

LEVEL 7

EDUCATION

Tell me something about your school / university.
Tell me about a subject at school which you enjoy / enjoyed.
What can you remember about your early school days?
What are / were your best and worst subjects?
Who is / was your favourite teacher?
Is English taught in all schools here in Spain?
Do you think foreign languages should be taught in all schools?
Is it normal for students to go away to another city to go to University here?
Is university education free in Spain?
Do you think you might go to university when you finish school?
(If already at university): Why did you choose to study.....?
Why did you choose to study here in Granada?
Where do students usually live when they are studying at university?
Do you think education is important for our future?
Where would you like to work in the future?

NATIONAL CUSTOMS

Tell me about some interesting customs in your country.
What is the custom here in Spain when you meet someone for the first time?
Tell me about some of the marriage customs here in Spain.
What typical food is eaten at a wedding? And drink?
If I were invited to somebody's house for dinner, what would you recommend me to take with me?
What is one of your favourite customs of Spain?
Do you think it's important to learn about customs from other countries? Why?
Do you know any British customs?

VILLAGE AND CITY LIFE

Do you live in the city or in a village?
What are the advantages and disadvantages of living in the city?
What would you find difficult about living in (the city or a village)?
Is public transport good for people who live in a village here in Granada?
Do you think you might want to live somewhere different when you are older? Where? Why?
If you moved from the city to a village (or vice versa!!), what would you miss most?
If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

NATIONAL and LOCAL PRODUCE and PRODUCTS

What's typical in Granada?

Are there any special dessert in the area?

What different products can you find in your town?

How different is Granada's typical products from England?

EARLY MEMORIES

What do you remember about your early school days?

Can you remember your first day at school?

Do you remember your first teacher / your favourite teacher?

What can you tell me about your first English classes?

Where did you use to go on holiday when you were younger?

Tell me about an enjoyable holiday you remember.

Who was your best friend when you were younger?

What is your earliest memory?

Tell me about a special day you can remember from your childhood.

POLLUTION AND RECYCLING

Is pollution a problem here in Spain / Granada?

What type of pollution is a problem here? (traffic, noise, water...)

What do you think is the biggest problem facing our environment nowadays?

What do you do to help the environment?

Is it easy to recycle things where you live?

What things do people recycle?

Do you ever buy products made from recycled materials?

Do you think we as citizens ought to do more to help?

What things do you think should be done by the government to help solve the problems of pollution?

What do you think is the future for cars and transport?

If you were the Prime Minister, what would you try to change to help the environment?

LEVEL 8

SOCIETY AND LIVING STANDARDS

What is the standard of living like here where you live?

Does the standard of living vary in different parts of Spain?

Have living standards improved in Spain in the last few years?

Do you think the standard of living here in Spain is very different to somewhere like Britain?

Is there anything you can think of that would improve people's living standards?

Do you think our society nowadays is a happy and positive one?

Do you think we rely too much on material things like cars, money, etc?

PERSONAL VALUES AND IDEALS

What values are important for you in life?

What is your ideal job / place to live?

Are friends and family important to you? Why?

THE WORLD OF WORK

What job would you be interested in doing in the future?

Are working conditions generally good here in Spain?

What are the typical working hours?

(If working): How long have you been doing your current job?

What do you like about your job?

Do you think it's possible to have a successful career and a family life?

Do you think the salary is an important factor when looking for a job?

How many weeks holiday do people get here?

UNEXPLAINED PHENOMENA AND EVENTS

Do you believe in ghosts?

If you saw a ghost, what do you think it would look like?

If a friend of yours told you they had seen a ghost, would you believe them?

Do you think some people have supernatural powers?

Have you ever had a supernatural experience?

Do you think that life on other planets might exist?

Would you consider yourself a superstitious person?

Tell me about some common superstitions in your country.

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

What do you think is the biggest problem facing our environment nowadays?

Is pollution a problem here in Spain / Granada?

What type of pollution is a problem here? (traffic, noise, water...)

What other environmental issues are important here in Spain?

What do you do to help the environment?

Is it easy to recycle things where you live?

What things do people recycle?

Do you think we as citizens ought to do more to help?

What things do you think should be done by the government to help solve the problems of pollution?

If you were the Prime Minister of your country, what would you try to change to help the environment?

PUBLIC FIGURES

Who is the most important public figure in your country at the moment? Why is he / she so important?

Who would you say is the most famous public figure in the world?

Would you agree that public figures should set an example for us?

Why do young people look up to famous people such as pop stars and footballers?

Do you think some public figures earn too much money?

What are the advantages and disadvantages of always being in the public eye?

Would you like to be a famous person? Why / Why not?

If you could have met any public figure from the past, who would it have been?

LEVEL 9

DREAMS AND NIGHTMARES

Do you usually remember your dreams?

Do you dream a lot?

Do you ever try to interpret your dreams? Tell me about one.

Do you ever suffer from nightmares, or did you when you were a child?

Do you believe that dreams can come true? Why / Why not?

Would you agree that it's a good thing to dream?

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

Is crime a big problem in your country?

What type of crime is typical in this area?

Why do you think people commit crimes?

Have you ever been the victim of a crime? What happened?

Have you ever been a witness to a crime? What happened? What did you do?

If you witnessed a crime in the street, what would you do?

Is crime a big problem among young people in your country?

Do you think that criminals receive the correct punishment?

What is the justice system like here in Spain?

TECHNOLOGY

How have the advances in technology over the last twenty years or so affected your life?

Do you use a computer? What do you use it for?

In what ways do you think that devices such as the computer and the mobile phone have made our lives easier?

Do you think some of us are obsessed with new technology?

What are the disadvantages of so much new technology?

Do you think we will stop doing some simple things like reading and playing with toys because of technology?

Is there anything you wish had never been invented?

Is there anything you would like to see invented in the future?

HABITS AND OBSESSIONS

Do you have any strange habits, or do you know anyone with any?

Why do you think we have habits?

Have you ever tried to give up a bad habit? (smoking, biting your nails..) Were you successful? How did you do it?

What type of things can people be obsessed with? (work, appearance, success, money, a person..)

Do you think that some habits and obsessions can lead to addictions?

What are the dangers of this?

Do you think some people might be obsessed with keeping fit / healthy?

Why do you think this is so?

Are there any positive things you could be obsessed with?

GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

What do you think are the biggest problems facing our environment nowadays?

What could be done to try to reduce some of these problems in the world?

Do you think we as citizens ought to do more to help?

Do you think looking after the environment is the responsibility of governments or society?

What things do you think should be done by the government to help solve the problems of pollution?

Would you consider becoming a member of an environmental group such as Greenpeace? Why / Why not?

Do you think the future of our planet looks good?

Do you think education plays an important role in learning about the problems our world is facing?

What do you do to help the environment?

DESIGN

Are you interested in art and design?

What do you think about the differences in old and modern architecture?

Which do you prefer?

Would you have liked to live in this city a century ago?

Is there much modern architecture here in Granada?

Tell me about an interesting building in Spain.

Do you enjoy going to design museums? Why / why not?