

### The skills and/or topics needed to achieve Grades 8 & 9 are . . .

- preterite, imperfect, present, future, conditional tenses.
- opinions with reasons
- subjunctive phrases e.g. Si fuera... Si tuviera...
- infinitive constructions e.g. antes de... despues de...
- use of negatives (nada, nadie, nunca, ni, tampoco)
- use of comparatives (más...que..., menos...que, tan...como)
- use of lo + adjective (lo bueno es que, lo importante es que)
- using two tenses in one sentences
- use coordinating conjunctions (así que, pero, y)
- Know your vocab - Learn the vocab in your GCSE student guide

### If aiming for Grades 8 & 9 you will need to particularly focus on this in your exam papers . . .

- ensuring use of three time frames
- cover all bullet points on the writing paper
- express opinions
- convey a lot of information
- accuracy with basic structures
- errors in attempts to use more complex language only
- appropriate vocabulary for the task
- read the questions
- keep it simple on the role play
- expand answers on the photo card but stick to the timings (your teacher will support this)
- Learn your speaking questions and answers
- be prepared to answer spontaneous questions

### You can find resources to support your preparation at . . .

GCSE student guides  
language - gym.com  
Pearson revision books  
BBC bitesize  
Duolingo  
Quizlet for vocab lists  
senecalearning.com  
aqa.org.uk (past papers, specification, mark schemes)

### When completing independent revision you should . . .

look at past AQA papers  
read examiners reports on speaking and writing feedback  
practice vocabulary and grammar  
speak out loud in Spanish

### Grade boundary for a Grade 8 in 2019

181/240 over four papers

### Grade boundary for a Grade 9 in 2019

205/240 over four papers

### Top tips for aiming for Grades 8 & 9

Listen to Spanish music  
Follow Spanish influencers on social media  
Watch Spanish programmes on Netflix with subtitles  
Regularly use language gym and sentence builders  
Regularly learn the vocab in your GCSE student guide.