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GCSE Spanish: revision notes

Travel and tourism

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Going on holiday

- Voy de vacaciones a España / a Francia / a Estados Unidos (a for going to a place). Estoy en México (en for being in a place).
- Transport: en coche (by car), **en avión** (by plane), en tren, en autocar (by coach), en barco (by boat), en bici (by bike), **a pie** (on foot).
- Accommodation: el hotel, **el camping** (campsite), **el albergue juvenil** (youth hostel), **alquilar** un apartamento (to rent a flat), una casa rural (a holiday cottage in the countryside), en casa de mis tíos (at my aunt and uncle's).
- Activities: **tomar el sol** (to sunbathe), **bañarse** en el mar (to swim in the sea), hacer turismo (to go sightseeing), ir de compras (to go shopping), probar la comida típica (to try the local food), visitar monumentos.

Places of interest and weather

- un castillo (a castle), un museo, una catedral, un parque temático (a theme park), la playa, la montaña, el campo (the countryside), el casco antiguo (the old town).
- Hace buen tiempo / calor / frío / sol / viento (it's fine / hot / cold / sunny / windy), llueve (it's raining), nieva (it's snowing), está nublado (it's cloudy).
- In the past: hacía sol (it was sunny), llovió (it rained), hizo calor (it was hot).

Booking and problems

- Quisiera **reservar** una habitación doble / individual (I'd like to book a double / single room) para tres noches, con ducha (with a shower), con vistas al mar (with a sea view).
- ¿Cuánto cuesta? (how much is it?), ¿Está incluido el desayuno? (is breakfast included?), ¿A qué hora sale el tren? (what time does the train leave?), **un billete de ida y vuelta** (a return ticket), un billete de ida (a single ticket).

- Problems: he perdido mi pasaporte (I've lost my passport), me han robado la cartera (my wallet has been stolen), **la habitación** estaba sucia (the room was dirty), el tren llegó **con retraso** (the train arrived late).

Past and future holidays

- El año pasado fui a Italia con mi familia. Nos alojamos en un hotel. Lo pasé fenomenal (I had a great time).
- Preterite for what happened: visité, comí, fuimos. Imperfect for descriptions: era bonito, hacía calor, el hotel estaba cerca de la playa.
- El año que viene voy a ir... / iré... (next year I'm going to go / I will go). Mis vacaciones ideales serían... (my ideal holiday would be...).

Key terms

las vacaciones	holidays
en avión	by plane
a pie	on foot
el albergue juvenil	youth hostel
el camping	campsite
alquilar	to rent (hire)
reservar	to book
la habitación	room
un billete de ida y vuelta	a return ticket
tomar el sol	to sunbathe
bañarse	to swim (bathe)
el castillo	castle
con retraso	late (delayed)
lo pasé bien	I had a good time

Quick questions

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

1. How do you say "I'm going to Spain" in Spanish?
2. How do you say "on foot" in Spanish?
3. What is "un albergue juvenil"?
4. How do you say "I'd like to book a double room" in Spanish?
5. What does "Hacía sol" mean?
6. What is "un billete de ida y vuelta"?
7. What does "He perdido mi pasaporte" mean?

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8. What does "tomar el sol" mean?

Answers

1. Voy a España
2. a pie
3. a youth hostel
4. Quisiera reservar una habitación doble
5. It was sunny
6. a return ticket
7. I've lost my passport
8. to sunbathe

What to do next

Practise 13 questions on this topic

Try 4 exam questions, with mark schemes

Read the lesson, one step at a time

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