

## Preparing orals (Key structures)

### Time phrases

Normalmente – normally  
Generalmente – generally  
El fin de semana – on the weekend  
Durante la semana – during the week  
Durante el día – in the day  
Por la mañana – in the morning  
Por la tarde – in the evening  
Siempre – always  
Esta tarde – this evening  
Esta mañana – this morning

Hoy – today  
Mañana – tomorrow  
En 2 días – in two days  
El año próximo / que viene – next year

Hace una semana – A week ago  
Ayer – yesterday  
Anteayer – the day before yesterday  
Anoche – last night  
El año pasado – last year  
La semana pasada – last week

### Verbs (Present tense)

Voy – I go  
Salgo – I go out  
Hago – I do  
Juego al fútbol – I play football  
Tengo – I have  
Tiene – he/she/it has  
Soy – I am (description)  
Es – he/she/it is (description)  
Estoy – I am (state/temporary)  
Está – It is (position)  
Hay – there is / are

Practico – I practise  
Toco – I play (instrument)  
Paso – I spend  
Compro – I buy  
Veo – I watch  
Trabajo – I work  
Escucho – I listen to  
Como – I eat  
Bebo – I drink  
Escribo – I write  
Prefiero – I prefer  
Llego a las.. – I arrive at ..  
Salgo a las.. – I leave at...  
Me gusta España – I like Spain

### Present tense with infinitives

Puedo comprar – I can buy  
Se puede ir – one can go  
Prefiero ir – I prefer going  
Me gusta salir – I like to go out  
Me interesa ir – I'm interested in going  
Me encanta ver – I love seeing  
**Suelo ir – I usually go**

### Perfect past

He trabajado – I have worked  
He ido – I have been  
He estudiado – I have studied

### Verbs (Past tense)

Fui – I went  
Hizo sol – it was sunny  
Fue estupendo – it was great  
Fue un desastre – it was a disaster

Compré – I bought  
Pasé 2 semanas – I spent 2 weeks  
Jugué – I played (sport)  
Escuché – I listened to  
Tomé el sol – I sunbathed  
Nadé – I swam

Comí – I ate  
Bebí – I drank  
Ví – I saw  
Leí – I read

### Verbs (Imperfect past)

Estudiaba – I used to study  
Trabajaba – I used to work  
Jugaba – I used to play  
Tocaba – I used to play (instrument)

Vivía – I used to live  
Tenía – I used to have  
Salía con – I used to go out with  
Hacía frío – It was cold  
Era – I used to be / was  
Era – he/ she/ it was (description in past)  
Iba – I used to go

Había – there was / were  
Estaba – I was  
Llevaba – he/she was wearing

### Verbs (future & Conditional)

Quiero ir – I want to go  
Quiero ser – I want to be  
Voy a ir – I am going to go  
Voy a ser – I am going to be  
Vamos a jugar – we are going to play

Iré – I will go  
Comeré – I will eat  
Beberé – I will drink  
Seré – I will be  
Costará – it will cost  
Habrá – there will be

Me gustaría ser – I would like to be  
Me interesaría ir – I would be interested in going

### Reflexive verbs

Me lavo – I have a wash  
Me lavo – I had a wash  
Me levanto – I get up  
Me acuesto – I go to bed  
Me quedo – I stay  
Me quedé / me alojé – I stayed

### Link words

Y – and  
También – also  
Además – also  
Además de – as well as  
Pero – but  
Sin embargo – however  
Mientras que – whilst / whereas  
Que – that/who  
Después de – after  
Antes de – before  
Dado que – given that  
Aunque – although

Tengo un hermano **que** se llama Mark – I have a brother **who** is called Mark

### Negatives

No voy – I don't go  
No fui – I didn't go  
Nunca salgo – I never go out  
Nadie quiere – no one wants  
No soy ni...ni... - I am not... or ....  
No tengo ningún animal – I don't have any pets  
No me gusta nada – I don't like at all

### Pronouns

Me compré – I bought myself  
A mi padre le compré.. – I bought my dad ..

Lo compré – I bought it  
La ví – I watched it (film)  
Las conocí – I met them (girls)  
Quiero verla – I want to see it (film)

### Opinions

Fue excelente – it was excellent  
Será estupendo – it will be great  
Es terrible – it is terrible

Me divertí mucho – I had lots of fun  
Lo pasé bomba – I had a ball  
Lo pasaré bien – I will have a good time

Aburrido – boring  
Difícil – difficult  
Fácil – easy  
Largo – long  
Fatal – dreadful  
Interesante – interesting

### Qualifying opinions

Me encanta el español **porque** es fácil – I love Spanish **because** it is easy  
Me gustó Málaga **porque** hacía sol – I liked Malaga **because** it was sunny

### Intensifiers

Muy – very  
Bastante – quite  
Grandísimo – Huge  
Tanto – so much  
Tan – so  
Exremadamente - extremely

### Comparisons & Superlatives

En España hace más calor que en Inglaterra – it is hotter in Spain than in England  
Manchester es más grande que Sevilla – Manchester is bigger than Seville  
Nadar es mejor que jugar al fútbol – Swimming is better than playing footy  
Tan.....como – as .... As

Lo mejor – the best thing  
Lo peor – the worst thing  
Lo que más me gusta es – what I like most is  
Tengo el dormitorio más pequeño – I have the smallest bedroom

### Asking a question to the examiner

¿Te gusta el clima en España? – do you like the climate in Spain?  
¿Te gustaría..? – Would you like to..?  
¿Te interesa..? – Does..interest you?

### Using idiomatic phrases

Acabo de ir – I have just been  
Acabo de ver – I have just seen  
Estudio español **desde hace** 3 años – I have studied Spanish **for** 3 years.  
Sigo estudiando – I keep studying  
Me llevo bien con – I get on well with

### Little words

A – to	De – from	Con – with
Sin – without	Desde – since	
Del / de la – from the	Por – by	
Cerca de – near to	Sobre – on	
En – in	A las – at (time)	
Durante – during	Para – for	
Allí – there	Aquí – here	
Este/a – this	En casa – at home	