

DESCRIPTIONS of TASKS
PROGRAMA DE INTERCAMBIOS: SPRING 2006
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| TASK #1 | Formal Introductions | Date..... |
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| Description | Meet your "intercambio/s" for the first time and ask them questions about themselves and about their family | |
| <u>Questions and Topics</u> | | |
| Personal Data | a. Name: b. Telephone (in Spain and in the USA): c. Address (in Spain and in the USA): | |
| USA Family | d. Type of family and no. of members: e. Names of the members of the family: f. Rules and relationship with parents and brothers and sisters: | |
| Host Family in Spain | g. Type of family and no. of members: h. Names of the members of the family: i. Differences with the USA: things they like or dislike | |
| Friends & hobbies in the USA | j. Closest friends in the USA: k. Things he/she does with friends: l. Sports and hobbies: | |
| Friends & hobbies in Spain | m. Friends in Spain: n. Things he/she does with friends in Spain: o. Sports and hobbies in Spain: | |
| Alicante | p. What is what he/she likes about Alicante? q. Are cities very different in the USA? r. Why did they choose Alicante? s. Barrios/ zones they know in Alicante | |
| Conclusions | Do you have things in common with this person? What are they? | |

| TASK #2 | University Life Date..... |
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| Description | Meet your "intercambio/s" for the second time and ask them questions about their life as university students |
| <u>Questions and Topics</u> | |
| Life at University | a. Where do they live: at their parents' home, an apartment, the hall, etc.? b. Whom do they live with? |
| The Campus | c. Are campuses in the USA different or similar to Alicante University? d. What kind of sport facilities do they have there? e. What kind of cultural activities are offered? f. What about other facilities: medical assistance, shops, bars, etc.? |
| USA Universities | g. How many different types of Universities are there in the USA? h. What type of subsidies or grants does the university offer? i. Do USA Universities care for the handicapped or differently-abled people? j. Which are the best universities in the USA? |
| Studies | k. What degree is your "intercambio" studying at the USA? l. What type of qualification or diploma would he/she obtain at the end? m. What are <i>majors</i> and <i>minors</i> ? n. Do they have a "plan de estudios"? o. Do they have "asignaturas optativas o de libre configuración"? |
| Teaching | p. Is the teaching and the methodology different? q. What is the typical type of exams? r. What type of grades do they receive? s. What is the typical grade they get or feel satisfied with? t. Does anybody fail? |
| Future Prospects | u. What do they expect to do when they finish their degree? v. Are there good job prospects in the USA? w. How much do they expect to earn? |
| Conclusions | What are the advantages of studying in the USA? |

| TASK #3 | Life in the town and Leisure Time Date..... |
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| Description | Talk about cities and towns and how life is different in Spain and the USA |
| <u>Questions and Topics</u> | |
| Your city/ town | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Where do they live? b. Is it a big or a small town? c. Tell the names of the most important cities in the USA d. Are cities and towns different in comparison with Spain? e. Advantages and disadvantages of towns in the USA and Spain. |
| Spanish in the USA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> f. Do people speak Spanish in your town? g. Are there Spanish newspapers or TV in your town? h. Why is it important for your intercambio to learn Spanish? i. Which is the best town in the USA to learn English? |
| Leisure | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> j. What leisure activities does your intercambio do in you hometown? k. Are there any museums? l. Does your intercambio 's town have youth associations and clubs? m. Are you r "intercambio's" leisure activities different here in Spain? n. What type of things does your "intercambio" miss? |
| Shopping | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o. Are shopping centres and shops similar to the Spanish ones? p. Has your "intercambio's" got difficulties in adapting to their timetable? What is the timetable of shops in the USA? q. Do shops open on Sundays in the USA? r. What kind of problems has your "intercambio" faced when going to a shop? s. Does your "intercambio" like small shops? |
| Security | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> t. Does your "intercambio" think Alicante is safe? u. What are the problems your "intercambio" or his/her mates have suffered? v. Is his/her hometown in the USA safer? w. What about nights? x. What does he/she think about Spanish police? |
| Conclusions | What are the most shocking differences between Spanish and USA cities and towns? |

| TASK #4 | Geographical and Political Distribution Date..... |
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| Description | Talk about the political distribution of USA territories and their feelings about religion and immigration |
| <u>Questions and Topics</u> | |
| The USA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many states are there in the USA? b. Are Puerto Rico and Hawaii part of the USA? c. Are laws different in the different states? d. Do people tend to work in the same town they were born? e. Do families tend to life close one another? f. What are other political and geographical divisions in the USA? Regions, counties, etc.? |
| The States | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> g. Which state is your "intercambio" from? h. How would you describe the people from his/her state? i. What's its main industry? j. What are the most important cities and sights? k. Are there many clichés about the different states? (Tell them about different European Countries) |
| Immigration | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> l. Are there many foreigners living in his/her hometown/ state? What ethnic groups? m. Do they have problems with the integration of minority groups? n. Do they receive aids and allowances from the government? o. How can you get a work permit in the USA? p. Are people in the USA racist? |
| Religion | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> q. Is religion a difference between ethnic groups? r. Are people religious in the USA? s. Which is the most important religion? t. Do people go to church? Are there some states or cities or areas that are more religious than others? u. Are there mosques or synagogues in his/her town? |
| Conclusions | Do Spanish and USA citizens think similar in topics such as religion and immigration? |



| TASK #5 | SURVEY: topic..... Date..... |
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| Description | Make ten questions about a current topic to 10 American students |
| <u>Questions and Topics</u> | |
| #1 | Question: |
| #2 | Question: |
| #3 | Question: |
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| #9 | Question: |
| #10 | Question: |
| Conclusions | |



| TASK #6 | Culture Date..... |
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| Description | Talk about Culture |
| <u>Questions and Topics</u> | |
| Spanish Cinema | a. How often does your "intercambio" go to the cinema in the USA? b. What type of movies does he/she like? c. Have she/he gone to the cinema in Spain? d. Does he/she know Spanish movies? e. Does he/she know Spanish actors or directors? f. What's his/her opinion about the Spanish cinema? |
| Cinema | g. Who are his/her favourite actors? h. What type of genre does he/she like? i. What are his/her favourite movies? j. Are actors and actresses important in the USA society? |
| Spanish Literature | k. What Spanish writers does he/she know? l. What Spanish books have he/she read? And in translation? m. Is it easy to find Spanish books in the USA? |
| Literature | n. What are his/her favourite writers? o. What type of books does he/she like to read? p. What are her favourite books? q. Who are nowadays the most important and famous writers in the USA? |
| Festivities | r. What type of festivities do they celebrate in the USA? s. Are there any religious festivities? t. Does your "intercambio" participate? u. What does she/he usually do at Christmas, at Easter? Is there any special tradition? v. Is the USA population traditional? w. What are the most important customs and traditions? |
| Conclusion | Are culture and traditions similar to Spain? |