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Using ICT effectively at Key Stage 4

Teaching about accommodation in Spanish

Useful site: www.campinguia.com (researched March2008)

Campingúa is a site to help people find campsites, chalets, hotels and houses to stay in throughout Spain.

This site can be used to select a town or region and type of accommodation required, and then find a list of recommended places with links to their websites. Many hostels and campsites in Spain now have excellent websites which are very visually appealing.

For teaching and learning

As a whole class activity, the class can choose where in Spain they would like to go. A map of Spain would be useful to display as well, so that students can relate the place name to the geographical location. They can then search for accommodation through the site's portal. An example of a campsite's website that can be found through such a search is Camping Candelada which can be found when searching for Toledo.

This is an excellent example of a campsite's web pages with very good visuals and simple text. The class can look at the facilities, prices, restaurants, pitches for tents and caravans.

As an individual activity students could be given a budget to plan a week's camping holiday for which they need to find an appropriate campsite with the facilities they require.

Students could also use the illustrative icons when designing their own advertisement for a campsite which could be created as a web page or a brochure using desktop publishing software.

For those aiming at higher grades at GCSE more open-ended tasks could be set, such as a project which involves researching campsite accommodation in a particular area of Spain and investigating public transport to the site. Letters reserving accommodation for a group booking and requesting particular facilities could also be written. For a more extended project, students could also find out about tourist activities in the place they have chosen.

Why this site was chosen

For many students, holidays abroad and in particular the concept of planning and booking one's own accommodation may be an unknown experience. Working with this site will give students knowledge and insights into the whole issue of finding and booking reasonably priced accommodation.

About the 'Using ICT effectively at Key Stage 4' series

www.languages-ict.org.uk/technology/ks4.htm

This series of advice sheets deals with the effective use of ICT at Key Stage 4 for teachers of modern languages. The series focuses on online resources characterised by their richness and potential for stimulating teaching and learning languages, particularly French, German and Spanish, at Key Stage 4. It is hoped that the suggestions and ideas put forward in the sheets will be of use to teachers of other languages.

The sites were chosen as useful resources for teachers dealing with topic areas which, for various reasons, may be classed as 'hard to teach' at Key Stage 4.

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