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Self-assessment of Spanish skills

Answer each question below without using a textbook, dictionary or other resources. Then, check your answers using the key on the last page.

Keep in mind that it is impossible to reflect the full range of linguistic and cultural learning in a short activity like this. This self-assessment is neither a placement test nor a contract. It is only a tool to see how well prepared you are for Spanish 2.

A. Preguntas. Answer each question in a complete sentence.

1. ¿Cómo eres?
2. ¿Vives en Del Mar?
3. ¿Dónde está tu escuela?
4. ¿Qué clases tomas?
5. ¿Qué te gusta hacer en tu tiempo libre?

B. Concordancia. Complete each sentence with the correct form of the adjective in parentheses.

6. Mis amigas son (rubio) _____.
7. Me gusta la guitarra (grande) _____.
8. Él y yo somos un poco (perezoso) _____.
9. Vivimos en una casa (amarillo) _____.
10. Según mi familia, mis amigos y yo somos (deportista) _____.
11. Tu madre siempre está muy (ocupado) _____.

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C. Presente del indicativo. Conjugate these verbs in the present tense.

12. Ud. / escribir

18. él / tener

13. yo / hacer la tarea

19. mis padres / compartir

14. su mochila / ser

20. yo / ir

15. Marisol / poder patinar

21. tú / ser

16. tú / jugar

22. Josefina y Paco / comer

17. nosotras / leer

23. Uds. / nadar

D. Traducción. Translate these sentences.

24. I don't like cheese.

25. My sister and I go to the library on Wednesdays.

26. They don't run in the park at 4 p.m.

27. Pablo's favorite decorations are balloons and lights.

28. Where is your stepmother?

29. Marta and Berto, do you play basketball ?

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E. Reading comprehension. Read the following passage, and then choose the best answer for each question.

‘¡Vamos al Viejo San Juan!’

El Viejo San Juan es una zona histórica, pintoresca, colonial y muy popular en la capital de Puerto Rico. Los jóvenes pasan el tiempo con sus amigos en los parques, cafés y plazas. Allí cantan, bailan y comen en los restaurantes típicos.

« El Morro » fue construido en el siglo XVI para combatir los ataques de los piratas ingleses y franceses.

« La Catedral de San Juan » tiene muchas obras de arte. Allí descansan los restos de Juan Ponce de León, famoso explorador de la Florida.

(Excerpted from Realidades 1)

30. What is the main idea of this selection?

- a. things to do in San Juan
- b. the weather in San Juan
- c. singing and dancing
- d. art in Florida

31. According to this selection, what is the capital of Puerto Rico?

- a. El Morro
- b. La Catedral
- c. San Juan
- d. Puerto Rico City

32. According to the selection, what kind of pirates used to attack?

- a. French and Spanish
- b. English and Filipino
- c. Dutch and Spanish
- d. French and English

(end of test - answer key follows)

ANSWER KEY

Check your answers with those below. For answers with more than one possibility, give yourself points from within the range provided. When you have finished, add up your total points.

1. "Soy moreno(a) y sociable." If your answer is very similar to the sample answer (different adjectives are OK), give yourself 3 points; if you used 'eres' instead of 'soy,' give yourself only 2 points; if you forgot to make your adjective match with your gender, give yourself only 2 points; if you answered with adjectives but no verb at all, give yourself only 1 point; if you didn't know how to answer the question or your answer was not related to the question, give yourself 0 points.
2. "Sí, vivo en Del Mar." or "No, no vivo en Del Mar." or "No, vivo en _(city)_." If your answer is very similar to one of the sample answers, give yourself 3 points; if you did not start the sentence with 'sí' or 'no,' give yourself 2 points; if you used 'vives' instead of 'vivo,' give yourself 2 points; if you did not use any verb at all, give yourself 1 point; if you didn't know how to answer the question or your answer was not related to the question, give yourself 0 points.
3. "Mi escuela está en _(city)_." If your answer is very similar to the sample answer, give yourself 3 points; if you answered the question correctly but left out 'Mi escuela,' give yourself 3 points; if you forgot the accent mark, give yourself 2 points; if you forgot to use 'está,' give yourself 1 point; if you didn't know how to answer the question or your answer was not related to the question, give yourself 0 points.
4. "Tomo _(class)_, _(class)_ y _(class)_." or "Estudio _(class)_, _(class)_ y _(class)_." If your answer is very similar to one of the sample answers, give yourself 3 points; if you answered correctly but included the word 'yo' in your answer, give yourself 3 points; if you didn't use 'el' or 'la' in front of the each class, give yourself only 2 points; if you answered the question but didn't use any verb at all, give yourself 1 point; if you didn't know how to answer the question or your answer was not related to the question, give yourself 0 points.
5. "En mi tiempo libre, me gusta jugar el voleibol." If your answer is very similar to the sample answer, give yourself 3 points (any activity is acceptable); if your answer is correct except you didn't use 'En mi tiempo libre,' give yourself 3 points; if you didn't use 'me,' give yourself 2 points; if you used 'gustan,' give yourself 2 points; if you conjugated the verb after 'me gusta,' give yourself 2 points; if you answered the question but didn't use any verb at all, give yourself 1 point; if you didn't know how to answer the question or your answer was not related to the question, give yourself 0 points.
6. rubias (completely correct = 2 points, 'rubia' or 'rubios' = 1 point, wrong or no answer = 0 points)
7. grande (completely correct = 2 points, 'grandes' = 1 point, 'granda' or no answer = 0 points)
8. perezosos (completely correct = 2 points, 'perezosas' = 1 point, 'perezoso' or 'perezosa' or no answer = 0 points)
9. amarilla (completely correct = 2 points, 'amarillo' or 'amarillas' = 1 point, 'amarillos' or no answer = 0 points)

10. deportistas (completely correct = 2 points, 'deportista' = 1 point, 'deportisto' or 'deportistos' or 'deportes' or no answer = 0 points)

11. ocupada (completely correct = 2 points, 'ocupado' or 'ocupadas' = 1 point, 'ocupados' or no answer = 0 points)

(For questions 12-23, if your answer is completely correct, give yourself 2 points; otherwise give yourself 0 points.)

12. escribe 18. tiene

13. hago la tarea 19. comparten

14. es 20. voy

15. puede patinar 21. eres

16. juegas 22. comen

17. leemos 23. nadan

24. "No me gusta el queso." If your answer is very similar, give yourself 3 points; if you did not know one of the vocabulary words, give yourself only 2 points; if you used the right verb but in the wrong form, give yourself only 1 point; if you didn't know how to translate 2 or more words, give yourself 0 points.

25. "Mi hermana y yo vamos a la biblioteca los miércoles." If your answer is very similar, give yourself 3 points; if you did not know one of the vocabulary words, give yourself only 2 points; if you used the right verb but in the wrong form, give yourself only 1 point; if you didn't know how to translate 2 or more words, give yourself 0 points.

26. "Ellos no corren en el parque a las cuatro de la tarde." If your answer is very similar, give yourself 3 points; if you did not know one of the vocabulary words, give yourself only 2 points; if you used the right verb but in the wrong form, give yourself only 1 point; if you didn't know how to translate 2 or more words, give yourself 0 points.

27. "Las decoraciones favoritas de Pablo son globos y luces." If your answer is very similar, give yourself 3 points; if you did not know one of the vocabulary words, give yourself only 2 points; if you used the right verb but in the wrong form, give yourself only 1 point; if you didn't know how to translate 2 or more words, give yourself 0 points.

28. ¿Dónde está tu madrastra? If your answer is very similar, give yourself 3 points; if you did not know one of the vocabulary words, give yourself only 2 points; if you missed any of the accent marks or question marks, give yourself only 2 points; if you used the right verb but in the wrong form, give yourself only 1 point; if you didn't know how to translate 2 or more words, give yourself 0 points.

29. Marta y Berto, ¿juegan al básquetbol? (or) Marta y Berto, ¿juegan al baloncesto? If your answer is very similar, give yourself 3 points; if you did not know one of the vocabulary words, give yourself only 2 points; if you missed any of the accent marks or question marks, give yourself only 2 points; if you used the right verb but in the wrong form, give yourself only 1 point; if you didn't know how to translate 2 or more words, give yourself 0 points.

30. A (2 points)

31. C (2 points)

32. D (2 points)

ANALYSIS: If you earned 60 or more points, you should be well prepared to enter Spanish 2. If you earned significantly fewer than 60 points, you should consider repeating Spanish 1.