
CONVERSAR C1 SEPTIEMBRE Modelo 1
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Speaking time: 4-5 min. (6-7.30 trios)

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- Where? For how long?
- Benefits: for personal growth, for career prospects.
- Problems: culture shock / low-paid jobs / homesickness.
- Effects on family and friends that are left behind.

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CANDIDATO A**HOW RUDE!**

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Include, at least, two of the following points:

- Wrong place: in public places / in means of transport / at work / in the cinema or theater ...?
- Wrong time: during meal times / in class / in the middle of an activity or conversation ...?
- Questionable: e.g. non-stop texting / recording someone without their permission ...
- How you should respond to rude behaviour.

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CANDIDATO A****WELFARE STATE**

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- Public services: health care / justice system / law enforcement / public transport ...
- Public sector funds: must taxes be raised? Must some now-public services go to private hands?
- Citizens' responsibility: are there people who take undue advantage of public services?
- Should illegal immigrants be denied access to public services?

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CONVERSAR C1 SEPTIEMBRE Modelo 5
CANDIDATO A**DO WE WANT CCTV CAMERAS IN OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD?**

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Include, at least, two of the following points:

- Degree of violence: point of CCTV cameras in a fairly quiet neighbourhood?
- Privacy: are you willing to renounce to your right to privacy for the sake of safety?
- CCTV cameras as deterrent to more serious crime: is this true?
- Abuse / unlawful use of camera footage: blackmail / youtube

Preparation time: 1 min.

Speaking time: 4-5 min. (6-7.30 trios)

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CONVERSAR C1 SEPTIEMBRE Modelo 5
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CONVERSAR C1 SEPTIEMBRE Modelo 6
CANDIDATO A**MY KIND OF TRAVEL!**

You and your housemate have been working a lot and deserve a holiday. You are still uncertain as to what kind. Discuss your options and try to agree on something.

Include, at least, two of the following points:

- Staycation: why not stay at home? What to do at home?
- Ethical travelling and ecotourism.
- 'Niche' holiday: bird watching / cooking / painting / adventure holidays ...
- Package holidays: beach holidays / city breaks ...

Preparation time: 1 min.

Speaking time: 4-5 min. (6-7.30 trios)

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HABLAR C1 SEPTIEMBRE Modelo 1

EDUCATION MATTERS

Nelson Mandela once said, 'Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world'. Indeed, education matters! We would like to listen to your view on education.

Include, at least, two of the following points:

- Do you prefer state or private education?
- What makes a good teacher / a good class? Did you / do you have an inspiring teacher?
- How can creativity be stimulated by parents and teachers?
- Should everybody go to university? Should grants be restricted to excellent students?

Preparation time: 4 min.

Speaking time: 4-4.30 min.

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HABLAR C1 SEPTIEMBRE Modelo 2

MODERN ART

'A modern artist is one who throws paint on a canvas, wipes it off with a cloth and sells the cloth' (*Anon.*). This quotation ridicules modern art. Many people do so. Talk about your tastes and preferences in art, ranging from painting and sculpture to architecture and computer-generated art.

Include, at least, two of the following points:

- Modern art: art or nonsense?
- Is a work of art to be assessed by how much money it reaches on auctions?
- What is your favourite artistic movement / painter / architect ... ?
- Can modern art be appreciated without instruction?

Preparation time: 4 min.

Speaking time: 4-4.30 min.

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HABLAR C1 SEPTIEMBRE Modelo 3**CURRENT PROBLEMS IN THE MEDIA**

The new technologies have multiplied the ways news reach the public. Such increase raises relevant issues related to how thorough and accurate news coverage today is. Talk about news coverage in the media today.

Include, at least, two of the following points:

- Fake news: how can they be stopped / detected?
- Sensationalism: effect on public.
- Poor coverage of important issues: environment, foreign aid, education ...
- *Citizen journalism*: can all bloggers be trusted? Should smartphone images open the news on tv?

Preparation time: 4 min.

Speaking time: 4-4.30 min.

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HABLAR C1 SEPTIEMBRE Modelo 4**GENDER EQUALITY**

According to a recent poll, 92% of Spaniards believe gender inequality persists. The majority feel that certain cultural and social aspects are to blame for women's worse conditions. Talk about these cultural and social factors and suggest ways to fight sexist attitudes towards women.

Include, at least, two of the following points:

- Sexist attitudes: in teachers / parents / employers ...
- Violence against women: Is enough being done to prevent gender violence?
- Sexist images in the media.
- Children's education on gender equality.

Preparation time: 4 min.

Speaking time: 4-4.30 min.

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HABLAR C1 SEPTIEMBRE Modelo 5**BACK TO LIVING WITH YOUR PARENTS**

Unemployment caused by the global recession has caused many young adults in developing countries to go back to living with their parents. This can be an opportunity to enjoy each other's company but also a source of conflicts. Talk about how to minimise tension and problems.



Include, at least, two of the following points:

- Causes of conflict: money issues / freedom constraints ...
- Solutions to problems: what is the right approach?.
- House rules: should rules be agreed on? Should the parents' opinion prevail?
- Opportunities for rediscovering each other as adults.

Preparation time: 4 min.

Speaking time: 4-4.30 min.

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HABLAR C1 SEPTIEMBRE Modelo 6**ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES**

Environmental awareness in Spain is a reality and measures have been taken over the past few decades to reduce the impact of industrialization and urbanisation on the country. However, much remains to be done. Talk about the environmental challenges we still face in this country and what should be done to successfully meet them.

Include, at least, two of the following points:

- Conservation policies: coastal building restrictions.
- Reduction of gas emissions: car sharing / banning cars from city centres / electric cars.
- Efficient use of energy: purchase of environmentally friendly products.
- Renewable energies: energy from the sun / wind / waves ...

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