

El juego filatélico

The game is played with the stamp cards provided or a bag of Spanish postage stamps – these can be purchased from various stamp dealers. Ask for kiloware bags of Spanish commemorative stamps. Teachers could also sort out stamps which have pictures representing words they wish to focus on. The game has three versions all detailed below. An extension to any of the game versions could be to set challenges to find out more about the image featured on the stamp – see additional information.

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El juego filatélico game board

El juego filatélico stamp cards

Version 1 - There are no other requirements.

Version 2 - Requirements (*not included*):

mixed Spanish stamps

Version 3 - Requirements (*not included*):

mixed Spanish stamps

dice

Version 1 - How to Play:

Players form two teams – red and blue team.

At first they play a memory card game. The cards should be mixed and spread face down on a playing surface. First player turns two cards face up. If they match, they take these cards. If they do not match, the player turns them face down without changing their position so others can try to remember where each card is.

If they matched, try to say in both Spanish and English what is pictured on the stamp and suggest the correct theme this stamp would belong to from the lists written on the game board – the city, food & drink, animals & plants, people and music & the arts. *Otras categorías* can be for any other theme.

Then place the paired cards in the appropriate coloured '*otras categorías*' boxes for the team who found that pair – in this version these boxes are being used to store the cards for that colour team, whatever the theme.

When all cards have been paired, the team with the most cards on their side of the board are declared the winners.

Version 2 - How to Play:

Players form two teams – red and blue team.

Each team takes turns to randomly pick a stamp from a bag or box. Looking closely at the stamp, try to say in both Spanish and English what is pictured on the stamp, then place it in the correct theme box of your colour team. In this version, the stamps can be placed in the theme boxes and any which fit in other categories placed in the large boxes. Essentially the game board is used as a sorting board in all versions of this game. The small boxes for actual stamps.

The game can end when all stamps are sorted into themes or after a time limit. The winners are the team with the most stamps correctly placed in the theme boxes.

Version 3 - How to Play:

Players form two teams – red and blue team.

Each team takes a turn to roll a dice.

The player then has to find a stamp from a box of Spanish stamps which would fit into the theme corresponding to the number on the dice. The map on the game board indicates the numbers associated with the themes.

- 1 – the city
- 2 – food & drink
- 3 – animals & plants
- 4 – people
- 5 – music & the arts
- 6 – other

Looking closely at the stamp, try to say in both Spanish and English what is pictured on the stamp.

The game ends when all stamps are sorted into themes or after a time limit. The winners are the team with the most stamps correctly placed in the theme boxes.

Additional Information

An extension to any of the versions, is to investigate more about the subjects portrayed on the stamps. Create a project around a chosen stamp, not only looking into the subject but also when and why the stamp was issued. The following information is for the stamp cards provided with this game.

La ciudad

Puente del Pilar- issued in 2013 as part of a series - Bridges of Spain.

Suggested challenge –

Find out more about the Pilar Bridge or another famous bridge in Spain.
Who designed it?
When was it built?
Why was it built?



Hispanidad– issued in 1974. Hispanidad ‘Spain in the New World’ – Sobremonte’s House, Cordoba, Argentina.

Suggested challenge –

What does hispanidad mean?
Why does this Spanish stamp show a picture of a place in Argentina?



Fortified City, Cuenca – issued in 1998 as part of a series of World Heritage Sites.

Suggested challenge –

What is a World Heritage Site?
How many World Heritage Sites are in Spain?



Additional Information

Los animals y las plantas



Lynx - issued in 1998 as part of an 'Endangered Species' set.

Suggested challenge –

Find out more about the Iberian lynx.



Audouin's gull & Mediterranean monk seal – issued in 1978 as part of a 'Protection of the Environment' set.

Suggested challenge –

Find out more about the Audouin's gull and the Mediterranean monk seal.



Elm tree—issued in 2002 in a set of two trees. The other shows the sabina tree.

Suggested challenge –

Find out more about the elm and the sabina trees.

Additional Information

La comida y la bebida



Paella – issued in 1988 in a ‘Tourist’ series.

Suggested challenge –

Find out how to make paella?

Which area of Spain is paella said to originate from?



Selection of foods - issued in 2017. Huelva is known as the Spanish Capital of Gastronomy.

Suggested challenge –

Name some foods and dishes which Spain is famous for.



Tomato – issued in 1989 in preparation for the 1992 500th Anniversary of the Discovery of America by Christopher Columbus. The set includes maize, cacao nut, potato, a horse and a turkey.

Suggested challenge –

Why are all these items connected with the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus?

Find out more about Christopher Columbus.

Additional Information

La gente



Traditional dress– issued in 1967 in a ‘Provincial Costumes’ set. The set includes many traditional dresses of the different regions.

Suggested challenge –

Every region in Spain has its own traditional clothing and dresses. Which region is best known for the flamenco dancing and the flamenco style dresses?



International Year of the Child– issued in 1979 and is a child’s drawing of a school library.

Suggested challenge –

Find out about traditional and modern family life in Spain.



Christopher Columbus– another set issued in 1987 in preparation for the 500th Anniversary of the Discovery of America in 1992 by Christopher Columbus. This stamp shows Christopher Columbus, map and ship.

Suggested challenge –

In what year did Christopher Columbus discover the Americas?

Was Christopher Columbus born in Spain?

Additional Information

La música y las artes



The guitar– issued in 2011 in a ‘Musical Instruments’ set.

The Spanish guitar is the standard six-stringed acoustic guitar used for classical and folk music.

Suggested challenge –

Find out about the importance of guitar music in Spain.



The trumpet– issued in 2010 in a Musical Instruments set.

Suggested challenge –

Music in Spain has a long history. Find out about traditional and modern music in the different Spanish regions.



Picasso– issued in 1981 for the birth centenary of Pablo Picasso.

Suggested challenge –

Find out about the life of Pablo Picasso.

Name some of his famous paintings.