

El Tiempo en España: Rosa's Weather Report

Learning objective: To read and understand a short text in Spanish about weather patterns and identify key vocabulary.

Read the text carefully. Use the word bank to help you understand the Spanish phrases. Answer the questions in English to show your comprehension.

¡Hola! Soy Rosa la lora. Today, I am reporting on the weather across Spain. In Madrid, the capital city, it is a glorious day. Hace sol y hace calor, so it is perfect for visiting the parks. However, if you travel north to the mountains near the Pyrenees, the weather changes drastically. Allí, hace frío y está nublado. Some hikers might even see snow! Meanwhile, in the coastal city of Barcelona, the forecast is quite different. Mañana, llueve en la costa, so remember to pack your umbrella if you are planning a trip to the beach. Spain has a very diverse climate. In the south, near Seville, the temperatures remain high throughout the week, while the northern regions experience much more rainfall. Whether you prefer the bright sunshine or the misty, cool mountains, Spain offers something for every traveller. Always check the local forecast before you start your journey to ensure you are prepared for the changing conditions. ¡Qué interesante!

Word bank: Hace sol - It is sunny · Hace frío - It is cold · Está nublado - It is cloudy · Llueve - It is raining · El pronóstico - The forecast · Mañana - Tomorrow · El clima - The climate

1. According to the text, what is the weather like in Madrid and what activity does Rosa suggest doing there? (2 marks)

2. What does Rosa advise people to take with them if they are visiting Barcelona tomorrow? (2 marks)

3. Explain why the weather in the Pyrenees might be considered a challenge for hikers compared to the weather in Seville. (3 marks)

4. Infer why Rosa mentions that Spain has a 'diverse climate' based on the examples provided in the passage. (3 marks)

5. Justify your answer: Which Spanish city would you prefer to visit based on the weather descriptions provided, and why? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a map of Spain divided into three sections: a sunny park in the centre, a snowy mountain in the north, and a rainy beach in the east. Label each section with the correct Spanish weather phrase from the word bank.



Extension challenge: Compare and contrast the weather in Spain with the weather in the UK during the same season. What might happen to tourism in Spain if the southern regions became too hot for visitors to travel safely? Write a short persuasive paragraph suggesting the best time of year to visit the Pyrenees.