

## SITUATION

Sra. Garrido's students are back in their classroom after their field trip to the beach. They want to write a postcard to a friend or relative about the things they did on their field trip.



### task

Write a postcard to a friend or relative. Tell them about the beach, the restaurant, and the things that you liked or did not like.



### standards

Communication (Presentational Mode)  
Comparisons (Concept of Culture)



### benchmarks

CM-3-B3 Giving short oral and or written messages about people, events, places, animals, and things  
CP-2-B1 Comparing simple patterns of verbal and non verbal behavior or interaction in various cultural settings



### materials

- student worksheet or actual postcards



## activation

Bring in some postcards of beach scenes or other postcards you have received. Ask students what they know about the water activities done on the sea.



## information

If you will be using real postcards and mailing them, have students bring a postcard to class. Discuss some things that happened on the field trip to review beach vocabulary and review some forms of speaking in the past. Write some samples of sentences on the board using time expressions and connector words that student can use on their postcards such as hoy, ayer, luego, después, etc.

Example:

Ayer planeamos el viaje a la playa.  
Hoy jugamos todos un juego de palabras.  
Luego fuimos a un restaurante en la playa.  
Comí...  
Me gustó...

Review the elements of a postcard such as how the date is written in Spanish and some culturally appropriate closings. If the postcard is to be mailed be sure the student has included the name, address, city, state, and zip code of the person who will receive the postcard.



## student task

Direct students to write a postcard. Remind them to fill out all the address items and to follow the guidelines for the information requested on their student worksheet.



## feedback

Have students, working in pairs, to exchange postcards and read for comprehension.

Nombre \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions:** Write a postcard to a friend or relative. Give some information about:

- the beach
- the restaurant
- things that you liked
- things that you did not like

La Playa de Cancún ofrece una naturaleza bella y un clima tropical. Es un lugar turístico que todavía mantiene un ambiente tranquilo.

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