

1. Spain

The subject of this lesson is Spain, which celebrates its national day on 12th October.

Level

Pre-intermediate and above

How to use the lesson

1. Brainstorm what your students know about Spain.
2. Divide the class into two teams, Team A and Team B. If there are more than ten students in your class, divide them into four teams (Two Team As and two Team Bs).
3. Give each student in Team A a copy of Worksheet A and each student in Team B a copy of Worksheet B.
4. In their teams ask the students to read the sentences in Part 1 and to fill the gaps with the correct words.
5. Check the answers and then ask the students to prepare a multiple-choice quiz for the other team. Refer them to Part 2, which shows an example of the question format. Ask them to do the same for all the questions. If you have word-processing facilities, ask your students to type out their quizzes.
6. When they have finished, get the teams to exchange their quizzes and select what they think is the correct answer for each question.
7. Check the answers and give each team a point for every correct answer they get. The team with the most points wins.

Answers for Team A

1. border 2. religion 3. Madrid, middle 4. population 5. civil 6. cities 7. islands
8. independent 9. Tourism

Answers for Team B

1. dish 2. traditional 3. vineyards 4. region 5. director 6. produces, alcoholic
7. part 8. every 9. especially

8. Now divide the students into pairs and give each pair a copy of Worksheet C, which contains a short text on Spain written by a fictitious British tourist. There are twenty words in bold, some of which have been mixed up and are in the wrong places. Encourage the students to read the text through individually before attempting the exercise, then tell them to work together in order to put the words back in the right positions where necessary. Allow at least ten minutes for this exercise.

9. Check answers in open class.

Answers

1. since 2. try 3. least 4. times 5. too 6. middle 7. paella 8. trip 9. border
10. lovely 11. tourists 12. feel 13. fan 14. spent 15. most 16. asleep 17. maybe
18. relaxing 19. sun 20. left

2. Related Websites

Send your students to these websites, or just take a look yourself.

<http://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spain>

The Spain page from *Simple English Wikipedia*.

<http://wikitravel.org/en/Spain>

The Spain page from *Wikitravel*. Some sections of the text are accessible to intermediate-level students, for example the second item, 'Cities'.

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/country_profiles/991960.stm

'Country profile' for Spain from the BBC website. Intermediate level and above.

<http://www.spain.info/TourSpain/?Language=en>

Official website of the Spanish national tourist board. A huge amount of material, but appropriate only for intermediate level and above.