

Threshold Concepts – Learning Objectives

To read fluently

To express ideas clearly in writing

To interpret the spoken language accurately and speak confidently

To appreciate aspects of the culture of Spain and some other Spanish-speaking countries.

Milestone 2

To read fluently

- Read out loud familiar words, phrases and short texts.
- Use phonic knowledge to read words.
- Read and understand short written phrases and texts.
- Use translation dictionaries or glossaries to find out the meanings of new words.

Milestone 2

To express ideas clearly in writing

- Write familiar words accurately – focusing on spelling, diacritics and letter case.
- Write short phrases, using everyday words, correctly.
- Write one or two short sentences, including common questions and responses, accurately.
- Write short phrases from memory with spelling that is understandable.

Milestone 2

To interpret the spoken language accurately and speak confidently

- Understand a range of spoken words in the standard language.
- Understand a range of spoken phrases and sentences in the standard language.
- Pronounce words showing a knowledge of sound patterns.
- Ask others to repeat words or phrases.
- Take part in conversations: ask and answer familiar and simple questions.
- Demonstrate a growing vocabulary.

Milestone 2

To appreciate aspects of the culture of Spain and some other Spanish-speaking countries

- Identify countries where Spanish is spoken.
- Describe with some interesting detail customs and features of Spain.
- Make comparisons between life in Spain and England.

Milestone 3

To read fluently

- Read and understand the main points, opinions and some of the detail in short written texts from various contexts.
- Use the context of a sentence or translation dictionary to work out the meaning of unfamiliar words.
- Read short written texts with accurate pronunciation.
- Show confidence in reading aloud.

Milestone 3

To express ideas clearly in writing

- Write short texts on familiar topics, including some phrases from memory.
- Use knowledge of grammar, enhancing or changing the meaning of phrases where appropriate.
- Use dictionaries or glossaries to check words.
- Refer to people, places, things and everyday activities.
- Convey meaning (although there may be some mistakes, the meaning can be understood with little or no difficulty).

Milestone 3

To interpret the spoken language accurately and speak confidently

- Understand the main points and opinions in spoken passages.
- Give a short prepared talk that includes opinions and demonstrates a growing vocabulary.
- Take part in conversations to seek and give information.
- Refer to people, places, things and everyday activities.
- Communicate with a range of audiences.
- Be understood with little or no difficulty.

Milestone 3

To appreciate aspects of the culture of Spain and some other Spanish-speaking countries

- Give detailed accounts of aspects of the culture, geography and history of Spain.
- Describe, with interesting detail, some similarities and differences between the culture of Spain and our own culture in England.
- Understand aspects of the culture of some other Spanish-speaking countries.

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