

Language

Core language

la sección del tiempo the weather column

la sección de moda the fashion column

la sección de cocina the cookery column

la sección de deportes the sports column

Es interesante / It is interesting /

precioso / demasiado largo beautiful / too long

porque, en mi/su opinión as/since in my/his/her opinion

porque because

Additional language for this unit

la actualidad current events

Additional language for teachers

el periódico / los periódicos the newspaper/newspapers

una encuesta a survey

¿por qué? why?

Unit 24 ¿Qué noticias hay? (What's in the news?)

About the unit

In this unit children look at Spanish newspapers and talk about their favourite newspaper columns. They work together to produce texts for a class newspaper.

They consolidate and celebrate what they have learnt during key stage 2.

Where the unit fits in

This unit gives children the opportunity to draw on all of the vocabulary and structures previously learnt within the context of preparing newspaper reports.

Prior learning

It is helpful if children already know:

- the contents and layout of a newspaper
- how to conduct a survey
- how to express and qualify opinions
- how to reply to questions using *porque*
- connectives.

New language

- Making statements (about columns in a newspaper)
- Expressing and justifying opinions (using *porque en mi opinión*)
- Possessive pronouns: *mi, su*
- Responding to questions using *porque*
- Phonic focus: consolidation of phoneme–grapheme correspondence

Resources

- A selection of newspapers and online sources of news in Spanish
- Word cards and picture or symbol cards for newspaper columns
- A short, photocopied newspaper article
- Pre-prepared Bingo cards, with symbols representing the columns in a newspaper
- Text cards of positive and negative opinions
- A pre-prepared front-page article for a school newspaper
- Text cards of interview questions
- Presentation software

Links with other subjects

Primary framework for literacy: identify how different texts are organised (year 3); use and reflect on some ground rules for sustaining talk and interactions; offer reasons and evidence for their views, considering alternative opinions; use knowledge of different organisational features of texts to find information effectively (year 4); identify and report the main points emerging from discussion; appraise a text quickly, deciding on its value, quality and usefulness; work together logically and methodically to solve problems, make deductions, share, test and evaluate; draw on analogies to known words, roots, derivations, word families, morphology and familiar spelling patterns; use different styles of handwriting for different purposes with a range of media, developing consistent and personal legible style; integrate words, images and sounds imaginatively for different purposes; devise a performance considering how to adapt the performance for a specific audience

ICT: share and exchange information in a variety of forms

PSHCE: reflect on spiritual, moral, social and cultural issues, using imagination to understand other people's experiences; explore how the media present information

Expectations

At the end of this unit

most children will:

retrieve and understand information in a short text; express an opinion orally and in writing; justify their opinion; contribute to a news report

some children will not have made so much progress and will:

respond using short phrases or single words; remember some of the key vocabulary and phrases; copy short phrases with support

some children will have progressed further and will:

work independently some of the time to retrieve original material and use a dictionary unaided to assist with unknown vocabulary; show confident recall of known language and structures; speak and write Spanish with some degree of grammatical accuracy



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Learning objectives	Possible teaching activities	Learning outcomes	Points to note
<p>Children should learn</p>		<p>Children</p>	
<p>Section 1. News hounds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to read and understand the main points and some detail from a short written passage (L6.1) to identify different text types and read short, authentic texts for enjoyment or information (L6.2) to use knowledge of word order and sentence construction to support the understanding of the written text (KAL) to use context and previous knowledge to help understanding and reading skills (LLS) to make predictions based on existing knowledge (LLS) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In English, discuss with children the idea of news around the world. Ask them to reflect on whether the same topics are covered everywhere and what columns we would expect to find in a newspaper, such as sport, weather and current events. Explain to children that they are going to be 'news hounds' and ask them to look through a selection of news sources in Spanish. These could include newspapers and online sources. How many newspaper columns can they spot easily, eg <i>¿el deporte</i>, <i>la televisión</i>? Can they identify others by using clues such as text layout or pictures, eg <i>el tiempo</i> (the weather), <i>la moda</i> (fashion), <i>la cocina</i> (cookery), <i>la actualidad</i> (current events)? Some children may benefit from guidance on how to approach a challenging text. Distribute word cards for the newspaper columns discussed above. Talk through these and their meanings in English. Ask children how many words they already knew or could recognise, and what their strategies were for working out the meanings. Encourage children to use their knowledge of Spanish phonics to decide how the names of the newspaper columns should be pronounced. Ask them to share their pronunciation strategies as a class. Read out the names of the newspaper columns clearly. Children repeat and compare these with their own suggestions. Ask them to select a news item and see if they can understand the gist of it. Invite a couple of children to share what they have found out. Give pairs of children a short, accessible, photocopied article and ask them to highlight any parts that give them clues about the gist. Take feedback as a class. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> make comparisons between English and Spanish sources of news recognise a variety of texts in a newspaper apply phonic knowledge to sound out the written word share strategies for coping with new language or challenging texts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow-up: Throughout the week, play <i>El ahorcado</i> (Hangman) to practise words for newspaper columns. If available, use a template for the interactive whiteboard or presentation software. Follow-up: Children look up a Spanish news source on the internet. They use the headlines to decide on main items of news, sporting events or news about celebrities. Follow-up: Children compile a display of articles from Spanish-language newspapers. Links with literacy work: The first and second activities link to literacy work on analysing and writing newspaper reports in year 4.

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Section 2. News games

- to match sound to sentences and paragraphs (L6.3)
- to discuss language learning and reflect and share ideas and practices (LLS)
- to use a dictionary (LLS)
- to compare and reflect on techniques for memorising language (LLS)

- Play a 'news flash' game. Show the word cards for the newspaper columns again. Ask children to put up their hands if they think they can remember the correct pronunciation for each card. Choose a few children to have a go and then encourage the whole class to repeat after you. Set the class a challenge: invite individual volunteers to read out as many of the word cards in Spanish as they can in 60 seconds. The rest of the class can count the words. Ask children to repeat the same activity with a partner.
- Play the 'news flash' game again as a class, but this time substitute the word cards with pictures or symbols representing the newspaper columns. Children then play in pairs. Ask them to share their strategies for remembering new language.
- Play Bingo, using a pre-prepared Bingo card with symbols to represent the newspaper columns.
- Play a sorting game. Divide children into groups of four and give them a set of text cards showing opinion phrases, eg *Es genial / interesante / aburrido / fantástico / precioso / demasiado largo* (It's brilliant / interesting / boring / fantastic / beautiful / too long). Ask children to sort the cards into positive and negative opinions. Encourage them to use dictionaries. Remind children of the pronunciation strategies they used earlier. Encourage them to use their knowledge of phoneme-grapheme correspondence and the technique of segmenting words to help them work out the pronunciation of the new words. Ask each group to compare their answers with a second group and to share their strategies for using a bilingual dictionary. The class feed back their answers, brainstorming any other words they know for expressing opinions.
- Play Thumbs Up and Thumbs Down. Read out a phrase from one of the text cards showing opinion phrases. Each group finds the corresponding card and waves it in the air. Ask children to listen a second time and think about whether it is said in a positive or negative manner. They decide whether the manner in which the opinion is stated matches its meaning. They show 'thumbs up' if the style matches the opinion and 'thumbs down' if it doesn't, eg if *Es aburrido* is said in a lively and upbeat way, this is a 'thumbs down'.
- Repeat the game, with children playing in groups and taking it in turns to call out an opinion.

- read and understand opinion phrases
- recognise the importance of tone of voice when giving an opinion
- recognise a positive or negative opinion
- state an opinion
- use a dictionary to aid comprehension

- When playing Bingo with the class, remember to make a note of the items as you call them out. When a child has completed their card, ask him or her to read the items back for checking. Continue the game so that other children have a chance of completing their card. The winner can take on the role of caller in the next round.
- Ensure that there are plenty of opportunities for repetition of new language, to develop children's confidence and understanding.
- Ensure that groups are organised so that all children can participate.
- Follow-up: Throughout the week, practise the new language by playing a Phoneme-Grapheme Running Game in the hall or a large space. Place large grapheme cards around the hall, call out a phoneme and children must run to the corresponding card. Progress to calling out whole words.

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Section 3. In my opinion

- to understand longer and more complex phrases and sentences (O6.3)
 - to use spoken language confidently to initiate and sustain conversations and to tell stories (O6.4)
 - to write sentences on a range of topics using a model (L6.4)
 - to devise questions for authentic use (KAL)
- Ask individual children the question *¿Te gusta la sección de deportes?* (Do you like the sports column?) to elicit the answer *Sí, me gusta la sección de deportes*. Show a page from a real newspaper to give children a visual clue. Ask the same question about other parts of a newspaper, eg *la moda, el tiempo*.
 - Give a set of text cards showing opinion phrases (see previous section) to each group. Ask an individual child to select a newspaper column and ask a question about it, eg *¿Te gusta la sección de cocina?* Each group has 30 seconds to discuss its response, reach a consensus and choose an opinion card. Go around the class and each group holds up their chosen card and choruses their opinion, eg *¡Sí, es genial!* (Yes, it's brilliant!)
 - Repeat the question and encourage children to give an extended answer, eg *Sí, me gusta la sección de deportes. El deporte es interesante*.
 - Write model sentences on the board, eg *Me gusta la sección de moda. La moda es fantástica*. (I like the fashion column. Fashion is fantastic.) Remind children about the use of connectives and how to link sentences together. Do they know any words to do this? Which words would they use in English? Introduce the phrase *porque, en mi opinión* (as in my opinion). Invite children to insert the phrase to link the two sentences. Compose other extended sentences with *porque, en mi opinión* using other parts of the newspaper.
 - Play Finish That Quote. Invite three confident children to come to the front to demonstrate the game. Give each child a text card to read out, eg:
Card 1: *Me gusta la sección de deportes* (I like the sports column)
Card 2: *porque, en mi opinión* (as in my opinion)
Card 3: *es ...* (it is ...)
Starting with Child 1, the three children read out their part of the sentence, with Child 3 supplying an adjective. Play this game several times with different combinations of text and children. Each time, give the first card to a less confident child and the third one to the most confident child.
 - Invite children to carry out a class survey of their opinions on columns in a newspaper. Ask each child to select three columns. They have to ask six different children their opinions about these and record their answers, eg *¿Te gusta la sección de cocina? No, no me gusta la sección de cocina porque, en mi opinión, es aburrida*. (Do you like the cookery column? No, I don't like the cookery column as in my opinion it's boring.)
 - Ask individual children to present some of their findings from the survey. Model how they could do this, eg *Michael le gusta la sección de deportes porque, en su opinión, es interesante* (Michael likes the sports column as in his opinion it is interesting); *Shamima no le gusta la sección de actualidad porque, en su opinión, es aburrida* (Shamima doesn't like the current events column as in her opinion it is boring). Draw children's attention to the possessive pronoun *my = mi, his/her = su*.
 - Invite children to create a display of quotes from the survey in speech bubbles. Each child selects one quote and writes that child's opinion on a newspaper column, eg *¡No me gusta la sección de deportes, porque, en mi opinión, es aburrida!* (I don't like the sports column as in my opinion it is boring!) Children can use ICT for this activity and add their own sound recordings. Some children will prefer to be given a semi-completed speech bubble to either fill in the gaps or complete by selecting from a word bank.
 - Extension: Children write a series of opinions on different newspaper columns.

- express a spoken opinion about news
- work as a team to agree on and offer an opinion
- ask a question to obtain an opinion
- understand an opinion offered by someone else
- create a written sentence to describe an opinion

- Follow-up: Make a class display board of likes and dislikes, with each child contributing an opinion in a speech bubble. Encourage them to use known vocabulary, such as food, drink or games.
- Follow-up: Children continue to look up a Spanish news source on the internet. They use the headlines to find out what are the main items of news, sporting events and bits of gossip about famous people.
- Links with literacy work: The third and fourth activities and the extension activity link to work on offering reasons and evidence for their views and considering alternative opinions in year 4.

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Section 4. In the paper

- to use spoken language confidently to initiate and sustain conversations and to tell stories (O6.4)
 - to read and understand the main points and some details from a short written passage (L6.1)
 - to identify different text types and read short, authentic texts for enjoyment or information (L6.2)
 - to use knowledge of words, text and structure to build simple spoken and written passages (KAL)
 - to use language known in one context or topic in another context or topic (LLS)
 - to use context and previous knowledge to help understanding and reading skills (LLS)
- Revise the Spanish vocabulary for the different columns of the newspaper. Give children a timed challenge: to work in groups to remember the Spanish names for five newspaper columns. Some groups may need support, eg first letters, visual clues.
 - Ask the question *¿Cuál es tu sección favorita?* to elicit answers from the previous section, eg *la sección de deportes/moda/tiempo*.
 - Ask children *¿Por qué?* (Why?) in order to elicit sentences with *porque, en mi opinión*.
 - Tell the class that they are going to produce a version of a Spanish newspaper in which they are the celebrities. The paper will contain information about them and their interests and aspirations, and will draw on all of the Spanish that they have been learning. Ask them to think of the pages in which they would be most likely to find themselves if they were in a newspaper, eg sport, fashion, cinema, books, music, news, travel, television. This should reflect what children are good at and/or interested in, and can be discussed in English.
 - Introduce children to the front page with a short introductory article (see 'Points to note'). Suggest titles, eg *El periódico escolar del colegio St Mark's* (The St Mark's Primary School newspaper). The text could be used as a 'language investigators' text, if appropriate, in which children use their previous knowledge and reading skills to decipher as much information as they can from the text.

- answer the question 'why?' and give reasons
- talk about their favourite newspaper columns
- read and respond to a text

- Follow-up: Children look up a Spanish news source on the internet. They use the headlines to try to make sense of the main items of news, sporting events or gossip about famous people.
- An example of a short introductory article for the front page of a newspaper:

¡Es el fin del año escolar! ¡El año 6 va a terminar el colegio! En septiembre los alumnos van al instituto. Pero puede informarse sobre los alumnos en nuestro periódico escolar.

(School's out! Year 6 are leaving the school! In September the children are going to secondary school. But you can find out all about them in our school newspaper.)

<i>Actualidad</i>	– <i>Página 1</i>	(Current events)
<i>Viajes</i>	– <i>Página 2</i>	Travel
<i>Cultura</i>	– <i>Página 3</i>	Culture
<i>Música</i>	– <i>Página 4</i>	Music
<i>Moda</i>	– <i>Página 5</i>	Fashion
<i>Deportes</i>	– <i>Página 6</i>	Sport

Section 5. Ask me again

- to perform to an audience (O6.2)
 - to identify different text types and read short, authentic texts for enjoyment or information (L6.2)
 - to write sentences on a range of topics using a model (L6.4)
 - to use knowledge of word order and sentence construction to support the understanding of the written text (KAL)
 - to ask for repetition and clarification (LLS)
 - to discuss language learning and reflect and share ideas and experiences (LLS)
- Elicit from children what information they would like and would be able to include in an article about themselves for *El periódico escolar*. Remind them of their previous learning, revising as necessary (see 'Points to note').
 - Revise how to ask questions to elicit personal information, eg *¿Cómo te llamas?* (What are you called?); *¿Cuántos años tienes?* (How old are you?); *¿Te gusta ...?* (Do you like ...?); *¿Dónde vives?* (Where do you live?); *¿Tocas ...?* (Do you play ...?) (see 'Points to note' for some model answers).
 - Give children cards containing these questions. In pairs, they sort them into an appropriate order for conducting an interview. They compare their order with another pair and, as a group of four, discuss what the answers to each of the questions could be.
 - Provide the appropriate scaffolding to allow children to begin to write the answers to the questions. These are then written on separate cards.
 - The class feed back their questions and answers. The questions are placed on the interactive whiteboard with the answers covered, or cards with questions displayed on the board with the answers face down. These are then revealed one by one and children work in pairs (or as a class) to match the answers to the questions.
 - Children work in pairs to complete a dialogue, using the questions as prompts and giving appropriate answers.
 - Confident children could perform these dialogues to the rest of the class.

- listen attentively
- ask and answer questions about personal information

- Encourage children to use language learnt in other units, eg *Me llamo Sophie; Tengo once años; Mi deporte favorito es el fútbol porque es fantástico; Me gusta el español y la música; Me gusta comer pizza y chocolate; Vivo en Newcastle; Toco el piano y la guitarra.*
- It would be beneficial if a secondary teacher could be involved in the teaching of this unit, as a way of getting to know children and their achievements.

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Section 6. Here I am!

- to write sentences on a range of topics using a model (L6.4)
- to devise questions for authentic use (KAL)
- to use knowledge of words, text and structure to build simple spoken and written passages (KAL)

- Children prepare a short text about themselves to go in an appropriate newspaper column, eg a child who is good at or enjoys sport would place their article in the sports pages.
- The articles should be collected into both paper and electronic versions of a class newspaper, with pictures if appropriate. The articles could include information drawn from the previous section.
- Extension: The final sentence of the text could start with *Me gustaría ser ...* (I would like to be ...) This could be taught as a whole sentence, with children using a bilingual dictionary to complete it, eg *Me gustaría ser actor/actriz* (I would like to be an actor/actress).
- Phonic focus: Collect any displays of phonics work from previous units. Invite the class to make an interactive display, using presentation software, on phoneme–grapheme correspondence. Split them into small groups. Give each group a phoneme to work on. Each group should decide on a mime for their phoneme, a list of words and pictures containing their phoneme, and a soundbite to illustrate correct pronunciation.
- Children then present their work to the rest of the class. Once each group has finished, the slides can be merged to make one large presentation. As well as being watched on the interactive whiteboard, the presentation can be printed off and displayed or bound as a book.

- construct a written presentation or article to give personal information
- apply most words correctly

- During preparation for the end-of-unit activity, see if any older children from destination secondary schools are able to act as peer tutors.
- Make writing frames, word banks and dictionaries available to children.
- Follow-up: Using the internet, show excerpts from Spanish TV news reports. Discuss the similarities with – and differences from – UK TV reports.
- Links to literacy work: The first activity links to literacy work on writing newspaper reports in year 4. Children will have had experience of using ICT programs to present text in year 5.

End-of-unit activity

- to apply the knowledge, skills and understanding in this unit

- Children present their work to the wider school community, during a celebration assembly or in a performance to another class.

- present information in a variety of ways

- If the school has a Spanish-speaking partner school, the class could email photos of their displays.