

Engage Students with Writing in Spanish

If you're looking for a fun, cultural, and highly communicative writing task for your Spanish learners, **message writing** is a great choice! These ready-to-use templates and prompts help students imagine themselves traveling across the Spanish-speaking world while practicing vocabulary, grammar, and cultural awareness.

Classroom Task Ideas

1. Write Your Own Postcard

Students choose (or are assigned) a Spanish-speaking location and write a postcard using the provided models as inspiration.

Encourage them to:

- Use **past tense verbs** (*he visitado, probé, fui, vi, disfruté*)
- Include **local foods, sites, and cultural elements**
- End with a personal touch: *¡Te extraño!, Con cariño, Un abrazo desde...*

2. Create a Postcard Exchange Wall

Print postcards on cardstock, have students illustrate them, and display them as an interactive **“Viaje por el mundo hispanohablante”** bulletin board.

Learning Objectives

Students will:

- Use **descriptive language** to talk about places, foods, and cultural experiences.
- Practice **greetings, closings, and informal letter structures** in Spanish.
- Apply **past tense verbs** (preterite and present perfect).
- Strengthen **geographical and cultural knowledge** of the Spanish-speaking world.

Extensions & Differentiation

For Novice Learners:

Provide sentence frames and word banks. Example:

Estoy en _____. / He visitado _____. / La comida es _____. / Hace _____ tiempo.

For Intermediate Learners:

Add cultural comparisons (*Es similar/diferente a mi ciudad porque...*) or opinions (*Lo que más me gusta es...*).

For Advanced Learners:

Assign a multi-paragraph travel blog entry or “virtual travel diary” expanding on one postcard.

Printable or digital

Easy to differentiate

Visually engaging

Culturally rich

Perfect for sub plans, early finishers, or cross-cultural units

Make a copy:

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