

Support material for Higher Spanish

Listening monologue: employability: a gap year

Sonia talks about the possibility of taking a gap year.

You have one minute to study the questions

1	Who first told Sonia about a gap year?		1
2	Who did she learn often took a gap year?		1
3	What do people spend their time doing on the gap year, according to Laura?		1
4	Why would such a thing be difficult for young Spanish people?		1
5	Why does Sonia think it would be a good idea for her? Give details.		2
6	How and where would Sonia like to travel, if she could make such a trip?		1
7	Overall, which statement best reflects Sonia's views? Tick (✓) the correct statement.	The gap year is an interesting idea.	1
		The gap year is only for rich young people abroad.	
		The gap year is a chance to visit Australia.	

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Listening dialogue: employability; a gap year

Marcos describes his gap year.

You have one minute to study the questions

1	When did Marcos return home?		1
2	Why did he find the trip difficult at first?		1
3	What helped him get over that?		1
4	How well could he speak Italian before he went there?		1
5	What did he find helped him at the start?		1
6	What did he do to help himself?		1
7	Who did he live with? Give details.		2
8	Where exactly did he stay?		1
9	What two jobs did he have?		2
10	How long did he work for?		1

**Section 2 — WRITING — 10 marks**

Marco ha hablado de su año en Italia. Y tú, ¿qué idiomas hablas? ¿Te gusta aprender idiomas? ¿Crees que es importante poder comunicarte en varios idiomas?

Escribe 120—150 palabras, en español, para expresar tus ideas.

