**Language and Culture Show and Tell: Spanish**

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**Transcript**

Hello Hola, welcome to the SELCS Summer School ‘The Language and Culture Show and Tell’. My name is Mazal Oaknín and I teach Spanish language and literature at UCL’s Department of Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American Studies. Today we will be learning some Spanish language and culture thanks to a really special object from UCL Art Museum. It is a piece of work by Georg Paul Busch and it’s an etching on paper, and its title is Panorama of Madrid with plan of Barcelona and map of Cádiz.

Often when people think of Spain, people think of flamenco, sangria, bull fighting and the beach. But,in reality, Spain is an amazingly diverse country. Here, in this etching on paper we can see Madrid. We can also see Barcelona and Cadiz.

Let's have a look at this map. Can you find where Madrid is, where Barcelona is and where Cádiz is?

Well done! Yes. Madrid is here.

It's the capital of Spanish, la capital. It's a very big city but so is Barcelona. Barcelona is also a very big city with over 5 million inhabitants.

And how do we say city? Ciudad. What is una ciudad grande? A big city.

Have you found Cádiz as well? It's here on the South, in the region of Andalucia. It's a smaller city, una ciudad pequeña.

Spain, as you can see, is divided into autonomous regions and each region has its own

Government and often an entirely different character. Sometimes it also has a different language. So although Spanish (Castilian) is spoken everywhere, Catalonian is spoken in Catalonia, Galician is spoken in Galicia, Basque is spoken in the Basque Country, Valenciano is spoken in Comunidad Valenciana, etc.

The customs and the climates are also very different in each region. As you can see for example, here on the Atlantic coast the climate is cool, humid, and quite rainy. In the central plateau, where Madrid is, the climate is quite arid and continental, so winters are relatively cold and summers are really, really hot.Then Mediterranean climate in places like Barcelona and Cádiz is mild and sunny and we even have almost African weather in this stretch of land, where winters are mild and summers are very hot. Some of the regions can also be very, very windy, for example, Cádiz.

Let's learn some words based on what we've learned about the landscape and the weather so

far. La Playa means the beach. There is playa in Cádiz and in Barcelona. El río is the river and as you can see there is a river in Madrid: el río.

We've already said that Barcelona and Madrid.are ciudades grandes. Una ciudad grande. Cádiz es una ciudad pequeña, a small city. Madrid is the capital, the capital.

Now to express the weather, hace calor means it’s hot. Hace frío is it’s cold. Nieva means it snows. Llueve means it rains. To say it’s windy like we saw in Cádiz it’s hace viento. Other useful words are el verano, summer, so we've seen that for example el verano in Madrid is very, very hot. El invierno, winter in Madrid, is quite cold. Hace frío. La cathedral is a cathedral. Un monumento is a monument, as you can see, we have plenty of monuments. Muchos momentos in Madrid, and in Barcelona. There is a beautiful cathedral in the city center. Una catedral.

Now, could you please refer to your worksheet to complete your first vocabulary exercise. You

have to match each Spanish word that we've learned with its English equivalent. You have 5 minutes to do this exercise and then you will be able to contrast your answers with the solutions on the key answers file. You have 5 minutes so good luck. Go for it.

Hello again, let's move on to our second exercise. So as you can see we have 12 words here and with the help of the pictures that you have in your second exercise, you need to fill in the blanks. But please note that one of the words doesn't apply at all. You can press pause and take another 5 minutes to complete this exercise to consolidate all the language and culture that we've just learned. All the best.

I hope you got the answers right. I'm sure you did and I really hope you have enjoyed this little introduction to Spanish language and culture based on an art object. It has been a pleasure to teach you and I hope maybe to see you at UCL soon. My name is Mazal Oaknín and if you have any questions or comments, I can be contacted on [m.oaknin@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:m.oaknin@ucl.ac.uk).

Adios, thank you. Gracias