

# Unit 2- Countries & Capitals

Content Area: **World Languages**  
Course(s):  
Time Period: **Trimester 1**  
Length: **6-10 lessons**  
Status: **Published**

## Unit Overview

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Students can independently identify the 21 Spanish-speaking countries and their capitals. Students will become an expert on one selected country and present important and relevant information to the class.

The Novice-mid language learner understands and communicates at the word level and can independently identify and recognize memorized words and phrases that bring meaning to text. Through active listening, frequent repetition and practice, students develop a fundamental vocabulary that supports comprehension of thematically based content.

## Essential Questions

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- What are the 21 Spanish-speaking countries and capitals?
- What is the most important information to know about each of these countries?
- Where are these countries and capitals located on a map?
- Why is it important to know another language?

## Content

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Countries (países)

Capitals (capitales)

## Skills

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- Apply appropriate Spanish countries and capitals to oral and written activities.
- Students create project (power point, video, poster, etc) to demonstrate knowledge of country and important information
- Students participate in selected country research using research guide
- Students present country project for class

## Assessments

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- Completed written activities
- Dialogues/short skits
- Student Presentation
- Teacher Observation
- Written Assessments

## **Lessons/Learning Scenarios**

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Students respond through active listening, repetition, and Total Physical Response (TPR) to develop beginning Spanish vocabulary. Students understand new words through picture prompts, teacher's actions and modeling, and practice. Students respond to teacher prompts during developmentally appropriate activities. Students apply phonemic awareness in English to Spanish letters and vowel sounds as a scaffold to Spanish reading and writing proficiency. Students develop confident oral proficiency through participating in short dialogues and skits using practiced sentences and phrases.

Recite countries and capitals

Map activities

Total Physical Response (TPR) activities

Respond to teacher oral directions and questioning

Participate in authentic games and activities

Research

Project creation

Project presentation

## **Standards**

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FL.PK-12.7.1.NM.A.1	Recognize familiar spoken or written words and phrases contained in culturally authentic materials using electronic information sources related to targeted themes.
FL.PK-12.7.1.NM.A.2	Demonstrate comprehension of simple, oral and written directions, commands, and requests through appropriate physical response.
FL.PK-12.7.1.NM.A.3	Recognize a few common gestures and cultural practices associated with the target culture(s).
FL.PK-12.7.1.NM.A.4	Identify familiar people, places, and objects based on simple oral and/or written descriptions.
FL.PK-12.7.1.NM.A.5	Demonstrate comprehension of brief oral and written messages using age- and level-appropriate, culturally authentic materials on familiar topics.
FL.PK-12.7.1.NM.A.B	Personal identity is developed through experiences that occur within one's family, one's community, and the culture at large. (Topics that assist in the development of this understanding should include, but are not limited to: self, friends, family, pets, physical/personality descriptions, school, likes/dislikes, and pastimes.)

FL.PK-12.7.1.NM.A.C	Observing and participating in culturally authentic activities contribute to familiarization with cultural products and practices. (Topics and activities that assist in the development of this understanding should include, but are not limited to: authentic celebrations, songs, and dances.)
FL.PK-12.7.1.NM.A.E	Many products and practices related to home and community are shared across cultures; others are culture-specific. (Topics that assist in the development of this understanding should include, but are not limited to: home life, places in the community, activities within the community, and travel.)
FL.PK-12.7.1.NM.B.2	Give and follow simple oral and written directions, commands, and requests when participating in age-appropriate classroom and cultural activities.
FL.PK-12.7.1.NM.B.4	Ask and respond to simple questions, make requests, and express preferences using memorized words and phrases.
FL.PK-12.7.1.NM.B.5	Exchange information using words, phrases, and short sentences practiced in class on familiar topics or on topics studied in other content areas.
FL.PK-12.7.1.NM.B.A.1	Respond to learned questions.
FL.PK-12.7.1.NM.B.A.2	Ask memorized questions.
FL.PK-12.7.1.NM.C.2	Imitate, recite, and/or dramatize simple poetry, rhymes, songs, and skits.
FL.PK-12.7.1.NM.C.3	Copy/write words, phrases, or simple guided texts on familiar topics.
FL.PK-12.7.1.NM.C.A.1	Make lists.

## Resources

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Teacher Created worksheets and activities