## SPANISH

## JUNIOR CERTIFICATE SYLLABUS

#### PREAMBLE

This is a communicative syllabus organised around the <u>needs</u>, <u>expectations and interests</u> which pupils bring to the foreign language classroom.

The adolescent learner in the Irish context seldow needs to use the target language in an authentic exchange with a native speaker. His or her real needs centre around using and understanding the target language as a means of communication and instruction in the classroom. However, a pupil brings to the classroom a reasonable expectation that his or her language learning will equip him or her to cope in a country where the language is native. The learner can also reasonably expect that the language-learning process will draw upon themes and activities that are of interest to him or her.

The syllabus is to be seen as a <u>teaching syllabus</u>, a statement of the minimum content of <u>themes</u> and <u>communicative tasks</u> which should have been covered by pupils at Junior Certificate level.

The items listed under the heading 'SOME EXPONENTS' exemplify some of the language items which might be used in carrying out a given communicative task. This small selection of exponents is intended as a guide. The teacher may use them or offer the pupils other words and phrases. It is not necessary for a pupil to have mastered all the listed exponents: he or she should, however, be able to carry out all the communicative tasks, at least at a simple level.

The list of exponents is <u>not</u> a <u>prescriptive</u> list for setters of the Junior Certificate Examination. The aim of the examinations will be to test communicative competence in respect of the themes and tasks: these are not restricted to the list of exponents that appears in the syllabus.

# Ordinary and Higher Level Assessment

The syllabus aims to cater for the entire ability range of pupils. Assessment will be at two levels, Ordinary and Higher. While the syllabus is the same for both levels, the communicative tasks will be catried out through language use of varying degrees of complexity. All pupils will be expected to execute the same tasks, although Ordinary Level examination candidates may do so in a simpler way.

#### CENERAL AIMS

## 1. General educational aims

The general educational aims of the Junior Certificate programme in French, German, Italian and Spanish are:

- (a) to contribute to pupils' awareness of language as a system of communication:
- (b) to give pupils an awareness of another culture, and thus a more objective perspective on aspects of their own culture;
- (c) to contribute to the development in pupils of the capacity to engage in fruitful transactions and interactions with others;
- (d) through (a), (b) and (c), to contribute to pupils' overall personal and social development;
- (e) to give pupils the possibility of access to sources of information, cultural enrichment and entertainment in the target language;
- (f) to encourage and equip pupils to consider participating in social and cultural activities which may involve some use of the target language;
- (g) to make it possible for pupils to consider taking up job and further education/training opportunities which may involve some use of the target language;
- (h) to give pupils the kind of language learning experience that will encourage and facilitate their learning further languages in later life;
- (i) through (e), (f), (g) and (h), to enlarge pupils' work, further education and leisure options.

### 2. General communicative aims

The general communicative aims of the Junior Certificate programme in French, German, Italian and Spanish are:

(a) to enable pupils to cope with the normal classroom use of the target language;

- (b) to equip pupils with a competence in the target language which would enable them to provide themselves with basic necessities, to avoid misdemeanours and/or serious embarrassment, and to engage in some degree of social interaction in a country/situation where only the target language was in use;
- (c) to furnish pupils with linguistic skills which will make it possible for them to pursue at least some aspects of their general interests through the medium of the target language;
- (d) through (a), (b) and (c) and otherwise, to ensure that pupils' competence in the target language such as to be conducive to the fulfilment of the general educational aims specified above.

#### BEHAVIOURAL OBJECTIVES

## Introduction

The behavioural objectives of the syllabus are basically those communicative tasks which the learner should be able to perform in order for the general aims set out above to be met. It should be noted that any given communicative task can be effectively carried out in a variety of ways, using language of varying complexity. Accordingly, pupils from a wide spectrum of the ability range should be able to complete these tasks successfully and thus steadily gain rather than lose confidence in using the target language.

As far as possible the tasks specified are neutral as between what is appropriate behaviour for an adolescent and what is appropriate for an adult. The reason for this is that the aims of the syllabus are not narrowly focussed on pupils' current situation, but attempt to address continuing and future demands pupils may make on their competence in target language.

Care has also been taken to ensure that there is a balance between objectives which relate to such activities as information-getting and shopping (transactional, i.e. message-oriented) and those which have to do with the initiation and maintenance of social contact (interactional, i.e. listener-oriented). This balance of transactional and interactional relates to the fact that the syllabus aims to facilitate the development of skills which will permit the pupil to some extent to socialize through the medium of the target language as well as to use the language for strictly utilitarian purposes.

If not all of the tasks specified here are equally plausible as instances of natural foreign language use, it is because the constraints imposed by the limited channels available for teaching and testing purposes necessitate the inclusion of tasks which are "related to" or "prerequisite for" authentic language use. For

example, a listening comprehension task in which the learner answers questions in his/her mother tongue about information gleaned from a plece of discourse in the target language is somewhat improbable as a "real life" application of competence in the target language as a foreign language. However, it is related to more authentic tasks—for instance, telling someone who does not understand the target language what is being said by a native-speaker of that language or what is going on in a film or television programme in the language. More-over, the performance of such a task depends on a process (decoding spoken language) which cannot be tested directly and which has to be mastered in order for any kind of natural communication to take place.

## Tasks, activities and exponents

The communicative tasks which follow are divided into two broad categories, those which involve only receptive use of the target language (R1-R2) and those which involve some productive use of the target language (P1-P20). The language needed for the performance of tasks specified under the latter heading will also be expected to be accessible to pupils' receptive skills. The converse does not hold, however. That is to say, pupils will not be required to deploy productively language exclusively associated with tasks designated as receptive.

Within the two above-mentioned categories tasks are grouped under headings which point to general activities and themes to which such tasks might relate. This arrangement is for ease of reference and is not intended to suggest that there is necessarily anything hard and fast about the relationship between a specific task and a given general activity or theme.

For each group of communciative tasks involving productive use of the target language a small selection of linguistic exponents is indicated. Once again it should be noted that these items are included merely to provide a few immediate reference points for the syllabus user, and are not intended as any kind of definitive statement about the linguistic knowledge a learner would need in order to perform particular productive tasks.

## TASKS INVOLVING ONLY RECEPTIVE USE OF SPANISH

(Cf. first paragraph of section headed Tasks, activities and exponents)

R1 GENERAL ACTIVITY/THEME:

Listening for information

COMMUNICATIVE TASKS:

Understanding the main elements of the kinds of announcements you are likely to hear at bus stations, railway stations, ferry terminals, airports, hotels and

larger shops

Understanding the main elements of (simplified) news bulletins
Understanding the main elements of conversations and telephone messages which involve the performance of tasks detailed

in P1 - P16 and P19

Giving spoken or written answers in English or Irish, or non-verbal answers, to questions in English or Irish about the main elements of announcements, news bulletins, conversations and telephone messages such as those

described above

R2 GENERAL ACTIVITY/THEME:

Reading for information

COMMUNICATIVE TASKS:

Understanding the main elements of the kinds of warning and information signs and notices you are likely to encounter on the road, in the streets of a town or village, and in bus stations, railway stations, ferry terminals, airports, hotels, hostels and shops Understanding the main elements of

Understanding the main elements of

Understanding the main elements of (authentic) pictorial advertisements

Understanding the main elements of short (authentic) newspaper/ magazine reports appropriate to the age group

Understanding the main elements of letters, forms, curricula vitae and transcriptions of conversations which involve the performance of tasks detailed in P1-P20

- Giving a spoken or written summary in English or Irish of the main elements of signs, notices, advertisements, reports, letters and transcriptions such as those described above
- Giving spoken or written answers in English or Irish, or non-verbal answers, to questions in English or Irish about the main elements of signs, notices, advertisements, reports, letters and transcriptions such as those described above

Pl GENERAL ACTIVITY/THEME:

Meeting and getting to know people

COMMUNICATIVE TASKS:

Saying hello

Asking someone his/her name

Giving your own name

Asking someone his/her age

Giving your own age

Asking someone where he/she

SOME EXPONENTS:

- hola buenos días/buenas tardes/ noches

- ;qué tal?

- ;cδmo + estar?

- ;c6mo + llamarse?

- ; cuántos años + tener? - tener + number + años

- ¿de dónde + ser?

- presentar/presentarse

;de quién + ser?

- hasta luego/adi6s

P2 GENERAL ACTIVITY/THEME:

Engaging in and talking about

leisure pursuits

COMMUNICATIVE TASKS:

Asking someone what he/she would

like to do

Saying what you would like to do

Suggesting doing something

Agreeing to/rejecting a suggestion

Inviting someone to something Responding to an invitation

Asking people about their free time

activities

Asking why/why not

Describing your own free time

activities

SOME EXPONENTS:

- ;qué + querer + hacer?

- querer + INFINITIVE

- use of 1st person plural of IR for suggestions, e.g. vamos al cine; vamos a + INFINITIVE

- de acuerdo

- pasar el día/la tarde/la noche

- ¿cuánto tiempo + durar?

- durar + NUMBER + minutos/horas

- gustar + hacer

e.g. hacer deportes jugar al fútbol ver la tele(visión) escuchar la música pop

ir a la discoteca

- parecer + NOUN e.g. ¿qué te parece...? bien/regular/interesante/ estupendo/aburrido la novela/el articulo/ la revista/el video/ el programa/la pelfcula

- estar + de acuerdo

" no estar 4 de acuerdo

## P3 GENERAL ACTIVITY/THEME:

## Making Plans

## COMMUNICATIVE TASKS:

Asking someone about bis/her weekend or holiday plans Saying what you intend to do at the weekend or during the holidays Arranging a meeting with someone

- poder + INFINITIVE e.g. podríamos ir a la playa o al
- ;qué es lo que + ir a + hacer? este fin de semana/durante las vacaciones
- que + gustar + más + NOUN PHRASE
- que + preferir + INFINITIVE e.g. ;qué prefieres, hacer deportes o ir al cine?
- ir + INFINITIVE
- ¿qué es lo que + esperar/querer/ gustar? (CONDITIONAL) + hacer en la vida
- esperar/querer/gustar (CONDITIONAL) ser + NOUN/hacerse + NOUN/ dedicarse a/al/a la + NOUN trabajar en + NOUN
- ¿dônde?
- ¿cuándo?
- ⊸ ja quê hora?
- encontrarse con
- DAYS OF THE WEEK
- el + NUMBER + de + MONTH
- a + NUMBER de la madrugada/mañana/tarde/ noche
- a + NUMBER + y/menos/+ cuarro/ media

P4 GENERAL ACTIVITY/THEME:

Visiting/Staying in a Spanish (speaking) home

COMMUNICATIVE TASKS:

Expressing appreciation

Saying please Saying thank you Offering to help Asking for help Asking for things

Asking what/which to take/use etc.

Requesting permission

Expressing satisfaction and

dissatisfaction

Asking for information about

household routine

SOME EXPONENTS:

- mostrar cortesía

" por favor/gracias

- poder + ayudar + le/te
 (Ej. ¿ Puedo ayudarle?

¿Me puede/me puedes ayudar?)
poder pasar (Ej.¿ Puedes pasarme

la sal por favor?)

¿ Cuál?

- estar (+ muy) + contento (feliz)

P5 GENERAL ACTIVITY/THEME:

Talking about your own family and

home

COMMUNICATIVE TASKS:

Saying how many brothers and

sisters you have

Saying what your parents do

Saying what members of your family

look like

Saying whereabouts you live Describing your locality

Describing the house or flat you

live in

Saying where things are at home Saying what you usually do at home

SOME EXPONENTS:

- tener + número + hermano(s)
- Mamá, Papá trabaja en/como/

hace

- mi mamá/mi papá es/hace
- -- está sin empleo/trabajo
- ser + pequeño/grande/rubio/moreno
- tener + el pelo negro/los

ojos azules etc.

- no + es + muy + Adjective
- vivir en + nombre del pueblo etc.
- vivir en el sur/norte/este/oeste
- vivir en + nombre de la ciudad/ urbanización/pueblo
- es una gran ciudad, una ciudad pequeña etc./un pueblecito, pueblo/está en el campo casa/piso, apartamento/chalet pequeño/grande
- tener + número + cuartos
- estar en/delance de/detrás de/ enfrente de/cerca de etc.
- en casa
- levantarse/comer/ver la tele/
  acostarse
- a la/las + elock time

#### P6 GENERAL ACTIVITY/THEME:

### Talking about animals

COMMUNICATIVE TASKS:

Asking about pets. Saying if you have pets and if so what it is Naming some farm animals Saying you like/dislike certain animals
Naming some foods that animals eat

SOME EXPONENTS:

- temer/gustarle/encantarle
- animales domesticos perro, gato, conejo, vaca, caballo, oveja, etc.
- no + gustar
- tenerle mania a
- preferir
- comer carne, pescado, ensalada, verduras

## P7 GENERAL ACTIVITY/THEME:

Talking about the weather

COMMUNICATIVE TASK:

Describing the weather saying what you do when the weather is good and bad

- Impersonal hace muy buen tiempo/mal tiempo/calor/ frio/viento.....
- Impersonal llueve ......
- cuando hace calor + VERB ...

P8 GENERAL ACTIVITY/THEME:

Talking about things you have done, things that have happened, and the way things were

COMMUNICATIVE TASKS:

Saying what you did or did not do yesterday, last week, last month, last year, at the weekend, during the holidays etc.

Asking what happened Saying what happened Describing what things were like

SOME EXPONENTS:

- PERFECT TENSE OF VERBS -
- hoy, este fin de semana, estas vacaciones etc.
- · Pasar .....
- PRETERITE OF VERBS Anoche, la semana pasada, ayer etc.
- -¿Qué + Pasar ....?
- IMPERFECT OF VERBS
- Cuando + clause e.g. Cuando era niño.....

P9 GENERAL ACTIVITY/THEME:

Talking about school and communicating in the classroom. Saying what happens and when during a normal school day. Giving your opinion about various school subjects. Saying how good or bad you are at particular subjects. Asking for help/explanations/ information Asking how to say something in the target language Asking what something means in English/Irish Asking someone to repeat or rephrase something Asking someone to say something more slowly Saying that you do not understand something Asking for a dictionary Suggesting things to do Discussing the pros and cons of a suggestion

Saying who is absent and why
Apologising for lateness or
unacceptable behaviour
Explaining why you were late or why
you did something
Explaining why you did not do your
homework
In group or pair work, sorting out
with classmate(s) who is to do what
(with whom) when
Beginning an activity
Commenting on own and others'
performance
Changing/ending an activity
Asking to be tested

- a la/las + CLOCK TIME
- levantarse
- ir a pie/en bicícleta
- coger el autobus/el tren
- asignaturas, clases, recreo, etc.
- ··· empezar a
- terminar de
- INDIRECT OBJECT PRONOUN + gustar/ subject
  - No. + INDIRECT OBJECT PRONOUN + gustar le + SUBJECT
- SER (+ bastante/muy/demasiado)
  fácil/difícil
- INDIRECT OBJECT PRONOUN + interesar/aburrir
- SER mejor/peor en + NAME OF SUBJECT
- Se me da muy bien el español
- Se me dan muy bien las ciencias
- ¿Vd puede ayudarme/explicarme/
  decirme? or ¿Me puede ayudar/
  explicar/decir?
- ¿Cómo se dice en español?
- ¿Qué significa/quiere decir..... en inglés?
- Repita
- Puede vd. explicármelo más sencillamente
- Hable un poco más despacio
- No entiendo .....
- Puede vd darme un diccionario, por favor
- se puede + INFINITIVE
- Creo que es una buena/mala idea, porque;.....
- ...... no está porque.....
- enfermo, al dentista, en la piscina
- seatir lo .....

- haber llegado tarde, hecho una bobada/tontería
- haber 11egado tarde/haber hecho esto/dicho esto, porque......
- No he hecho los deberes, porque...
- ¿quién, a quién, con quién?
- empezar a
- ser el primero, el segundo etc.
   en empezar a/hablar/seguir....
- estaba (muy) bien/no estaba tan \_
  malo/tan bueno etc
- No, eso no se dice, se dice.....
- Cambiar (de)
- Terminar/acabar de
- Puede vd darme un ejemplo

#### P10 GENERAL ACTIVITY/THEME:

#### Travelling

#### COMMUNICATIVE TASKS:

Buying a ticket
Inquiring about departure/arrival
times
Checking the destination of a
particular bus/train/boat/plane
Ask how long a particular journey
takes
Inquiring about position of
airport/station etc., and parts of
airport/station etc.

- (Quiero) un billete/de ida/solo/ sencillo de ida y vuelta para....
- La llegada/la salida ¿A qué hora sale/llega el tren/el autobus/el coche/el avión? (de/para...)? ¿Es (éste) el tren/el autobus/el coche/el avión para ...?
- la vuelta, el viaje,
- ir (en tren), viajar, salir (de) llegar a, a entrar (en)
- primera clase, segunda clase
- ¿Cuánto tiempo?/¿Cuántas horas? para ir/hacer...
- ¡Por dónde se va/Dónde está?
  ¡hay (a) uπa/la estación,
  el/uπ/al aeropuerto....?
  ¿Oiga, dónde está(π)?....
  el horario
- objetos perdidos los servicios el andén número...
- la via número....

Pll GENERAL ACTIVITY/THEME:

Coping with not feeling well or a minor accident

COMMUNICATIVE TASKS:

Say you feel ill Saying something hurts

Asking if there is a hospital/

doctor/pharmacy nearby

Asking when you can see the doctor

Talking about your general condition and symptoms Buying medicine and medical supplies

Mentioning improvement

SOME EXPONENTS:

No estar/encontrarse/sentirse blen Me duele(n) + part of body Tener dolor de + part of body ¿Hay un médico/un hospital/ una farmacía cerca/ por aqui cerca?

- ¿Cuándo/a qué hora hay consulta? tener (mucho) calor/frío/sueño un resfriado/catarro

" restriarse

- toser

- part of body + estar rote/rota romperse + part of body

- una receta

- medicina, pastillas, vendaje,

jarabe, tiritas,

- recuperarse, sentirse mejor,

mejorarse

P12 GENERAL ACTIVITY/THEME:

Finding out and telling people the time, the day, the date

COMMUNICATIVE TASKS:

Asking what time it is/was Saying what time it is/was Asking what day it is Saying what day it is Asking what the date is Saying what the date is Saying when in the day

SOME EXPONENTS:

¿Qué hora es/era?

Es/era/son - la eran la/las +

number

y/menos cuarto/media

- de la madrugada/mañana/tarde/

¿Qué día es? ¿A cuántos

estamos? Es + Day

¿Qué fecha es (hoy)?

Es el + Number + de (+ Month) - por la mañana/tarde/noche

Pi3 GENERAL ACTIVITY/THEME:

Finding your way and helping other people to find their way

### COMMUNICATIVE TASKS:

Attracting attention
Asking for directions
Giving directions
Asking how far away something is
Saying how far away something is

#### SOME EXPONENTS:

- Señor/Señora Señorita
- me hace el favor de decirme -¿dónde está....por favor?
- ¿ hay.....por aquí?
- ¿ para ir al/a la....por favor?
- tomar, torcer, doblar, seguir,
   ir, cruzar, bajar, subir
- a la derecha, a la izquierda, todo recto
- la primera, la segunda etc
- la cocina, el cuarto de baño, la habitación, el cine, la piscina, la iglesia, el mercado, la comisaría, etc.
- ¿está lejos? ¿queda cerca/lejos?
- no + estar + (muy) lejos
  - ¿ A más o menos?
- a casi + NUMBER + Kilometros

#### P14 GENERAL ACTIVITY/THEME:

Eating and drinking and talking about food and drink

#### COMMUNICATIVE TASKS:

Beginning a meal Offering (more) food or drink to someone Accepting (more) food or drink from Declining (more) food or drink Asking for something to be passed to you Asking what something is Asking how you eat something In a cafe or restaurant attracting the attention of the waiter/ waitress Asking for the menu Ordering something to eat and/ or drink Asking for the bill/how much it costs Paying Asking for information about cates and restaurants Giving information about cafes and restaurants Commenting on food and drink Saying what you like to eat and drink Saying you are hungry or thirsty

SOME EXPONENTS

JHay un restaurante/una cafeteria/un bar, por aquí? El plato del día es ... La especialidad de la casa...

- ¡Que aproveche!
- ¿Quiere vd, quieres?
- " jun poco más de....?
- đe nuevo, otra vez
- por favor
- no gracias
- poder + pasar (puedes pasarme el vino, por favor?)
- ;como se come esto?
- -- ¡camarero! traigame
- la carta (el menú) por favor
- quiero, querría, quisiera.....
- café (con leche), té (con leche), chocolate, zumo de fruta, etc.
- un sandwich, una tortilla, tapas, paella, patatas fritas, un perro caliente, una hamburguesa
- la cuenta, por favor estan incluidos los impuestos
- tenga!
- tener hambre/sed/ganas de comer....
- dar una propina/dejar propina

#### P15 GENERAL ACTIVITY/THEME:

Shopping (list of shops)

COMMUNICATIVE TASKS:

Asking if a shop has the commodity or item of clothing you require Asking for the food, snack, gift, card, stamp, garment, etc. you want Identifying the particular item you want Saying what size you need

Asking about prices

SOME EXPONENTS:

- ¿tiene vd....?
- quiero.....por favor
- este, esta, estos, estas
- ese, esa, esos, esas aquel, aquella, aquellos,
  - aquellas
- la talla + NUMBER
- ¿cuánto es? ¿Qué precio tiene?

¿cuánto cuesta? ¿qué numero calza?

- Estar de rebaja/rebajado

GENERAL ACTIVITY/THEME:

Using the telephone

- Oiga
- Digame
- Soy ....
- ¿Quién es/eres?
- está communicando

- ¿Se puede hablar con...por favor?
- ¿De parte de quién?
- no cuelgue(s)
- llamar a pedir informaciδn sobre.....
- volver a llamar
- NUMBERS

#### P17 GENERAL ACTIVITY/THEME:

### Writing a short note/postcard

#### SOME EXPONENTS:

- PERFECTO of verbs
- llamar por teléfono
- venir a ver
- FUTURO of verbs
- ir a + infin.
- volver a llamar
- volver
- DAYS OF THE WEEK
- a la/las + CLOCK TIME
- querer + ver
- en/en casa de
- citarse con/estar citado con...
- tener que + salir
- volver, volver a casa, estar de vuelta
- saludos de + PLACE
- recuerdos a todos
- pasarselo bien
- pasarselo mal/no + pasarlo bien
- fantástico/aburrido
- porque/por

## P18 GENERAL ACTIVITY/THEME:

## Writing a short personal letter

- querido/a...
- recibir
- gracias por
- dar las gracias por/agradecer
- llamarse
- tener + NUMBER + años
- tener + NUMBER + hermanos
- somos hermanos
- mi padre es..../trabaja en/de...
- mi madre es.../trabaja en/de...
- " vivir en
- amigo/amiga
- gustarle + a
- no + gustar + a
- preferir
- encantar + a
- no gustarle nada
- quisiera invitarte a pasar..... en mi casa
- ¿Te gustaría pasar...en mi casa?
- me gustaría ir pero (por desgracia)...no puedo
- no + poder
- no + ser + posible
- porque
- saludos/un abrazo de

P19 GENERAL ACTIVITY/THEME:

Writing for holiday information or

to make a booking

COMMUNICATIVE TASKS:

Opening a formal letter

Enquiring by letter about hotel/

youth hostel/camping site

accommodation

Enquiring by letter about

facilities and activities in a

particular area

Making a hotel/youth hostel/ camping site reservation by

letter

Closing a formal letter

SOME EXPONENTS:

Muy Señor mio:

¿ Podría usted hacerme saber si...? Quisiera saber si sería posible...

¿ Podría used hacerme una

reserva para...? Le saluda atentamente P20 GENERAL ACTIVITY/THEME:

Filling in a simple form based on

information supplied

COMMUNICATIVE TASK:

Giving such personal information as your name, sex, marital

status, place and date of birth,

age and occupation

SOME EXPONENTS:

- Masculino/Feminino

- Soltero/Casado

- Names of countries and cities

e.g.

Irlanda/Inglaterra/Dublin/Londres

etc.

- Dates

- Number + años, Number + meses

- Pasatiempos