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**3 General Marking Principles****3.1 Crossing out:**

<b>(a)</b>	If a candidate changes his/her mind over an answer and crosses out an attempt, award a mark if the final attempt is correct.
<b>(b)</b>	If a candidate crosses out an answer <u>to a whole question</u> but makes no second attempt at it, mark the crossed out work.

**3.2 For Questions 2 and 3, if the candidate has written an answer in the space provided for that purpose, you should ignore anything written anywhere else, unless:**

<b>(a)</b>	there is an indication from the candidate that other material should be considered.
<b>(b)</b>	the candidate has continued their answer outside the space provided.
<b>(c)</b>	there is no answer in the space provided.

**3.3 Annotation used in the Mark Scheme:**

<b>(a)</b>	tc = 'tout court' and means that on its own the material is not sufficient to score the mark.
<b>(b)</b>	BOD = benefit of the doubt and is used to indicate that the Examiner has considered the answer/that part of the answer and judged it to be more correct than incorrect: the benefit of the doubt is given to the candidate and the mark is awarded.

**3.4** No response and '0' marks

There is a NR (No Response) option in **RM Assessor**.

**Award NR (No Response):**

If there is nothing written at all in the answer space or

If there is only a comment which does not in any way relate to the question being asked (e.g. 'can't do' or 'don't know') or

If there is only a mark which isn't an attempt at the question (e.g. a dash, a question mark).

**Award 0:**

If there is any attempt that earns no credit. This could, for example, include the candidate copying all or some of the question, or any working that does not earn any marks, whether crossed out or not.

**3.5 Optional questions:** You must mark all questions attempted by the candidate. Where a question has not been attempted then NR must be entered. (For Question 3 only, after marking the question(s) the candidate has answered, NR is populated automatically when you click on 'Complete'.) Where the candidate attempts more than one of the alternatives in Question 3, RM Assessor will automatically only aggregate the candidate's best result.

Question	Answer	Marks
<b>Question 1</b>	<p>Candidates are required to list 8 items in Spanish. Read all of the items that the candidate has listed and award marks as follows:</p> <p>(i) Select the most correct items up to a maximum of 5. Award 1 mark for each correct item up to a maximum of 5. Stop ticking once 5 items have been rewarded.</p> <p>(ii) On Question 1, award marks for items wherever the candidate has written them.</p> <p>(iii) <b>If the candidate offers more than one word per line, award a mark for each acceptable item</b> (e.g. where a candidate has linked two words as in <i>cepillo de dentífrica</i> = 1 tick; however <i>cepillo y dentífrica</i> (candidate intends this as two items) = 2 ticks).</p> <p>(iv) The pictures provided on the question paper are only suggestions.</p> <p>(v) Mark for communication. Tolerate inaccuracies, provided the message is clear. Ignore any definite / indefinite article, possessive adjective, etc. Ignore any verbs.</p> <p>(vi) If spelling is questionable, start by referring to the detailed mark scheme. Refer to the bullet points below if no decision on the spelling you have encountered is recorded there.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ‘If in doubt, sound it out’: if you read what the candidate has written, does it sound like the correct answer?</li> <li>• Look-alike test: does what the candidate has written look like the correct answer, e.g. one letter missing but no other word created.</li> <li>• If the first part of the word is correct, small errors in what comes next are less likely to impede communication (unless they suggest another meaning).</li> <li>• Where letters are transposed, the word is likely to communicate (unless another word has been created).</li> </ul> <p>(vii) Once marking proper starts, if there are five clearly acceptable items, award marks wherever these are in the list. This approach may allow questionable versions to be ignored.</p> <p>(viii) Refuse all nouns which are repeated and which do not have a separate meaning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>pantalones, pantalones cortos</i>: award one mark to each item</li> <li>• <i>pantalones pequeños, pantalones azules</i>: award one mark for the first <i>pantalones</i></li> </ul> <p>(ix) Reject misspelt words which suggest a word with a quite different meaning. Where nouns are usually plural, accept the singular and vice versa.</p>	

Question	Answer				Marks
1	<b>Estás en la cocina. Haz una lista de 8 cosas que hay en la cocina.</b>				<b>5</b>
	botella		<b>REJECT</b>		
	huevos		telephono		
	mesa		photo		
	nevera		ventaja		
	pan		libre		
	pimienta				
	plato				
	sal				
	silla				
	vaso				
<b>Total for Question 1: 5 marks</b>					

Question	Answer	Marks
2	<p>Candidates are required to answer the question. Read the whole answer and award marks as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Communication: award a mark out of 10, according to the instructions in 2.1.</b></li> <li>• <b>Language: award a mark out of 5, according to the instructions in 2.2.</b></li> </ul>	
	<p><i>¿El campo o la ciudad?</i></p> <p><b><u>2.1: Award a mark out of 10 for Communication</u></b></p> <p>(i) Place the appropriate ‘numbered’ tick as close as possible to each relevant communication point in the body of the answer.</p> <p>(ii) Award ticks flexibly across the tasks for each piece of relevant information conveyed, up to a maximum of 10. HOWEVER, each of the tasks must be covered to get the 10 communication marks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>If 1 of the tasks is missing</u>, the maximum communication mark is 9.</li> <li>• <u>If 2 of the tasks are missing</u>, the maximum communication mark is 8 (and so on).</li> </ul> <p>(iii) Add up the ticks to give a mark out of 10 for Communication.</p> <p>(iv) For COMMUNICATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Look for a verb (finite or infinitive) before awarding a mark.</b> Lists without a verb will not score.</li> <li>• <b>See Appendix II for rules on how to decide whether a verb is accurate enough</b> to convey meaning.</li> <li>• <b>For language other than verbs, use ‘rules’ in Question 1:</b> look alike, sound alike, etc.</li> <li>• <b>Misplaced adjectives, negatives and adverbs will not usually compromise communication.</b></li> </ul> <p>(v) <u>LISTS</u> = a maximum of 3 marks for communication: lists of 1–3 items = 1 mark; lists of 4 items = 2 marks; lists of 5–6 items = 3 marks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Ella es alta y delgada y grande y nerviosa. (1 verb, therefore treat as list of 4 items: place one tick over ‘grande’ (third item in list) and another tick over ‘nerviosa’ (fourth item in list))</i></li> <li>• <i>Ella es alta. Es delgada. Tiene el pelo moreno. (3 verbs therefore each piece of information can score a separate communication mark)</i></li> </ul>	

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2	<p>(vi) Only reward each piece of information once, e.g. <i>es fantástica</i> cannot score both as description and reason for liking; <i>es fantástica y sus clases son fantásticas</i> can both be rewarded as <i>fantástica(s)</i> describes different nouns; <i>ella me ayuda a hacer mis deberes</i> and <i>me ayuda todos los días</i> can both be rewarded as they each contain a different extra detail (<i>a hacer mis deberes</i> and <i>todos los días</i>).</p> <p>(vii) Do not penalise factual errors.</p> <p>(viii) What the candidate writes may not follow the order of the tasks on the question paper – this is fine.</p>											
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3	<p>Candidates answer 1 question from a choice of 3. Read the whole answer and award marks as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Communication:</b> award a mark out of 10, according to the instructions in 3.1.</li> <li>• <b>Language:</b> award a mark out of 10 for Verbs, according to the instructions in 3.2. award a mark out of 10 for Other linguistic features, according to the instructions in 3.3.</li> </ul> <p><b>For question-specific guidance, see later in this mark scheme.</b></p> <p><b><u>3.1: Award a mark out of 10 for Communication</u></b></p> <p>(i) There are 5 relevant communication points per question, each worth a maximum of 2 marks.</p> <p>(ii) For each relevant communication point, use the appropriate numbered tick and place up to 2 of these ticks as close as possible to each relevant communication point (in the body of the answer).</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="315 727 1901 879"> <tbody> <tr> <td><b>2 ticks</b></td> <td>Message clearly communicated. Minor errors (adjective endings, use of prepositions etc.) are tolerated.</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>1 tick</b></td> <td>Communication of some meaning is achieved, but the message may be ambiguous or incomplete.</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>0 ticks</b></td> <td>Nothing of worth communicated.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>(iii) <b>Look for a verb (finite or infinitive) before awarding a mark for communication.</b> See Appendix II for rules on how to decide whether a verb is accurate enough to convey meaning.</p> <p>(iv) Add up the ticks to give a mark out of 10 for Communication.</p>	<b>2 ticks</b>	Message clearly communicated. Minor errors (adjective endings, use of prepositions etc.) are tolerated.	<b>1 tick</b>	Communication of some meaning is achieved, but the message may be ambiguous or incomplete.	<b>0 ticks</b>	Nothing of worth communicated.	
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3	<p><b><u>3.2: Award a mark out of 8 for accurate use of Verbs</u></b></p> <p>When awarding ticks for Verbs, please refer back to the question in order to establish which tense is appropriate for the response. <b>For question-specific guidance, see later in this mark scheme.</b></p> <p>(i) Place a tick above the <b>first</b> occurrence of each correct verb, up to a maximum of 18 ticks (details of how to award ticks are provided below).</p> <p>(ii) Place the tick so that it does not obscure the accent/tilde.</p> <p>(iii) Convert the total number of ticks to a mark out of 8 using the Conversion table below.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Conversion table for accurate use of Verbs (Question 3)</b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="810 603 1464 1110"> <thead> <tr> <th>Number of ticks</th> <th>Mark</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>18+</td> <td>8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>16,17</td> <td>7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>14,15</td> <td>6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>12,13</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10,11</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8,9</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6,7</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4,5</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>0,1,2,3</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Number of ticks	Mark	18+	8	16,17	7	14,15	6	12,13	5	10,11	4	8,9	3	6,7	2	4,5	1	0,1,2,3	0	
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3	<b>Reflexive/passive</b>			
	<b>Tick</b>	<b>No tick</b>	<b>Note</b>	
	Él se levanta (✓)	Él levántase ( <i>no tick</i> )		
	Ella se ha cortado (✓)			
	La puerta estaba (✓) abierta			
	Yo me lavo (✓) las manos	Yo me lavo ( <i>no tick</i> ) el coche	<i>lavar</i> should not be used reflexively in this statement	
	<b>Impersonal verbs such as <i>gustar, quedar, faltar</i> etc.</b>			
	<b>Tick</b>	<b>No tick</b>	<b>Note</b>	
	Me gusta (✓) leer (✓)			
	Me gusto ( <i>no tick</i> ) leer (✓)			
	Me quedan (✓) diez euros			
	<b>Impersonal se</b>			
	<b>Tick</b>	<b>No tick</b>	<b>Note</b>	
	Se puede (✓)			
	Se habla español (✓)			
	<b>Impersonal</b>			
	Hay (✓) patatas			
	Es (✓) interesante			

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3	<b>With negative</b>			
	<b>Tick</b>	<b>No tick</b>	<b>Note</b>	
	No comen (✓)			
	<b>Sequence of tenses</b>			
	<b>Tick</b>	<b>No tick</b>	<b>Note</b>	
	Fui (✓) al cine y me gustó (✓) la película	Fui (✓) al cine y me gustaría ( <i>no tick</i> ) la película	If sequence is incorrect, <b>both</b> verbs cannot be rewarded	
	<b>Single auxiliary with multiple past participles</b>			
	<b>Tick</b>	<b>No tick</b>	<b>Note</b>	
	Hemos cantado (✓) y bailado (✓)		Hemos cantado = tick 1; Hemos bailado = tick 2	
	<b>Verb which requires preposition</b>			
	<b>Tick</b>	<b>No tick</b>	<b>Note</b>	
	Ayudo (✓) a lavar (✓) el coche			
	Ayudo (✓) lavar el coche		preposition is required for <i>lavar</i> to be awarded a tick	
	Ayudo (✓) con lavar el coche		incorrect use of <i>con</i> means that <i>lavar</i> cannot receive a tick	

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3	<b>Verb which requires personal a</b>			
	<b>Tick</b>	<b>No tick</b>	<b>Note</b>	
	Veo (✓) a mi amigo	Veo ( <i>no tick</i> ) mi amigo	personal a is required for veo to be awarded a tick	
	<b>Correct verb within meaningless statement</b>			
	<b>Tick</b>	<b>No tick</b>	<b>Note</b>	
	El camino es (✓) largo	El camino es ( <i>no tick</i> ) inteligente	Do not reward correct verb in a meaningless statement	

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3	<b>(b) Imperative</b>			
	<b>Tick</b>	<b>No tick</b>	<b>Note</b>	
	¡Ven! (✓)			
	¡Oiga! (✓)			
	<b>(c) Interrogative</b>			
	<b>Tick</b>	<b>No tick</b>	<b>Note</b>	
	¿Vienes? (✓) / Vienes. (✓)		question mark not required for mark to be awarded	
	(¿)Vas (✓) a venir(?) (✓)			
	(¿)Cómo estás(?) (✓)			
	<b>(d) Infinitive</b>			
	<b>Tick</b>	<b>No tick</b>	<b>Note</b>	
	Quiero (✓) salir (✓)			
	No quiera ( <i>no tick</i> ) salir (✓)			
	Quiero (✓) salire ( <i>no tick</i> )			
	Voy a (✓) estudiar (✓)			
	Empecé a (✓) llorar (✓)			
	Empecé ( <i>no tick</i> ) llorar (✓)			
	<b>(e) Participle (past or present)</b>			
	<b>Tick</b>	<b>No tick</b>	<b>Note</b>	
	Terminado el programa (✓)			
	Siendo estudiante (✓)			

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**Appendix I****Note on using mark schemes with Grade descriptors**

It is important that you award marks positively. In order to ensure that you reward achievement rather than penalise failure or omissions, you should start at the bottom of the mark scheme and work upwards through the descriptors when awarding marks.

You should adopt a 'best fit' approach. You must select the set of descriptors provided in the mark scheme that most closely describes the quality of the work being marked. As you work upwards through the mark scheme, you will eventually arrive at a set of descriptors that fits the candidate's performance. When you reach this point, you should always then check the descriptors in the band above to confirm whether or not there is just enough evidence to award a mark in the higher band.

For example, when marking Question 3 you may find that a candidate uses a variety of relevant vocabulary but has varied success with more complex structures. In such cases, you will need to award a mark that takes into account both the strengths and weaknesses of the piece of work.

To select the most appropriate mark within each set of descriptors, use the following guidance:

- If most of the descriptors fit the piece (and after you have considered the band above), award the top mark in the band.
- If there is just enough evidence (and you had perhaps been considering the band below), award the lowest mark in the band.

**Note on irrelevant material**

In the case of a deliberately evasive answer which consists entirely of irrelevant material exploited in defiance of the rubric, a score of 0 is given. This is extremely rare.

A genuine attempt to answer the question which fails due to a misunderstanding of the rubric will normally lose Communication marks but will score for Language. You should consult your Team Leader.

See separate document for more detailed guidance on irrelevant material.



**A QUESTION 3 ONLY: Where THE VERB IS APPROPRIATE IN THE MEANING IT CONVEYS AND THE TIME FRAME IS APPROPRIATE, 2 communication marks are awarded in the following cases.**

<b>(i)</b>	<b>For 2 communication marks: accept a Present where a Future context is apparent</b>	
	<i>El año que viene voy a España</i> = 2 for communication (but see also B (i) for further information)	(voy receives a tick for verb)
<b>(ii)</b>	<b>For 2 communication marks: accept the use of a Future when a Conditional would be correct and vice versa</b>	
<b>(iii)</b>	<b>For 2 communication marks: accept a 'phonetic version' of the correct time frame</b>	
	<i>He pasado las vacaciones</i> = 2 for communication <i>E pasado las vacaciones</i> = 2 for communication <i>Mi madre necessita mi ayuda</i> = 2 for communication <i>Nececito ir a la tienda</i> = 2 for communication <i>He aprendido mucho</i> = 2 for communication <i>Mi tía tienne un club</i> = 2 for communication <i>He organizado una fiesta</i> = 2 for communication <i>Boy a ir al centro</i> = 2 for communication	<i>(Empezó a juego</i> = 1 for communication – <i>juego</i> is not phonetic) <i>Yo quiero jugar al fútbol</i> = 0 for communication (doblé 'r' is not a phonetic rendering of single 'r') <i>Yo prefiero llavar los platos</i> = 0 for communication (double 'll' is not a phonetic rendering of single 'l')
<b>(iv)</b>	<b>For 2 communication marks: accept the use of any past tense when a past is required, even when a different past tense would be grammatically correct or appropriate</b>	
	Allow Perfect, Imperfect, Pluperfect or Preterite. Ignore inconsistency in the use of the Imperfect and Preterite if it occurs.	

<b>(v)</b>	<b>Errors of accent:</b>	
	For 2 communication marks, <b>insist</b> on the accent on verbs which require it	<i>Yo comi</i> = 1 for communication (as an attempted preterite tense) <i>Esperabamos</i> = 1 for communication (as an attempted imperfect tense)
	For 2 communication marks, tolerate a grave accent for an acute accent	<i>Yo comi</i> = 2 for communication
<b>(vi)</b>	<b>In complex sentences, reward communication based on the verb in the subordinate clause and reward according to the normal rules (it is the information in the subordinate clause which fulfils the task)</b>	
	<i>Mi amigo dijo que tenía dolor de cabeza</i> = 2 for communication (in addition both verbs can receive a tick) <i>Mi amigo dice</i> (wrong tense) <i>que tenía dolor de cabeza</i> = 2 for communication (in addition second verb can receive a tick)	However, <i>Mi amigo dijo que tiene dolor de cabeza</i> = 1 for communication (see B (vii)) (in addition first verb can receive a tick) <i>Mi amigo dijo que él dolor de cabeza</i> = 0 for communication (no verb in subordinate clause) (first verb can receive a tick)
	<i>Creía que estaba enfermo</i> = 2 for communication (in addition both verbs receive a tick)	However: <i>Creía que llueve</i> = 1 for communication (see B (vii)) <i>Creía que tenía enfermo</i> = 0 for communication (see B (vii)) (In addition, in both cases, first verb can receive a tick)
<b>(vii)</b>	<b>Use of a verb in the indicative where a subjunctive would be expected: award 2 communication marks</b>	
	<i>No creo que haya muchas personas allí</i> = 2 for communication (plus both verbs receive a tick) <i>No creo que hay muchas personas allí</i> = 2 for communication (plus first verb receives a tick)	

**B QUESTIONS 2 AND 3: Where THE VERB IS APPROPRIATE IN THE MEANING IT CONVEYS but is flawed in the following ways, the message is partially conveyed, and 1 communication mark will be awarded.**

(i)	<b>The candidate has produced a correct spelling of an <u>inappropriate</u> form/part/tense of an <u>appropriate</u> verb: award 1 communication mark</b>	
	<i>He vender el libro = 1 for communication</i> <i>La gente están contenta = 1 for communication</i> <i>Yo trabaje durante las vacaciones = 1 for communication</i> <i>Yo voy pasaré = 1 for communication</i>	No ticks are scored for these verbs
	<b>Task: what do you want to eat for lunch?</b> <b>Candidate writes:</b> <i>Quiero comeré la fruta = 1 for communication</i>	<i>Quiero = tick for verb</i>
	<b>Task: what will you do next year?</b> <b>Candidate writes:</b> <i>El año pasado voy a España = 1 for communication</i> <i>El año pasado voy a viajar en España = 1 for communication</i> <i>El año que viene yo iba a España = 1 for communication</i> <i>El año que viene me gusto jugar al tenis = 1 for communication</i>	<i>...voy a... verb is not rewarded as there is no future context (eg <i>El año que viene...</i>) and there is discordance/confusion between the verb and the time indicator that the candidate has used</i> <i>...voy a viajar... scores 2 ticks for verbs (<i>voy a, viajar</i>) as the task requires a future and, despite the use of <i>pasado</i>, there is no doubt about the tense of the verb and the tense of the verb agrees with the tense that is required</i> <i>...iba... verb does not receive a tick</i> <i>...me gusto... verb does not receive a tick</i>
	<i>El año que viene yo vaya al centro = 1 for communication (<i>ir</i> is an appropriate verb, <i>vaya</i> is a form of the verb <i>ir</i> (subjunctive))</i>	<i>El año que viene yo vaye al centro = 0 for communication (<i>vaye</i> is not any part of the verb <i>ir</i>)</i>

<b>(ii)</b>	<b>The candidate has produced a <u>phonetic</u> spelling of an <u>inappropriate</u> form/part/tense of an <u>appropriate</u> verb: award 1 communication mark</b>	
	<b>Task: what did you enjoy doing on holiday?</b> <b>Candidate writes:</b> <i>Me gustta el tenis</i> = 1 for communication (phonetic version of the incorrect tense ( <i>me gusta</i> ) of an appropriate verb)	<i>Me gutsa (el tenis)</i> ( <i>gutsa</i> is not any form/part/tense (nor a phonetic version thereof) of the verb <i>gustar</i> )
	<b>Task: what happened at school today?</b> <b>Candidate writes:</b> <i>Apprendo mucho</i> = 1 for communication (phonetic version of an incorrect part/tense ( <i>aprendo</i> ) of an appropriate verb)	<i>Apriendo mucho</i> = 0 for communication ( <i>apriendo</i> is not any form/part/tense (nor a phonetic version thereof) of the verb <i>aprender</i> )
<b>(iii)</b>	<b>Use of <i>ser</i> when <i>estar</i> would be correct and vice versa: award 1 communication mark</b>	
	<i>Soy en acuerdo con el proyecto</i> = 1 <i>Soy esperando tu carta</i> = 1 <i>Era con su hijo</i> = 1 <i>Mis hermanas son en la casa</i> = 1 <i>Estaba una experiencia maravillosa</i> = 1 <i>Estoy un buen estudiante</i> = 1 <i>Tu carta está interesante</i> = 1 <i>Estará una buena idea</i> = 1	

<b>(iv)</b>	<b>Mis-use of <i>haber, hacer, tener</i> and <i>ser/estar</i> in idiomatic phrases/simple descriptions: award 1 communication mark</b>	
	<i>Era/Estaba miedo</i> = 1 <i>Era/Estaba sed</i> = 1 <i>Era/Estaba hambre</i> = 1 <i>Era/Estaba cinco años</i> = 1 <i>Estaba muy frío en mi casa</i> = 1 <i>¿Está playas cerca de tu ciudad?</i> = 1	(no tick for verb) (no tick for verb) (no tick for verb) (no tick for verb) (no tick for verb) (no tick for verb) <b>However:</b> <i>Ella es el pelo negro</i> = 0 <i>Tenía cansado</i> = 0 <i>Tenía enfermo</i> = 0
<b>(v)</b>	<b>The following commonly seen inappropriate usages: award 1 communication mark</b>	
	<b>Accept for 1 mark</b> <i>Miré un accidente</i> for <i>Vi un accidente</i> <i>Yo gusta la música</i> for <i>Me gusta la música</i> <i>Escuché un ruido</i> for <i>Oí un ruido</i> <i>En Madrid hay calor</i> for <i>En Madrid hace calor</i>	<b>Refuse</b> <i>Tenía un tiempo muy bueno</i> for <i>Lo pasé bien</i> <i>He mirado para mi chaqueta</i> for <i>He buscado mi chaqueta</i>
<b>(vi)</b>	<b>The following commonly seen mis-usages: award 1 communication mark</b>	
	<i>Me gusto mi casa</i> <i>Me prefiero los gatos</i> <i>Me vivo en el centro</i> <i>Me llamo es (Ana)</i>	<i>Me llama es (Ana)</i> = 0 as nothing of worth is communicated <i>Me llama (Ana)</i> when the candidate is trying to give his/her own name = 0
<b>(vii)</b>	<b>In complex sentences, consider the verb in the subordinate clause when awarding the mark for communication and reward according to the normal rules (see also A (vi))</b>	
	<i>Mi amigo dijo que tiene dolor de cabeza</i> = 1 for communication	The subordinate clause, <i>tiene dolor de cabeza</i> , contains an appropriate verb in the wrong time frame which is awarded 1 communication mark (in addition, first verb receives a tick)
	<i>Creía que llueve</i> = 1 for communication	The subordinate clause, <i>que llueve</i> , contains an appropriate verb in the wrong time frame which is awarded 1 communication mark according to the usual rules) (in addition, first verb receives a tick)

<b>(viii)</b>	<b>Errors of accent on verbs: award one communication mark (see also A (v))</b>	
	<p><i>Yo comi patatas</i> = 1 for communication (an attempted preterite tense)</p> <p><i>Íre a Francia</i> = 1 for communication (an attempted future tense)</p> <p><i>Estába en España</i> = 1 for communication (an attempted imperfect tense)</p>	

**C QUESTIONS 2 AND 3: Award 0 communication marks in the following cases.**

<b>(i)</b>	<b>No attempt at a (real) verb = 0 for communication</b>	
	<p><i>yo pie al instituto</i> = 0 for communication</p> <p><i>yo caminata mi perro</i> = 0 for communication</p> <p><i>llove</i> = 0 for communication</p> <p><i>yo preferir ir al colegio</i> = 0 for communication</p>	
<b>(ii)</b>	<b>The verb attempted delivers a message different from the desired one = 0 for communication</b>	
	<p><i>mi padre tiene profesor</i> for <i>mi padre es profesor</i> = 0 for communication</p> <p><i>llora</i> for <i>llueve</i> = 0 for communication</p>	
<b>(iii)</b>	<b>The attempt at the verb is not a part/form of an appropriate verb or a phonetic rendition thereof = 0 for communication</b>	
	<p><i>El año que viene yo viajar en el centro</i> = 0 for communication (<i>viajer</i> is not any part of the verb <i>viajar</i>)</p> <p><i>Yo buscé mis gafas</i> = 0 for communication (<i>buscé</i> is not any part of the verb <i>buscar</i>)</p> <p><i>Me gutsa (el tenis)</i> = 0 for communication (<i>gutsa</i> is not any part of the verb <i>gustar</i>)</p>	