

LEVEL 3 UNIT 1

Contemporary Life: A Viajar

Spanish HS | Intermediate Low | Level 3 | 5 Weeks

ESSENTIAL QUESTION	BIG IDEAS
What makes a vacation special?	 Students use the target language to understand and talk about: The kinds of vacations people take and why (economics, interests, time, weather, tradition). How geography influences possible outdoor activities when vacationing in Mexico or other hispanic countries. A past unforgettable vacation. What made their vacation unforgettable? How people use transportation when traveling.

GUIDING QUESTIONS

How do I use language to

- communicate about various types of vacations and factors that influence those options.
- communicate about the connection between geography and outdoor recreation.
- make connections between traveling in various hispanic countries and the USA.
- narrate one of my past vacations.
- ask and answer questions to gather information about others' outdoor experiences.
- ask and answer questions about how people got to and around destinations.

FOCUS STANDARDS

COMMUNICATION Communicating effectively using the Interpersonal, Interpretive & Presentational Modes

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Presentational	Using simple sentences: Present personal information about my life, activities and events Express my preferences on everyday topics of interest and explain why I feel that way Present on familiar and everyday topics Present / plan vacation experience & explain what you DID

Relating Cultural Practices & Products to Perspectives

- **Products:** Food, Souvenirs, Family time, Transportation
- **Practice:** Vacations last for an extended period of time (multiple weeks); Connection between activities and place; beach camping; weekend family time
- Perspective: Different cultures place different values on vacation time. We are
 attracted to locations because of their unique geographical features and available
 outdoor recreation; Families do not have the financial resources to take extended
 vacations so local day trips are more common.

CONNECTIONS

Making Connections to Other Disciplines

- Physical Education
- Geography
- Health
- Economics

COMPARISONS

Language Comparisons

- Weather expressions
- Expressing reasons

Acquiring Information & Diverse Viewpoints

Cultural perspectives in travel habits

Cultural Comparisons

- Types of vacations
- Times of the year to take vacations (northern v. southern hemisphere)
- More alike than different in how people spend their vacation time
- Government has created campgrounds in the woods to help the economy, whereas other countries may not have the resources to create campgrounds.

COMMUNITIES

School & Global Communities

 Applying knowledge and skills while traveling to hispanic communities

Lifelong Learning

• Self assess progress toward unit goal



LEVEL 3 UNIT 2

Contemporary Life: En Las Noticias / In the News

All Languages HS | Intermediate Low | Level 3 | 6-7 Weeks

ESSENTIAL
QUESTION

BIG IDEAS

How do I talk about what's going on in the world?

Students use the target language to understand and communicate about:

- news events that affect communities
- noteworthy events in the past
- trending news events

GUIDING QUESTIONS

How do I use language to

- retell a sequence of events using details and description
- tell what was happening when an event occurred
- ask follow-up questions to discern additional information about an event
- interpret and summarize authentic sources

FOCUS STANDARDS

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Relating Cultural Practices & Products to Perspectives

- **Products:** Newscast
- Practices: Newscasts focus on a variety of global issues from other countries.
- **Perspectives:** Hispanic countries are not as US centered; Their proximity to other countries impact their daily lives.

CONNECTIONS

Making Connections to Other Disciplines

- Social Studies: current events
- Career and Tech Education: Broadcast Journalism

COMPARISONS

Language Comparisons

• There was/were

COMMUNITIES

School & Global Communities

 Read and or listen to events from target culture

Acquiring Information & Diverse Viewpoints

- What makes news in our communities is more common than not across cultures
- News is conveyed across cultures in a variety of ways

Cultural Comparisons

Types of news covered

Lifelong Learning

• Follow a news feed



Global Challenges: A conservar

Spanish HS | Intermediate Low | Level 3 | 4-5 Weeks



QUESTION
How do our
actions impac
the
environment?

ESSENTIAL

BIG IDEAS

Students use the target language to understand and communicate about:

- Environmental issues
- Personal and societal solutions for environmental challenges.
- How other cultures approach protecting the environment

GUIDING QUESTIONS

How do I use language to

- Talk about how I and others take care of the planet?
- Compare different approaches to protecting the environment?
- Express opinions about problems and solutions to environmental issues?
- Express why is it important to protect the environment?

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Relating Cultural Practices & Products to Perspectives

• Products to perspectives:

Product: Recycling

Practice: Recycle everywhere, don't litter (no trash anywhere); governmental restrictions with regards to pollution and waste products, restrictions on where/what can be built.

Perspective: Communities value recycling and environmental protection based on geographical location, resources, and practices.

Practices to perspectives:

Product: Conservation of biodiversity and natural resources

Practice: Usage of natural resources; laws protecting wildlife and biodiversity **Perspective:** Communities value conservation based on availability of natural resources and geography.

CONNECTIONS

Making Connections to Other Disciplines

Science: Environment
 Civics and global citizenship

COMPARISONS

Language Comparisons

- Expressing hopes and wishes (Ojalá que)
- Transition words for making comparisons (cada vez más)

COMMUNITIES

School & Global Communities

- Volunteer in the community
- Take active steps to protect the environment

Acquiring Information & Diverse Viewpoints

Investigating different perspectives on protecting the environment

Cultural Comparisons

- Compare environmental issues and preservation in the US and Spanish speaking countries
- Investigating how different cultures protect the environment

Lifelong Learning

- Self assess progress toward unit goal
- Volunteerism



LEVEL 3 UNIT 4

Families and Communities: A probar

Spanish HS | Intermediate Low | Level 3 | 6-8 Weeks

ESSENTIAL QUESTION	BIG IDEAS
How does food reflect traditions and family life?	 Students use the target language to understand and communicate about: how they connect with others through food traditions in their families. how families in my community and in the target culture shop and prepare food How to broaden cultural perspectives through research of traditional foods

GUIDING QUESTIONS

How do I use language to

- Communicate popular foods and their role within my family
- describe traditional foods from the target language culture
- Make connections between foods in Spanish-speaking countries and the U.S.
- Communicate suggestions about foods to try
- read and listen to comprehend passages about family and regional traditions with food

FOCUS STANDARDS

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CULTURES

Relating Cultural Practices & Products to Perspectives

- Products: What people from Spanish-speaking countries eat
- **Perspectives:** How those foods are eaten (from a food truck, outside on a terrace, late at night, food eaten cold)
- Practices to perspectives: Food practices based on local ingredients, geography, work-life demands, family traditions, climate, etc.)

CONNECTIONS

COMPARISONS

Making Connections to Other Disciplines

- Geography
- Health
- Economics

Language Comparisons

Opinions

Acquiring Information & Diverse Viewpoints

Cultural perspectives in eating habits

Cultural Comparisons

- Traditional dishes
- Common ingredients across cultural dishes
- Similar ingredients with similar geographic locations

COMMUNITIES

School & Global Communities

 Applying knowledge and skills while traveling to and eating in hispanic communities

Lifelong Learning

• Self assess progress toward unit goal

LEVEL 3 UNIT 5

Contemporary Life: Las Tendencias

Spanish/French HS | Intermediate mid | Level 4 | 6 Weeks



ESSENTIAL
QUESTION

BIG IDEAS

How do trends connect us?

Students use the target language to understand and communicate about:

- How trends and fads unite communities
- Past trends that influenced previous generations
- Trends/fads in the target culture

GUIDING QUESTIONS

How do I use language to

- Talk about trends and why they are popular?
- Tell reasons that people choose trends?
- Describe past and current fads and trends?
- Compare and contrast trends and fads from today to those in previous generations?
- Explore trends from the target culture?

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Interpretive	 Understand the main idea and key information in short, straightforward informational texts. Understand the main idea and key information in short, straightforward fictional texts. Understand the main idea and key information in short, straightforward conversations.
Interpersonal	 By creating sentences and series of sentences and asking a variety of follow-up questions, I can: Exchange information in conversations on familiar topics and some researched topics Interact with others to meet my needs in a variety of familiar situations Exchange preferences, feelings or opinions and provide basic advice on a variety of familiar topics
Presentational	Using sentences and a series of sentences, I can: • Tell a story about my life, activities, events and other social experiences • State my viewpoint about familiar topics and give some reasons to support it • Give straightforward presentation on a variety of familiar topics and some concrete topics I have researched

Relating Cultural Products & Practices to Perspectives

- **Products:** music, movies, games, fashion
- **Practices:** People changing their preferences in music, media or fashion based on trends; the phenomenon of trends spreading through social media
- Perspectives: Trends are a reflection of culture; trends spread quickly throughout a culture and are connected to a certain time or era; people can be influenced by trends

CONNECTIONS

Making Connections to Other Disciplines

- Sociology
- History

COMPARISONS

Language Comparisons

 Compare language conventions common in expressing likes and dislikes (gustar)

COMMUNITIES

School & Global Communities

- School traditions at pep rallys
- Trends that spread on social media

Acquiring Information & Diverse Viewpoints

 Using a variety of resources from the target culture to gain understanding of diverse perspectives

Cultural Comparisons

Trends can be universal or vary across cultures

Lifelong Learning

Self-reflection and desire for continued personal growth and enrichment