

Spanish 4 - Option 4: Mini Periódico

Here's a fun activity to show how much Spanish you have learned. Together your class will publish an edition of a class newspaper in Spanish!

You will write/create articles or activities for different sections of the newspaper. The ones you choose need to add up to a minimum of 60 points. Additional points may lead to extra credit. After all the articles are in, we will put them together and publish our class newspaper. See next page for a detailed explanation and rubric of what is required to do for each topic.

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Nombre: _____

Includes 60 points worth of articles/activities	/60
Is put together in a neat and creative way & has a title	/40
Few grammatical errors & incorporates vocab & grammar learned.	/50
Paper was presented to the class	/50
TOTAL	/200

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Local News article 25 pts	Comic 10 pts	Horoscope 15 pts
Weather Forecast 10 pts	Fashion Report 20 pts	TV Show Recommendation 20 pts
Craigslist Ad 15 pts	International News article 25 pts	Dear Abby Question and answer 20 pts
National News article 25 pts	Sports 20 pts	Club Meeting Notice 15 pts
Word Jumble 5 pts	Crossword 10 pts	Word Sudoku 10 pts
Human Interest Story 30 pts	Ad for a local business 30 pts	Interview with the principal or administrator 30 pts

Newspaper articles need to be formatted so they are only two inches wide (like a newspaper column). You can do this by creating a one-column table with a width of about 2 inches to 2 ½ inches. All activities/articles must be **typed** except the Comic. The purpose is to use the Spanish you have learned. Any indication that a translator was used will result in a 0 for that activity. Make sure to include your name after the heading of your article/activity (por _____).

Human Interest Story: 35 points

Interview someone from the community (not a student, teacher or administrator at your school) who is a native speaker of Spanish. Find out how long he or she has lived in your community, why he or she came to the US or your town, what he or she does, if there are many other Spanish speakers in the community, why it is important to know Spanish.

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Ad for a Local Business: 30 points (35 points if it is a Spanish-speaking owner/manager/business)

Interview the owner or manager of a local business near school. While this person may not speak Spanish, you will be writing about the business in Spanish. State the name of the business, who you interviewed and his title (boss - jefe, manager - gerente), What the business sells, how many employees there are, how long they have been in the community and recommend people to buy from the business.

Interview with the Principal or Administrator: 30 points

You will interview the principal or administrator. Have your teacher approve this interview first, because the principal or administrator can only be interviewed by one person each (no duplicates). Your article will be in Spanish. Include how long the principal or administrator has worked for your school, what language he or she studied in school, what he or she thinks about the Spanish language, why it is important to study a language and words of advice for students studying a foreign language.

Local News Article: 25 points

Describe something happening at your school, community, town, city or state. It could be real or imagined. Include a headline with the gist of your story to grab the reader's interest. Include the who, what, when and where of your story. The article should be between 10 and 15 lines. Examples of stories: Mr. Hoover is an extraterrestrial – confirmed! Mrs Miller's dog speaks Spanish! Buchanan students raise money for charity. Take a current event and write about it in Spanish!

National News Article: 25 points

Describe something happening at a national level, real or imagined. Include a headline with the gist of your story to grab the reader's interest. Include the who, what, when and where of your story. The article should be between 10 and 15 lines. Examples of stories: The President Welcomes Martians to the White House. Best vacation place in the US. New poll: teenagers prefer Spanish fries over ice cream. Take a story that was recently reported in the news and talk about it in Spanish!

International News Article: 25 points

Describe something happening at an international level, real or imagined. Include a headline with the gist of your story to grab the reader's interest. Include the who, what, when and where of your story. The article should be between 10 and 15 lines. Examples of stories: New poll: Russians Prefer to Speak Spanish! More People are Recycling – Less Pollution. Rewrite a current international news story in Spanish!

Sports Article: 20 points

Describe anything sports related in an article of between 7 and 10 sentences. Include a headline which summarizes your article to grab the reader's attention. You can describe a recent NBA, NFL, NBL, Soccer, etc. game. You could also describe a recent or upcoming sporting event for one of your school's teams.

TV Show Recommendation: 20 points

Pick one of your favorite TV shows and recommend it to others. Include when it is on (use official time!) and what station it is on. Give a brief summary of the show and state why people should watch it. You can include the main actors starring in it. Write an article of 7 to 10 lines

Fashion Report: 20 points

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Describe the current fashions at school or nationally for girls and boys. Mention different types of clothes (jeans/skirts/dresses/shoes/tops/accessories, etc.) and use a variety of adjectives. Include the season and fashion terminology such as in style, out of style, expensive, inexpensive. Write an article of 7 to 10 lines. You can include clip art or a 1 x 1 picture.

Dear Abby: 20 points

Write a short letter asking for help on a certain relationship problem. Examples: I like a boy but he doesn't talk to me. My friends stopped calling me. My dog is ignoring me, what do I do? Write a short response to your problem. If you like, you can pair up with another student. You write the answer to her letter and she writes the answer to your letter. Each letter (problem and response) should be at least 5 sentences.

Craigslist Ad: 15 points

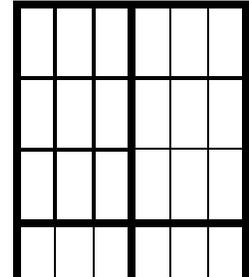
Write a five to seven line for sale ad to put on Craigslist. Include what is for sale (use either For Sale or I'm selling) and the name of the object. Describe the object and include the price, where you live (town) and whether the person should phone you or email you.

Club Meeting Notice: 15 points

State the name of your club and describe what you do at club meetings. State when (day of the week) the meetings are held, what time and where. This should be five to seven lines.

Horoscope: 15 points

Write the horoscope for one of the zodiac signs. Describe the type of person (adjectives) who is this sign. Describe one or two things that are going to happen at school or with friends in the upcoming week.



Weather Forecast: 10 points

Describe the weather for your town. Mention the season. State the weather for two days – each day the weather will be different. State what clothes people should wear for each day.

Crossword: 10 points

Make a short crossword of ten to 12 words. Clues can be in English. If the clues are in Spanish, you get 5 extra points. Make a 10 x 10 table not bigger than ¼ page. Type the words in your table making sure each word intersects another word vertically or horizontally. Print your crossword. Delete all other borders on your table except those where your words are, then delete your words. Number your boxes by using superscript (Click Font arrow). Type your clues underneath the crossword.

Word Sudoku: 10 points

Make a grid with four sections of nine boxes: Think of 36 Spanish words. Randomly place some words in the grid – some should be in English. Add a word bank for the remaining words. Students need to write in the remaining Spanish words making sure that they don't repeat in the same column, row or 9-box grid. The total puzzle should be no bigger than ¼ of a page.

Comic: 10 pts

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Make a four or five scene comic. It should fit in $\frac{1}{4}$ of a page. It should have a twist at the end, an unexpected ending or funny ending. The pictures must be in color but they can be stick figures. Write dialogue or captions for each box.

Word Jumble: 5 points

Make a 15 x 15 grid so that it fits on $\frac{1}{4}$ of a page. Make a 15 row by 15 column table and reduce the width of the columns until it fits $\frac{1}{4}$ of a page. Do not show the gridlines. Write a word bank underneath the grid of 15 - 20 vocabulary words you have been studying in class (one letter per box). Put them in horizontal, vertical or diagonal. Then, fill in the remaining boxes with random letters.