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Spanish

Subject knowledge audit

Subject leader toolkit

How to use this audit

This subject knowledge audit has been designed to help subject leaders identify gaps in teacher subject knowledge so that they can support teachers effectively.

Encourage teachers to review statements for each teaching phase and assess their confidence and support needs. The statements align with the Kapow Primary [Spanish](#) curriculum, highlighted in the [progression of skills, knowledge and vocabulary](#) document.

If teachers are lacking in confidence, there are a few things you can do to support them:

- Ensure they have some time to look at the suggested Kapow Primary teacher videos independently.
- Pair them with a teacher who is confident in that area to support them.
- Set up further training opportunities in school during staff meetings or INSET (if there is a common area of need).

Our Spanish phoneme videos feature [Mouth Mechanics®](#) to help pupils master correct pronunciation and articulation. Teachers can also use them for personal skill practice and as a valuable CPD resource. These can be located in the 'Watch' or 'Pupil phoneme videos' tabs within a lesson.

Please be aware that the teacher videos mentioned in this document were originally created for individual lessons. However, they can still be valuable for ongoing CPD and enhancing teachers' understanding of the curriculum sequence.

For more support in your Spanish subject leader role, please refer to our blog posts and watch out for [webinars](#) coming soon.

In the coming academic year, we'll introduce new units and resources to complete our Spanish scheme. We'll keep this document updated with new statements and resources to provide you with extra support. For details about the publication of units, please see the appropriate [key stage page](#).

To watch the videos and use the resources in this document, you'll need a Spanish subscription or a [free trial](#).

Your Spanish Knowledge

Use these questions to first assess teachers' Spanish experience and knowledge before evaluating their confidence in different areas of the curriculum.

1. Have you ever learnt Spanish?

Yes

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No

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If yes, please give details:

2. Do you speak any other languages?

Yes

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No

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If yes, please give details:

3. What is your previous experience of teaching Spanish?

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4. How confident do you feel about teaching Spanish?

5. What do you think is challenging about teaching Spanish?

6. What would help you to teach Spanish more confidently?

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Question	I feel confident	I am somewhat confident	I would benefit from support	Support available
Grammar				
I can help pupils to use the definite and indefinite article, matching to gender and number of noun.				Teacher video: Noun-Adjective agreement (Y4)
I can support pupils in applying placement and agreement rules for adjectives.				Teacher video: Describing shapes (Y3) Teacher video: Noun-Adjective agreement (Y4)
I can teach pupils to recognise and apply verb endings for regular 'ar', 'er' and 'ir' verbs.				Teacher video: Understanding verb conjugations (Y5) Teacher video: Me gusta in the third person (Y5) Teacher video: Encantar (Y6)
I can teach pupils some common irregular verbs.				Teacher video: Understanding verb conjugations (Y5)
I can teach pupils to use the negative form.				Supporting resources coming soon!
I can teach pupils the imperative form.				Teacher video: Imperative verbs in Spanish (Y5)
I can teach pupils to recognise and use the correct verb tenses (including the near future tense).				Supporting resources coming soon!
I can support pupils in using prepositions.				Supporting resources coming soon!

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Language production: Speaking				
I can support pupils in developing accurate pronunciation and intonation.				<p>Spanish phonics Mouth Mechanics videos:</p> <p>a i o e c/z j/soft g trilled r soft r y/l b/v ñ k/c/qu soft d hard d</p> <p>Each lesson also has a key pronunciation presentation which includes audio clips.</p> <p>Teacher video: Teaching Spanish phonics (Y3)</p>
I can support pupils to ask and answer questions in Spanish and to form sentences based on a model.				<p>Teacher video: Months of the year (from 1:55 to the end)</p>
I can support pupils to express ideas and opinions orally and respond to those of others.				<p>Teacher video: Creating authentic experiences (Y4)</p> <p>Teacher video: Making videos in language lessons (Y4)</p> <p>Teacher video: Encantar (Y6)</p> <p>Teacher video: Giving opinions (Y6)</p>
I can help pupils to describe people, places and things orally.				<p>Supporting resources coming soon!</p>

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Language comprehension: Listening				
I can teach children to follow verbal instructions in Spanish.				Teacher video: Imperative verbs in Spanish (Y5)
I can identify rhymes and spelling patterns in songs and rhyme.				Supporting resources coming soon!
I can teach children how to use language detective skills to decode vocabulary.				Teacher video: Detective skills (Y3)
Language comprehension: Reading				
I can support pupils in developing their bilingual dictionary skills.				Teacher video: Encouraging independence (Y5)
I can teach pupils to use cognates as well as contextual clues to gist information from a text.				Teacher video: Detective skills (Y3) Teacher video: Birthday invitation (Y4) Teacher video: Reading strategies (Y6)
Language comprehension: Writing				
I can support pupils in writing words, phrases and sentences.				Teacher video: Planning and writing a story in Spanish (Y4)

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Cultural awareness				
I can teach children about the many places where Spanish is spoken around the world.				Supporting resources coming soon!
I can teach children about the Euro currency.				Supporting resources coming soon!
I can help children to gain awareness of the differences in the cultures of Spanish-speaking countries and English culture.				Teacher video: Cultural experience (Y3) Teacher video: Spanish cubist art (Y5)
I can ensure that children approach different cultures with interest and respect.				Supporting resources coming soon!