Airdrie Academy

Higher Spanish



Directed Writing

The Directed Writing paper appears at the end of the Reading paper and counts for 10% of your final grade.

You should do this part of the paper first and spend no more than 30 minutes on it.

There are 2 scenarios set in the **PAST**. The scenarios are based on the four contexts: Society, Learning, Employability and Culture. You will have around 30 minutes to pick one scenario and write 120 - 150 words.

**Directed Writing Checklist**

Your essay must include the following:

* 120 – 150 words
* Information on ALL 4 bullet points
* Other relevant information
* A variety of tenses:
	+ Preterite (a one off action)
	+ Imperfect (a description or repeated action)
	+ Conditional
	+ Future
	+ Imperfect subjunctive
* A variety of adjectives (must agree!!)
* A variety of opinion phrases
* A variety of linking words
* Phrases that you have prepared in advance and KNOW are correct.

Unlike that National 5 Writing Exam you will not know specifically what any of the bullet points will be before the exam. However certain bullet points and scenarios come up again and again so as long as we are prepared to cover a good selection of bullet points and prepare at least 5 practise papers we will be able to tackle this with confidence in the exam.

**Scenarios**

**CONTEXT: SOCIETY**

* Una fiesta de cumpleaños en España
* Un viaje en familia

**CONTEXT: CULTURE**

* Un año sabático
* Un festival de música

**CONTEXT: LEARNING**

* Un intercambio escolar
* Una visita a un colegio español

**CONTEXT: EMPLOYABILITY**

* Trabajar en un hotel/café/colonia de vacaciones en España

Throughout the year we will look at an example Directed Writing reponse for each scenario. You will write your own response and your teacher will mark it. You should then redraft it into your writing jotter. You should also prepare responses to each of the posible bullet points found towards the end of this booklet. Learning these off by heart will ensure that you are prepared to respond well to any scenario and will also ensure that you can add in other relevant information too.

**General phrases for ANY scenario**

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| 1. When and where you went |
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| 2. Who you went with  |
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| 3. How long you went for |
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| 4. How you travelled and what the journey was like |
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| 5. Where you stayed |
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| 6. What the accommodation was like |
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| 7. What the town/area was like |
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| 8. What you did ONE day/a day trip you took |
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| 9. What your daily routine was like |
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| 10. What you did in your free time |
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| 11. What you liked |
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| 12. What you disliked |
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| 13. What the food was like |
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| 14. How you got on with people |
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| 15. What the weather was like |
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| 16. What you did on the last evening |
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| 17. What opportunities you had to speak/improve your Spanish  |
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| 18. What would your ideal holiday be like |
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| 19. Will you keep in touch with the people that you met |
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| 20.What will you do if your new friends come to visit you |
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| 21. What you learned when in Spain |
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| 22. Would you recommend such an experience |
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| 23. Would you return |
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**Phrases specific to the job scenario**

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| 1. where you worked |
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| 2. What the job entailed |
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| 3. What you did everyday |
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| 4. where you found the job advert and how you applied |
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| 5. What skills you had to use |
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| 6. How much you earned |
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| 7. what you did with the money |
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| 8. what you thought of the job |
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| 9. Did you get on well with people that you worked with |
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**Phrases specific to the gap year scenario**

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| 1. why you went there |
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| 2. how you funded your gap year |
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| 3. what you learned about the country |
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**Phrases specific to the school visit/exchange scenario**

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| 1. what the school was like |
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| 2. what you liked/disliked about the school |
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| 3. what you did at school |
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| 4. how much of the classes you understood |
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| 5. what staying with a host/Spanish family was like |
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| 6. what you did to help at home |
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**Phrases specific to the party scenario**

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| 1. the reason your friend was having the party |
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| 2. what happened on the day |
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Now you must spend time learning the phrases off by heart that you could use for ANY scenario as well as those for specific scenarios.

Remember you must write between 120 -150 words and that means, in addition to covering ALL bullet points, you must also add in EXTRA information that is relevant and correct.

You must ONLY use your dictionary to check spelling and tenses.

You must practise writing out scenarios at home under timed conditions (30 mins).

You must also add in opinion phrases and linking words, use paragraphs and punctuation correctly, check that your adjectives agree and make sure that your verbs are correct.