

FEDERACIÓN DE LOS CÍRCULOS DE ESPAÑOL DE ALABAMA

GRAMMAR USAGE CONTEST

The material covered in each level is based on the criteria set down in the Alabama Course of Studies. Each student's name, competition level and school **MUST** be written on the answer form.

Level I

1. Telling time
2. Writing dates
3. Weather and seasons
4. Expressions of well-being
5. Interrogative words/expressions
6. Hay
7. Prepositions including those required with certain verbs
8. Prepositional pronouns (mí, ti, etc.)
9. Expressing possession with de and with possessive adjectives
10. Ordinal and cardinal numbers
11. Contractions
12. Descriptive adjectives (agreement and placement)
13. Adverbs of time (hoy, mañana, etc.)
14. Present tense of regular verbs, including **gustar** and some irregular verbs
a) ser b) tener c) estar d) ir e) ver
15. Ser vs. Estar
16. Use of infinitive with necesitar, esperar, querer, tener que, gustar, ir a...
17. Conjunction (y, o, pero)

Level II

1. Any of the materials from Level I
2. Asking questions, interrogative words (compound with quién, con quiénes, adónde...)
3. Adjectives: descriptive, possessive, demonstrative, comparative and superlative
4. Object pronouns: direct, indirect, reflexive and possessive.
5. Verbs tenses: **present, present progressive, reflexive, preterit, imperfect**, and **future** tenses of each verb. They will also be responsible for **stem changing** and **irregular verb forms**.
6. Contrasting verbs: **saber vs. conocer, pedir vs preguntar, ser vs, estar**
7. gustar
8. Prepositions
9. Expressions, i.e., hay que, hacer+time, weather
10. Por and Para

Level III and IV

1. Any materials from Level I and II
2. Comparison using adjectives, adverbs, and nouns
3. Pronouns: direct, indirect, reflexive (que, cual, el que, lo que...)
4. **Level III Verb tenses:** *present, preterit, imperfect, conditional, future, imperative (tú & usted), present perfect, present subjunctive, present progressive, stem-changing verbs, irregular verbs, and reflexive verbs.*
5. **Level IV tenses:** *present, preterit, imperfect, conditional, future, imperative (Tú & Usted) , present perfect, past perfect, present progressive, present subjunctive, imperfect subjunctive, present perfect subjunctive, stem-changing*

- verbs, irregular verbs, and reflexive verbs.*
6. Verbs that require prepositions vs. those that do not require prepositions.
 7. Affirmative and negative words, i.e. nada, alguno, ninguno.

WHAT LEVEL SHOULD MY STUDENT REGISTER FOR?

LEVELS:

Regular: Students whose only contact with Spanish is in the classroom. Students compete at the level that they are presently enrolled. If they are not currently enrolled in Spanish, they will compete at the highest level completed.

Native* and Bilingual: Any student who meets one or more of the following criteria:

- a. Students reared in a Spanish-speaking country or bilingual environment.
- b. Students whose parents both speak Spanish.
- c. A student reared where Spanish is a PRINCIPAL spoken/or heard language.
- d. Students who have lived in a Spanish speaking country for at least twelve months.
- e. Students who are bilingual or who have attended a bilingual school.
- f. Teachers will decide whether students are native or bilingual.
- g. **Exchange students from Spanish-speaking countries, and students who were born in Spanish-speaking countries and completed elementary school, will be considered *Native Speakers.**
- h. Please refer to page "Competitions and Registrations at a Glance" for a list of bilingual/native competitions.

Special Note: **Native or bilingual students may compete in any grammar or speaking competitions with the exceptions of the Verbs competition and the Sight Reading competition.**

***TROPHIES WILL BE AWARDED TO:
FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD PLACES.***

NOTE: **Contests will take place as long as three or more schools register in any given contest. In the event that there are not enough registrations for the event to take place, the sponsor will be informed ASAP.**

PRACTICE TESTS CAN BE FOUND AT THE LINKS BELOW FOR EACH LEVEL:

For Level 1—click [HERE](#)

For Level 2—click [HERE](#)

For Level 3—click [HERE](#)

For Level 4—click [HERE](#)

For Bilingual/Native—click [HERE](#)

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