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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 3.

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

1. ¿Cómo te vestes para ir a una fiesta importante?
2. ¿Fuiste al centro comercial con tu familia el fin de semana pasado?
3. ¿Qué aprendieron tú y tus amigos en clase ayer?
4. De niño, ¿Qué instrumento musical tocabas?
5. ¿Cuántos años tenías cuando viste tu primera película?

B. Pronombres reflexivos. Complete each sentence with the correct form of the verb in parentheses in the preterite tense.

6. Mis amigas (pintarse) _____ los labios.
7. Yo (ducharse) _____ por la mañana.
8. Él y yo (dormirse) _____ a las 10:30.

C. Pretérito. Conjugate these verbs in the preterite.

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| 9. nosotras / ser | 14. él / leer |
| 10. yo / jugar | 15. mis padres / decir |
| 11. Ud. / mentir | 16. yo / beber |
| 12. Marisol / ir | 17. tú / poder |
| 13. tú / caminar | 18. Josefina y Paco / recibir |

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D. Imperfecto. Conjugate these verbs in the imperfect.

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| 19. ellas / ser | 23. tus amigas / jugar |
| 20. usted / recibir | 24. tú / creer |
| 21. Papá y yo / pasar | 25. Uds. / ver |
| 22. el Sr. Morales / ir | 26. mi hermana / prometer |

E. Traducción. Translate these sentences.

27. I used to play with my doll in the kitchen.
28. When she was small, she had a tricycle.
29. We were running in the park when it started to rain.

F. Complementos de objeto indirecto . Re-write each sentence, replacing the indirect object with the correct indirect-object pronoun.

30. La actriz cantó mi canción a mí.
31. ¿Dio Juan a ti el libro?
32. Sus padres compraron un carro nuevo para Marisol.

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

'Paulina Rubio quiere una boda "tranquila" '

Paulina Rubio es una joyita. Canta, baila, actúa, desfila y ahora... diseña. La cantante mexicana ha revelado que creará su propio vestido de novia para su próxima boda con el español Nicolás Vallejo-Nájera, *Colate*. "Hay muy buenos diseñadores pero, al final, el vestido lo voy a diseñar yo, y lo va a confeccionar una casa de alta costura española", ha revelado desde Miami en una entrevista telefónica con el diario mexicano *Reforma*. Tras esta experiencia, ¿se atreverá a emular a figuras como Madonna o Jennifer López, que ya han abierto tiendas con sus líneas de ropa?

La *chica dorada* asegura que está "tranquila" ante su enlace, que se celebrará en el parque ecológico Xcaret en la Riviera Maya, en el sureste de México, porque "todos los preparativos ya están listos." "Por eso estoy tan tranquila en todos los aspectos. Estamos ansiosos, será una fiesta increíble, divertidísima, la cual va a durar varios días," ha manifestado la cantante de 35 años.

(Excerpted from El País, April 23, 2007)

33. What is the main idea of this selection?

- a. her new album b. her wedding c. her family d. her tour

34. According to this selection, what have Madonna and Jennifer López done?

- a. acted in movies b. toured around the world
c. had lunch at Sardi's d. launched their own clothing lines

35. From which country is her boyfriend?

- a. Spain b. Nicaragua c. Puerto Rico d. Mexico

(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. "Me visto en una camisa y unos jeans limpios." or "Llevo mi vestido favorito con zapatos de tacón." If your answer is very similar to the sample answers, give yourself 3 points; if you used 'visto' but forgot the 'me,' give yourself only 2 points; if you used the right verb but in the wrong form, give yourself only 2 points; if you answered the question but didn't use any 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, fui el domingo con mi padre y mi hermana." or "No, no fui al centro comercial." If your answer is very similar to 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 the right verb but in the wrong form, give yourself 2 points; if you answered the questions 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.

3. "Aprendimos gramática y vocabulario." or "Aprendimos a construir una máquina." or "No aprendimos nada." If your answer is very similar to the sample answers, give yourself 3 points; if you used the right verb but in the wrong form, 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.

4. "Tocaba el piano." or "Tocaba el saxófono." or "No tocaba ningún instrumento musical." If your answer is very similar to the sample answers, give yourself 3 points; if you used the right verb but in the wrong form, 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.

5. "Tenía 5 años cuando vi mi primera película." If your answer is very similar to the sample answer, give yourself 3 points; if you used the right verb but in the wrong form, 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. se pintaron (completely correct = 2 points, wrong pronoun but correct verb form = 1 point, correct pronoun but wrong verb form = 1 point, no answer = 0 points)

7. me duché (completely correct = 2 points, wrong pronoun but correct verb form = 1 point, correct pronoun but wrong verb form = 1 point, no answer = 0 points)

8. nos dormimos (completely correct = 2 points, wrong pronoun but correct verb form = 1 point, correct pronoun but wrong verb form = 1 point, no answer = 0 points)

(For questions 9-26, if your answer is completely correct, give yourself 2 points; if you missed the accent, give yourself only 1 point; if you missed anything other than an accent, give yourself 0 points.)

9. fuimos

14. leyó

10. jugué

15. dijeron

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| 11. mintió | 16. bebí |
| 12. fue | 17. pudiste |
| 13. caminaste | 18. recibieron |
| 19. eran | 23. jugaban |
| 20. recibía | 24. creías |
| 21. pasábamos | 25. veían |
| 22. iba | 26. prometía |

27. "Yo jugaba con mi muñeca en la cocina." 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 the verb, give yourself 0 points.

28. "Cuando era pequeña, tenía un triciclo." 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 verbs but in the wrong forms, give yourself only 1 point; if you didn't know how to translate the verb, give yourself 0 points.

29. "Corríamos en el parque cuando empezó a llover." 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 verbs but in the wrong forms, give yourself only 1 point; if you didn't know how to translate the verb, give yourself 0 points.

(For questions 30-32, if your answer is exactly the same, give yourself 2 points; if you have the right pronoun but in the wrong place, give yourself only 1 point; if you have have the wrong pronoun, give yourself 0 points.)

30. La actriz me cantó mi canción.
31. ¿Te dio Juan el libro?
32. Sus padres le compraron un carro nuevo.
33. B (2 points)
34. D (2 points)
35. A (2 points)

ANALYSIS: If you earned 62 or more points, you should be well prepared to enter Spanish 3. If you earned significantly fewer than 62 points, you should repeat Spanish 2.