Spain is my country



Spain is my country. Spain is where I live.









Location



Spain is located in the south west of Europe.





Limits



Spain is bordered to the south and east by the Mediterranean Sea, to the north by France, Andorra and the Bay of Biscay, and to the west by the Atlantic Ocean and Portugal.





Size



Spain is the second largest country in Western Europe after France.





Territory

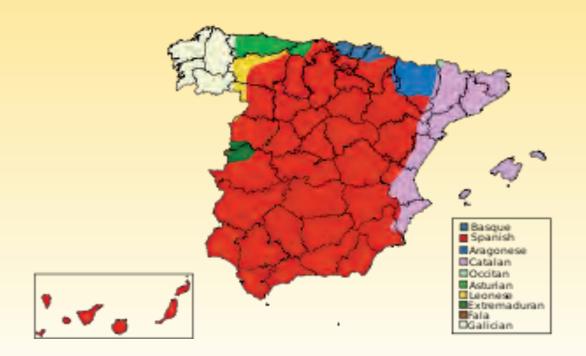
- The Spanish territory also includes the Balearic Islands in the Mediterranean sea, the Canary Islands in the Atlantic Ocean off the African coast, and two autonomous cities in North Africa, Ceuta and Melilla.
- Spain is divided into 19 autonomous communities.





What do people speak?

- Most of the Spanish people speak Spanish (Castilian)
- Other Spanish official languages are: Basque, Galician and Catalan.





Main cities and population **4**

- The capital city of Spain is Madrid; it is in the centre of the country
- Spain has about 44 million inhabitants.





Spanish symbols



The Spanish flag is red, yellow and red.





Spanish symbols



- This is the Spanish coat of arms:



The Spanish anthem is also a national symbol.



Main cities and population **4**

	City	Region	Prov.	population
1	Madrid	Madrid	Madrid	3,232,463
2	Barcelona	Catalonia	Barcelona	1,595,110
3	Valencia	Valencian Community	Valencia	797,654
4	Seville	Andalusia	Seville	699,145
5	Zaragoza	Aragon	Zaragoza	654,39
6	Málaga	Andalusia	Málaga	561,25



Politics

- The political system in Spain is a Constitutional Monarchylt is a democracy which means we vote for our politicians but we have a King and a Queen.
- Juan Carlos I is our King, his wife Sofia is our Queen.





Politics II



- Our current president of the government is José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero, better known as "Zapatero" or "ZP".



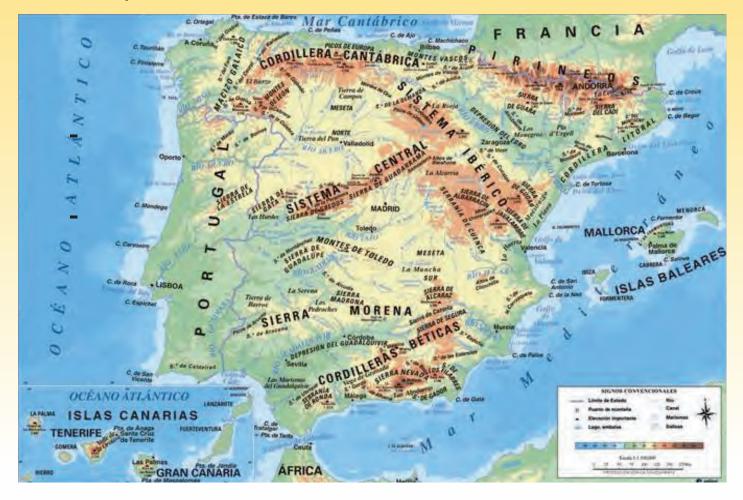


Physical geography of Spain I

Spain is quite a mountainous country.

The highest mountain in Spain is the Teide volcano, it is in Tenerife, in Canary Islands.

The highest mountain in the peninsula is the Mulhacén in Granada province.





Physical geography of Spain II

- The main mountain ranges are:
- Cordillera Cantábrica
- Sistema Ibérico
- Pyrenees Mountains
- Sistema Central
- Sistemas Béticos
- Sierra Morena





Physical geography of Spain III 4

- The longest river in Spain is Tagus river, and the Ebro is the largest.
- Other important rivers in Spain are:
 - Duero, Guadiana, Guadalquivir, Segura, Júcar.





Climate **4**

The climate changes from north to south and from east to west: The north-west is wet and rainy and the temperatures are mild all over the year. The east and south are hot in summer and warm in winter, it doesn't rain too much. The centre is very hot in the summer and very cold in the winter and it usually rains in spring and autumn. It is colder in the mountains, where it snows in winter.





Spanish landscape

- The Spanish landscape is varied



Fishing town on the coast



Mountainous landscape in Canary Islands



Amountain range landscape



A sunset on the Atlantic coast



Mediterranean diet



- Food in Spain is based on the Mediterranean diet.
- That means that the products we use are mainly:
 - Vegetables
 - Olive oil
 - Cereals
 - Fish









Some typical Spanish food



- Gazpacho is the most typical dish in the south of Spain. It is made of tomatoes, bread, pepper, olive oil, garlic and water. It is very refreshing.





More Typical Spanish dishes **4**



You can ask for « Tortilla » Spanish omelet, anywhere in Spain. It is made of potatoes, eggs and olive oil. It is delicious.





Are you still hungry?



- Paella comes from Valencia but people cook it anywhere in Spain.
- It is made of rice and seafood.
- Some people also add meat.





Sports **4**

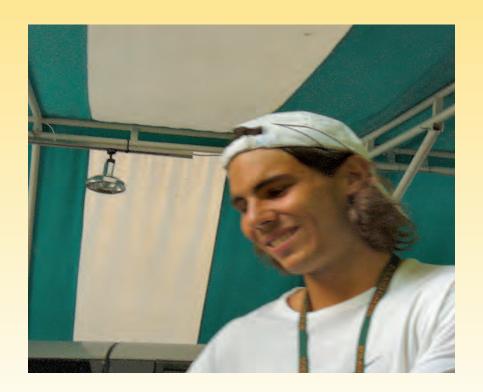
- Football is the most popular sport in Spain, the Real Madrid and Barcelona teams are famous all over the world, the National selection is also well known.
- We won the World Cup in 2010.





Tennis •

- Nadal is our international tennis champion.





Car racing **4**

- Fernando Alonso is our international champion in car racing.





Culture 1 - Architecture

The most well-known Spanish monuments



Giralda in Seville



Royal Palace in Madrid



Sagrada Familia in Barcelona



La Alhambra in Granada



Culture 2 Spanish festivals and traditions



- Spain used to be a very religious country so many festivals come from the religious tradition.

Easter (Holy Week in Seville)





El Rocío (every May, in the province of Huelva)



Festivals and traditions II



Other festivals are not so religious:

- Fallas in Valencia ————



- San Fermines in Pamplona

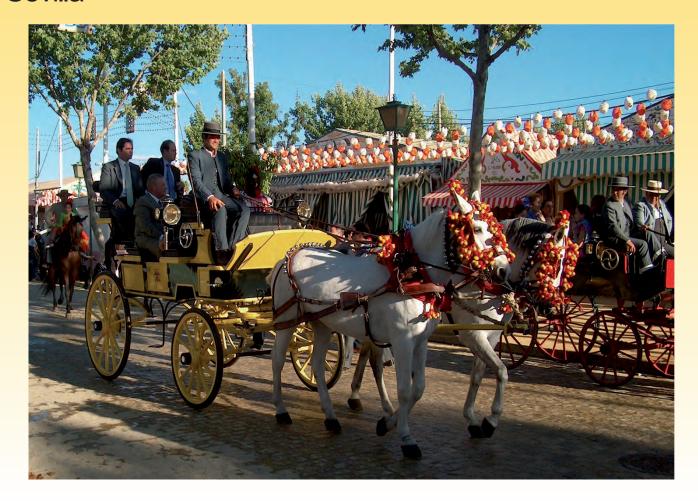




Festivals and traditions II



- Feria de Sevilla





Festivals and traditions III



Carnival in Cádiz and Tenerife





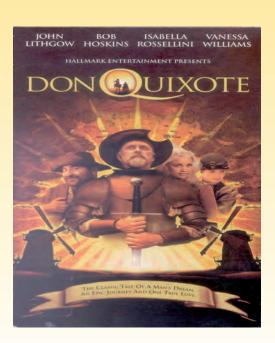


Culture 3 - Literature



- Our best-known writer is Miguel de Cervantes, he wrote in the 16th century the very popular book «Don Quixote of la Mancha».
- This book has been translated into many different languages.



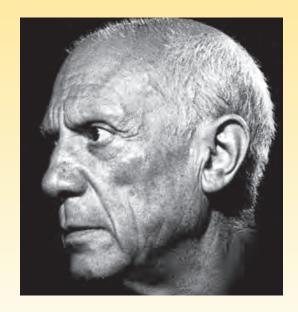




Culture 4 - Painting

- There are a lot of famous Spanish painters.
- Probably the most well-known ones are Eugenio Salvador Dalí and Pablo Picasso. 20th Century.

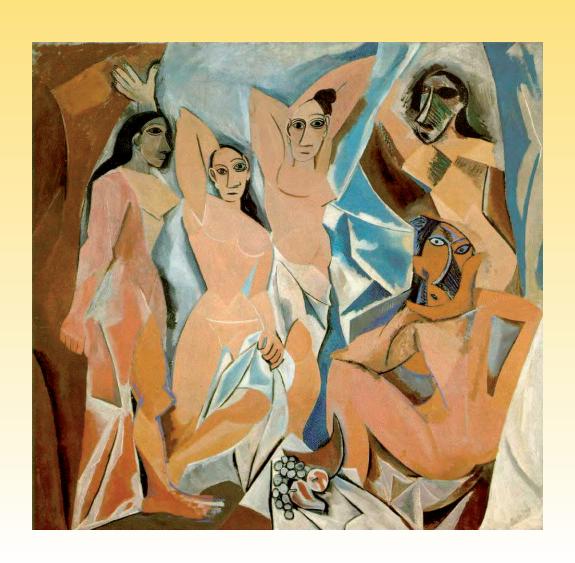






Las señoritas de Avignon

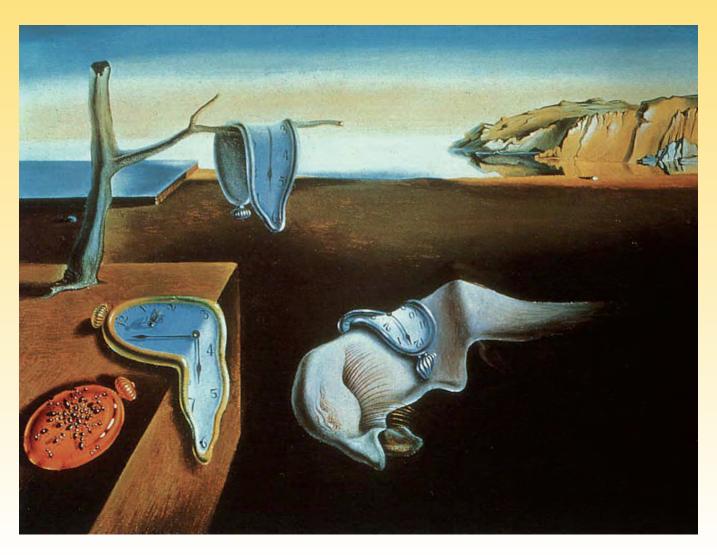
by Picasso





The persistence of Memory by Dalí





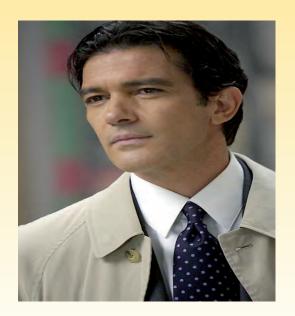


Culture 4 - Cinema

- Penélope Cruz and Antonio Banderas are two famous Spanish actors.
- Penélope won an Oscar in 2009.
- Pedro Almodóvar, the cinema director, won an Oscar too in 1999 (best film).









The End

