

Rosa's Sporting Spanish Challenge

Learning objective: To learn and recall vocabulary for common sports in Spanish, using Rosa the parrot as a guide.

Use these flashcards to practise your Spanish sports vocabulary. Rosa suggests saying the word aloud to help with your pronunciation. For the Greater Depth questions, think about how these sports are played and why they are popular.

How do you say 'to play football' in Spanish?

Jugar al fútbol

Translate 'to play tennis' into Spanish.

Jugar al tenis

What is the Spanish phrase for 'to play basketball'?

Jugar al baloncesto

How would you say 'to do swimming' in Spanish?

Hacer natación

Translate 'to do athletics' into Spanish.

Hacer atletismo

How do you say 'to do gymnastics' in Spanish?

Hacer gimnasia

Explain why we use 'jugar al' for some sports and 'hacer' for others.

'Jugar al' is used for team games involving a ball, whereas 'hacer' is generally used for individual physical disciplines or activities.

Compare and contrast 'el partido' (the match) and 'el equipo' (the team).

'El partido' refers to the event or competition itself, while 'el equipo' refers to the group of people playing together.

Justify your answer: Is 'natación' a sport you would typically play on 'un campo'? Why?

No, because 'un campo' (a field) is for grass sports like football; swimming requires 'una piscina' (a pool).

What might happen if a team forgot their 'equipo' for 'el partido'?

They would be unable to compete effectively or might be disqualified depending on the rules of the sport.