

# Y8 – Bienvenido al GCSE de Español

As you already know, it's not only Spain where people speak Spanish as their main language, (their 'mother tongue').

Earn your GCSE passport by completing as many of these tasks as you can. Bring your answers to your first GCSE Spanish lesson, where they could be exchanged for a Spanish-themed reward!



**A few fun facts about the Hispanic (Spanish-speaking) world.**

Spain holds some of the strangest public festivals in the world! What can you find out about **Tomatina** or **San Fermin**? Can you find any others? Make a list with some information on each.

**España**  
There's no Tooth Fairy in Spain... but kids might get a visit from **Ratón Pérez**, a friendly character, who'll leave a gift under their pillow. Who is he?

In the town of Yoro in Honduras, it rains fish! But why/how does this happen? Check it out....  
<https://youtu.be/MKWfN5FXzqw>

Can you find out 2 more fun facts about Spain or any of the Latin American countries shown on the map?



During the recent Covid19 lockdown in Spain, Alberto Gestoso Arce regularly played the piano from his Barcelona balcony, to entertain his neighbours. His videos went viral!

Watch here:  
<https://youtu.be/nl9sUfKsyE>



**WATCH:** Spanish 101-year-old leaves hospital after beating coronavirus

Here are some recent items from the Spanish news. Can you find any similar, heart-warming news stories from Spain or other Hispanic countries?



The Spanish emergency services have also had a great way of helping people celebrate special occasions during the Covid 19 lockdown. Watch the videos to find out how!

<https://youtu.be/g5blLuu2t-VI>  
<https://youtu.be/b5ySXNjGmzo>

