

# Andalusian geography



## Vocabulary

### Geography

desert



cliff



coral reef



**terrain** – the physical state or features of the land

**flora** – the plants that grow in a specific place

**fauna** – the animals that live in a specific place

**mountain range** – a series of mountains joined together

**hill** – raised land that is smaller than a mountain

**arid** – very dry, with very little water

**fertile** – producing lots of trees and plants

**landscape** – the features of a particular area - particularly spoken about in terms of their beauty

**marsh** – an area of land that is very wet

**coast** – the area of land by the sea

**national park** – an area of natural beauty or importance that is protected

**valley** – low land between mountains

### 1 Order the letters to make words related to geography.

- 1 t . e . r . i . f . l . e
- 2 i . r . e . r . a . t . n
- 3 l . i . h . l
- 4 a . n . f . u . a
- 5 l . e . a . l . v . y
- 6 o . t . c . s . a
- 7 i . c . f . l . f
- 8 r . e . s . d . e . t

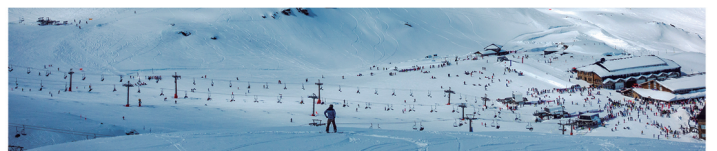
### 2 Choose the correct answer to complete the sentence.

- 1 We saw some beautiful **landscapes** / **terrains** from the window of the bus to Cordoba.
- 2 The land around Cadiz is especially **fertile** / **arid** and lots of plants are grown there.
- 3 The **marshes** / **deserts** of Almeria are very dry and hot and there are very few plants that can grow there.
- 4 The Guadalquivir is a long river that moves through a **cliff** / **valley** to the Atlantic Ocean.
- 5 The **fauna** / **flora** of Andalusia includes many different species of bird.
- 6 The government made the area a **national park** / **mountain range** to protect the rare species of cat that lives there.
- 7 The village is located on a gentle **hill** / **cliff** by the coast.
- 8 I would love to live on the **reef** / **coast** and be able to go to the beach whenever I wanted.

### 3 Complete the sentences using the words in the box. Use each word only once.

mountain range · flora · fertile · coast · reef · cliffs  
terrain · marsh

- 1 Ínes lives on the Mediterranean ..... just 30 minutes from the beach.
- 2 The ..... of this region includes pine trees, olive trees and wildflowers.
- 3 People go skiing in the Sierra Nevada ..... in the winter.
- 4 Many different species of fish can be found in the ..... off the south coast.
- 5 On some parts of the coast there are beautiful sandy beaches and on others there are sharp .....
- 6 Near Huelva there are areas of ..... which are wet throughout the year and where many ducks live.
- 7 The ..... in the north of Andalusia is very rocky.
- 8 The land is so ..... here that a lot of different plants can be cultivated.



# Grammar

## Second conditional

We form the SECOND CONDITIONAL as follows:

If + PAST SIMPLE, + would + THE BARE INFINITIVE. We can contract the auxiliary would to 'd:

**If I were on the beach, I would get a suntan.**

**If I had the time, I'd learn to scuba dive.**

REMEMBER that we always use a comma when the If clause comes first:

**If I had the time, I'd learn to scuba dive.**

BUT not when it comes second:

**I'd learn to scuba dive if I had the time.**

REMEMBER that with the verb 'be' we use were:

**If he were Sevillian, he would / he'd know how to dance sevillanas.**

REMEMBER that to create the NEGATIVE, we use:

DID in the negative + BARE INFINITIVE (in the If part of the statement) and would + BARE INFINITIVE in the negative (in the result part of the statement):

**If I didn't love skiing, I would not / I wouldn't go to the Sierra Nevada.**

REMEMBER that to create the INTERROGATIVE, we use would in the AFFIRMATIVE or NEGATIVE:

**If I didn't love skiing, I would not / I wouldn't go to the Would you buy a house on the Costa del Sol if you won the lottery?**

**Wouldn't you watch a bullfight if you had the chance?**

**Wouldn't he go surfing if he were in Tarifa?**

In the If part of the CONDITIONAL, the negative is formed with didn't.

WHY

We use the SECOND CONDITIONAL when we want to imagine that the present is different to what it actually is. We can use it to give advice (If I were you, I'd go to Jaen), or to give reasons as to why we can't do something (If I wasn't visiting relatives, I'd come), or generally imagine that life is different (I'd buy a house on the Costa del Sol if I won the lottery).

These are all situations that are not real. Hence, the SECOND CONDITIONAL is also known as the PRESENT UNREAL CONDITIONAL.



### 1 Match the beginnings (1-8) to the endings (A-H) to make complete sentences.

- 1 If the climate wasn't so nice,
  - 2 If he could live in Almeria,
  - 3 There wouldn't be snow in the Sierra Nevada
  - 4 She would go SCUBA diving
  - 5 More plants would grow in the Sierra Morena
  - 6 If they went back there on holiday,
  - 7 If we had more time,
  - 8 If she came here,
- A if she wasn't scared of sharks.
  - B we could explore the mountains.
  - C he would.
  - D they would definitely visit the desert.
  - E there wouldn't be so many visitors to Andalusia.
  - F if the land wasn't so infertile.
  - G she would love it.
  - H if it wasn't so cold there.



### 2 Choose the correct option in each case.

- 1 If she went to Andalusia, she 'd / 's visit the Sierra Nevada.
- 2 The Iberian Lynx would **be** / **been** extinct if we didn't protect it.
- 3 I **am** / **would** take a camera if I went to the Doñana National Park.
- 4 No plants **would be** / **are** able to grow here if it **was** / **would be** a desert.
- 5 If it **isn't** / **weren't** so hot, the flora **would be** / **is** very different
- 6 If the Atlantic beaches **aren't** / **weren't** so beautiful, they **wouldn't be** / **aren't** so popular.
- 7 There **would be** / **are** more forests if there **isn't** / **weren't** so many farms.
- 8 If there **weren't** / **aren't** so many rabbits, the wolves **haven't** / **wouldn't have** anything to eat.

### 3 Complete the sentences to make second conditional statements, negatives and questions. Use the words in brackets to help you.

- 1 If I ..... (**can**) live anywhere in the world, I ..... (**choose**) the Andalusian Mediterranean coast.
- 2 If there ..... (**not be**) such fertile terrain, ..... Andalusian food ..... (**be**) so delicious?
- 3 ..... you ..... (**go**) back to the Sierra Nevada if you ..... (**have**) the chance?
- 4 I ..... (**go**) diving if I ..... (**visit**) the Cabo de Gato National Park.
- 5 There ..... (**not be**) such a diversity of fauna, if the terrain ..... (**be**) so varied.
- 6 I ..... (**sail**) the length of the Guadalquivir River if I ..... (**own**) a boat.



# Reading

## 1 Read the text and choose the correct answer for each question.

### Land of contrasts

Jesus Lopez, Tour Guide.

As an Andalusian tour guide who drives international tourists around throughout the year, people often ask me to describe to them what they can expect to see when they come to this part of Spain. All I can say in reply is, "You can see whatever you want to see." Andalusia is a big place but the variety of landscapes here is truly extraordinary. The historian Antonio Dominguez Ortiz said that there are three Andalusias but I would say that there are infinite Andalusias. After thirty years in my job, I'm still discovering new things all the time.

A common stereotype about Andalusia is that it is all very hot and very dry. Of course, in some parts this is true: The Tabernas Desert for example is very arid, gets very little rain and has little plant life and the areas around Seville are among the hottest in the whole of Europe. However, other areas are quite the opposite. Visit the Doñana National Park and you'll find miles and miles of wet marshes full of different species of birds, fish, mammals and reptiles. Or go to the Sierras de Cazorla, Segura y Las Villas National Park which is full of fertile green valleys.

A good way to think of Andalusia is as a sandwich. The two slices of bread are the mountain ranges - The Morena Mountains in the north and the Baetic Mountains in the south. The filling is the Valley of Guadalquivir. The Guadalquivir Valley has a gentle landscape with a beautiful Atlantic coast but the Mediterranean coast is much more abrupt - with very sharp cliffs. This is where you'll find the Cabo de Gata Nijar National Park - one of my favourite places in the whole world. As well as the sharp rocks, there are some beautiful sandy beaches and some coral reefs with a fantastic variety of species of fish.

I think you could spend three life times exploring Andalusia and you would still only feel like you were getting started. We have the highest mountains on the Iberian Peninsula as well as its greatest biodiversity. We have a huge range of flora: olive trees, almond trees, pine trees, hundreds of different fruits and flowers. We have extraordinary fauna: wolves, rabbits, horses, flamingos, eagles, snakes. The list goes on. So stop putting off your trip and stop listening to the stereotypes; come and experience Andalusia for yourself!

- 1 What does Jesus do in his job?  
**A** He takes Spanish tourists around Andalusia  
**B** He gives walking tours of Andalusia  
**C** He takes Andalusians around the world  
**D** He shows Andalusia to foreign people
- 2 In the first paragraph, why does Jesus say there are infinite Andalusias?  
**A** It is a very big place  
**B** There are a lot of cities

- C** There is no unity between the people  
**D** There is a lot of diversity in the geography

- 3 In the second paragraph, why does Jesus mention The Doñana National Park?  
**A** Because it is a confirmation of the stereotype  
**B** Because it is the opposite of the stereotype  
**C** Because he thinks it is very beautiful  
**D** Because he wants people to visit it
- 4 Why does Jesus talk about a sandwich in the third paragraph?  
**A** To describe the different terrain of Andalusia  
**B** Because he is hungry  
**C** Because he thinks the mountains look like bread  
**D** Because Andalusia has delicious sandwiches
- 5 Why does Jesus say "stop putting off your trip" in the final paragraph?  
**A** He wants us to be positive about our trip  
**B** He wants us to do more research about our trip  
**C** He wants us to think carefully about our trip  
**D** He wants us to plan our trip as soon as possible

## 2 Read the text in activity 1 again and answer the questions True or False.

- 1 Jesus is new to his job.  
**True / False**
- 2 Jesus thinks that Andalusia is all very hot and dry.  
**True / False**
- 3 The Sierras de Cazorla, Segura y Las Villas National Park is very flat.  
**True / False**
- 4 The Mediterranean coast is very gentle.  
**True / False**
- 5 There are many different species of animals in Andalusia.  
**True / False**

# Writing

## 1 You see this article on an English-language website.

### The most beautiful place in the world

What is the most beautiful place you have been to? What was the landscape like there? What animals live there? What was the flora like? What activities could you do there? Tell us about the experiences you had there and why you liked it so much.

We will publish the most interesting articles on our website

Write your article in about **100 words**.

## 2 Your English teacher has asked you to write a story.

Your story must begin with this sentence.

**After two days of walking we had finally arrived.**

Write your story in about **100 words**.

# Listening

1 For each question choose the correct answer.

1 Where is the man going on his holiday?



2 What can the woman see from her window?



3 How does the girl describe the area where she lives?



4 Where is the village?



5 Why does the woman visit Andalusia?



6 What landscape could the girl see from the window of the aeroplane?



2 Listen again and answer the questions True or False.

- 1 This is the man's first trip to Spain.  
**True / False**
- 2 The woman likes to swim in the sea.  
**True / False**
- 3 The Girl's village is dry and cold.  
**True / False**
- 4 It takes three hours to climb the mountain.  
**True / False**

- 5 The woman doesn't like the landscape in Andalusia.  
**True / False**
- 6 The girl had expected it to be very flat.  
**True / False**

## Speaking

1 Look at the photo and talk about it for one minute.



2 Answer the questions.

What is the most beautiful part of your country that you have visited?

Where would you like to visit in your country that you haven't been to yet?

Do you prefer to spend holidays in the city or the countryside?

What is your favourite type of landscape? (mountain, beach, desert etc.)

Where in the world would you most like to visit?

