latter which of some may neglect as it could be 'too much work' and would probably seem overly meticulous and unnecessary. But this would ultimately be beneficial as this prevents one from feeling stressed, frustrated and panicky when travelling, and so hearing and following this information from Linda's podcast would ultimately give them a peace-of-mind when they are on their trip, so they are able to make the most of travelling and enjoy it to the fullest. And, the tips of how to take advantage of accommodation to decrease transport and other amenity prices means that for any particular budget, more money can be used for spending on other things, such as more activities, longer stays, or buying souvenirs, and a traveller can learn to make the most efficiency out of their money, which is obviously very beneficial.

Finally, Linda says that when you have everything ready, it'll be time to pack the suitcase. It doesn't make sense to travel with pants and winter jacke if the weather is good. Other than clothes, bathroom products, a backpack, and a camara to take photos of the beautiful views. Therefore, it is a good idea to listen to Linda's podcast as it again reminds us of what to pack in our backpacks, so that on trips, travellers avoid experiencing the stress and frustration of realising that they had forgotten something so far from home which would create an unpleasant burden, so Linda's podcast once again would give us a peace of mind on our trip and create a more relaxing trip that is unforgettable, enjoyable, carefree, fun and worth the large sum of money that travelling entails, ultimately making it a good idea to listen to.

## Excellence

**Subject:** Spanish

**Standard:** 91148

**Total score:** 24

Q	Grade score	Marker commentary
One	E8	The candidate has shown a thorough understanding of the passage, giving accurate inferences supported by details from the passage. This includes references to the elderly feeling a sense of responsibility, a mutually beneficial connection between the two groups, and alleviating the loneliness the elderly may feel. They also managed to grasp the detail of the two groups being under the same roof and the need for no additional workers, thus removing the need for transport costs.
Two	E8	The candidate successfully inferred meaning in their response, such as yellow bananas containing more sugar, but this not affecting the amount of carbohydrates, and communicating that eating them at both stages of maturation has benefits. Despite some unrelated additional material, such as a reference to banana bread, they still demonstrated a thorough understanding of the passage.
Three	E8	The candidate answered the question clearly, giving accurate inferences supported by information from the passage, such as including that Linda's previous trip was a nightmare, so the point of the podcast was to be informative. The idea of booking a hotel that is central to reduce costs, planning in advance, and tracking costs to avoid any unwanted surprises.