

General information

A1 level is the most basic level in the six-point scale of the Common European Framework of Reference for languages (CEFR).

According to the Instituto Cervantes, the DELE (Diploma of Spanish as a Foreign Language) level A1 attests to sufficient linguistic ability to:

- Understand and use everyday expressions used in the spanish-speaking world to meet immediate needs.
- Ask and answer questions about personal details and daily life.
- Interact in a simple way, provided the other person speaks slowly and clearly and is willing to cooperate.

Structure and contents of DELE A1 exam

Section 1. Reading comprehension			
45 min	What is being evaluated	Which task must be done	Text features you must understand
Task 1 5 items	Understand short and simple messages in an instant message, postcard, email, etc.	Read a text and answer five questions with three possible answers each.	Short text: email, postcard, etc. Length: 150-175 words.
Task 2 6 items	Understand specific information from notes, signs, posters, etc.	Read nine short texts and match six of them with six sentences.	Short texts with graphic support: notes or agenda notes, catalogs or advertisements, instructions, posters or signs, notices, etc. Length: 20-30 words.
Task 3 6 items	Capture the general meaning of informative material, frequent instructions and short descriptions with graphic support.	Read nine short announcements and match six of them with six statements from people.	Short texts with graphic support, extracted from instructions, informative or promotional material: brochures, catalogs, etc. Length: texts 20-30 words, statements or sentences 10-15 words.
Task 4 8 items	Extract specific information from informative texts or short, everyday instructions.	Read a text and answer eight questions with three possible answers each.	Announcements or short notices extracted or adapted from informative or promotional material, posters or signs, tickets, agendas, etc. Length: 175-210 words.

Section 2. Listening comprehension

25 min	What is being evaluated	Which task must be done	Text features you must understand
Task 1 5 items	Understand the meaning and obtain specific information from simple dialogues.	Listen to five short dialogues and answer five questions with three possible answers each.	Short dialogues between two persons about topics of immediate need. Length: 30-40 words.
Task 2 5 items	Understand short messages, expressed slowly and clearly.	Listen to five short messages and match them with five images from the eight provided.	Short messages or announcements transmitted face-to-face or through the public address system. Length: 15-30 words.
Task 3 8 items	Understand the meaning and exact details of short sentences about everyday topics.	Listen to eight sentences from a text and match the beginning of the sentence with its possible continuations.	Short explanatory or descriptive sentences belonging to the same monologue. Length: 15-25 words.
Task 4 7 items	Understand names, words or sentences in a speech delivered slowly and clearly.	Listen to a dialogue and complete seven short sentences with the corresponding option.	Conversation between two persons about an everyday topic. Length: 160-185 words.

Section 3. Written expression and interaction

25 min	What is being evaluated	Which task must be done	Supplied material to perform the task
Task 1	Express basic personal data in writing using simple words or sentences about oneself or your environment.	Fill out a form with basic personal information or about topics of immediate need. Length: 15-25 words.	Sheet with instructions for writing the text and a form to complete.
Task 2	Exchange in writing courtesy messages, simple personal information or messages related to topics of immediate need.	Write a text in the form of a letter, email or instant message. Length: 30-40 words.	Instructions for writing the text.

Section 4. Oral expression and interaction

10 min + 10 min preparation	What is being evaluated	Which task must be done	Supplied material to perform the task
Task 1 1-2 min	Introduce oneself to others and give basic personal information.	Do a short, already prepared monologue about your own personality.	Sheet with instructions and personal details you must talk about.
Task 2 2-3 min	Provide basic information about your environment with simple sentences: daily life, friends, workplace, etc.	Do a short, already prepared monologue about a topic from your environment.	Sheet with instructions and different data from a topic of choice you must talk about.
Task 3 3-4 min	Participate in a simple dialogue with an interlocutor about information from previous tasks.	Dialogue with the examiner about the information already provided and answer the examiner's ready-made questions.	Sheet with instructions and the examiner's questions.

Development of the oral section

- Tasks 1 and 2 are prepared before the exam (10 minutes). The support staff provides all the materials and explanations.
- During the 10 minutes of preparation for the oral section, you can take notes and bring them to the exam room to use as a support, but in no case will you merely read them.

Task 1

The candidate must prepare his personal presentation to speak for 2 minutes and must deal with all the aspects included in the sheet, which is the same for all the candidates. This task is a short monologue, it is not a conversation with the interviewer, who will not participate by asking questions to the candidate.

Task 2

The support staff provides the candidate with two sheets. The candidate chooses one of them. Each sheet includes five options. The candidate will choose three of them to develop a presentation during approximately 2-3 minutes. In a box at the bottom of the sheet there are some suggestions for

the candidate to use as support, if desired. During the preparation, you can take notes and bring them to the exam room later. The interviewer, apart from giving instructions, does not intervene during the development of the task.

Task 3

The examiner will ask the candidate some questions about the topic of task 2. The task is to participate in an interaction with the interviewer about the information previously provided and ask the interviewer two questions previously prepared.

Notes

The exam

- During the official exam, all answers are to be marked on the **Answer Sheet**, using a number 2 pencil (it may be provided by the same establishment).



- In section 3 of written expression and writing, the text must be written with a pen.

The book

- The book is organized into thematic blocks (People, Places, Work, Studies, Food and Travel) to enhance the understanding and memorization of the related vocabulary. Take into account that the topics that you will find in the DELE A1 exam will vary from task to task.
- You can download the audios from the website <https://esvega.com> or through the following QR code. The application "DELE A1 Spanish" with all the exercises in the book, is also available for iOS and Android.

