

Level: A2 Pre Intermedio

Skill: reading

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Spanish weekend

Every year adults from all over the United Kingdom spend a weekend at the Avoncroft Further Education College in Birmingham.

While there, they're taught Spanish by native speakers in an informal environment. All the students have a basic groundings in the language; nevertheless, it's an intensive course requiring through concentration.

Students are expected to speak the language all the time. Students are even encouraged to speak it during their lunch break.

Many of the students have chosen to learn Spanish because they believe a second language will improve their career prospects; others simply want to make themselves understood while on holidays. The course includes a great deal of conversation, focusing on practical situations like going to a restaurant, traveling on a bus or train and other things that such students need.

Its organizers believe that most people are enrolling because they find its approach both useful and relaxing. Students become less embarrassed, they say, and they then become more and more used to hearing themselves speaking the language and less anxious about making mistakes. They become self-motivated and continue their learning after they leave the center.

many students claim that they completing the course, they develop a greater appreciation of Spanish traditions and culture. They gain confidence in the use of Spanish and this is a tremendous help to holiday makers or anyone else going to Spain for any purpose.



1 The Avoncroft weekend course is for...

- A children
- B people of all ages
- C grown-ups

2 Those who sign up for the course

- A are beginners
- B have some basic knowledge of Spanish
- C speak fluent Spanish

3 In class students

- A speak their native language
- B speak Spanish
- C speak both languages

4 Students learn Spanish

- A to appreciate Spanish traditions
- B to improve grammar and vocabulary
- C to communicate in the language both for business and pleasure.

5 The atmosphere at the lesson is

- A easy-going
- B embarrassing
- C formal