Your notes

GCSE Spanish: revision notes

Free-time activities

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Sport and hobbies

- **Jugar a** for sports: juego al fútbol / al tenis / al baloncesto (a + el = al).
- **Tocar** for instruments: toco la guitarra / el piano / la batería (the drums).
- Hacer for some activities: hago natación (I swim), hago equitación (I go horse riding), hago senderismo (I go hiking). Monto en bici (I ride my bike).
- Leo novelas / cómics / revistas (magazines). Veo series. Escucho música. Salgo con mis amigos (I go out with my friends). Voy al cine.
- Mi pasatiempo favorito es... (my favourite hobby is...). No tengo tiempo para... (I don't have time to...).

How often, and opinions

- todos los días (every day), los fines de semana (at weekends), **a menudo** (often), **a veces** (sometimes), **de vez en cuando** (from time to time), una vez a la semana (once a week), nunca (never).
- Me gusta + a singular noun or an infinitive (me gusta el fútbol, me gusta nadar). Me gustan + a plural noun (me gustan los deportes). Me encanta (I love), odio (I hate), prefiero (I prefer).
- Es... **emocionante** (exciting), relajante (relaxing), divertido (fun), **aburrido** (boring), agotador (exhausting), caro (expensive).

Food and eating out

- En el restaurante: quisiera... / para mí... (I'd like... / for me...), de primer plato / de segundo / de postre (as a starter / main course / dessert), **la cuenta**, por favor (the bill, please).
- el pollo (chicken), el pescado (fish), las patatas fritas (chips), las verduras (vegetables), el queso (cheese), la tarta (cake), soy vegetariano/a.
- Tengo hambre (I'm hungry) and tengo sed (I'm thirsty) use tener.

Past and future

- El fin de semana pasado fui al cine y vi una película de acción (last weekend I went to the cinema and saw an action film).
- Preterite: jugué (I played), vi (I saw), fui (I went / I was), hice (I did), leí (I read), salí (I went out).
- Imperfect for what used to happen: cuando era pequeño/a, jugaba al fútbol (when I was little, I used to play football).
- Near future for plans: el fin de semana que viene voy a jugar al tenis (next weekend I'm going to play tennis).

Key terms

el pasatiempo	hobby
jugar a	to play (a sport)
tocar	to play (an instrument)
la natación	swimming
la equitación	horse riding
el senderismo	hiking
salir	to go out
a menudo	often
a veces	sometimes
de vez en cuando	from time to time
emocionante	exciting
aburrido	boring
la cuenta	the bill

Quick questions

Cover the answers and test yourself: remembering is what makes it stick.

1. How do you say "I play football" in Spanish?
2. How do you say "I play the guitar" in Spanish?
3. What does "la equitación" mean?
4. What does "de vez en cuando" mean?
5. What does "Salgo con mis amigos" mean?
6. Which word means "boring"?
7. What does "Tengo hambre" mean?
8. How do you ask for the bill in a Spanish restaurant?

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Answers

1. Juego al fútbol
2. Toco la guitarra
3. horse riding
4. from time to time
5. I go out with my friends
6. aburrido
7. I'm hungry
8. La cuenta, por favor

What to do next

Practise 14 questions on this topic

Try 4 exam questions, with mark schemes

Read the lesson, one step at a time

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