

iTaxi!

Taking a taxi from the airport or the station could well be one of the first things learners do on arrival in Spain. Getting it right will give them the confidence to carry on trying out their Spanish. This activity allows learners to become familiar with **¿Dónde?** and gives them the opportunity to practice saying **buenos días, gracias** and **adiós** in context, as well as asking the price of a taxi fare and getting to grips with pronouncing Spanish place names.

To be able to carry out the role play, learners need to know the numbers 1-10, so it's probably a good idea to start off with some number practice, using the **Uno, dos, tres** activity.

Getting ready

Display page 2 to your group to practise pronouncing the words, which include the names of the hotels that learners will be using in the role play activity. Then remind them of Kevin's conversation with the taxi driver in BBC Spanish Steps, before taking the part of the taxi driver yourself, asking people where they want to go, pointing to the hotel name on the OHP and making sure they pronounce it correctly.

Copy enough of the role cards on page 3 for learners to have one each, half of them having Role A and the other half Role B.

Getting them talking

Learners work in pairs, one taking the part of the taxi driver, the other a visitor who has just arrived at the railway station in Málaga. The taxi driver starts the conversation, greeting the visitor and asking him/her where he/she wants to go. The visitor chooses a hotel from the list and, when the driver indicates that they have arrived there, asks how much the fare is. Having paid and said goodbye, the visitor must make a note of how much the taxi cost.

Learners then change partners and roles.

estación

hotel

Puerta del Mar

Europa

Venecia

Don Curro

Astoria

Gibralfaro

precio

euros

Role A

Your partner is a visitor to Spain, who has just arrived at the railway station in Málaga. You play the role of the taxi driver (**el taxista**). You speak first.

1. Greet the visitor
2. When s/he has replied, ask where s/he wants to go
3. On arriving, point out the building
4. When you are asked how much the journey costs, use the price list below to work out the fare
5. After you have been paid, say thanks and goodbye

TAXILIBRE de Málaga
Tarifas desde la Estación de RENFE

Hotel	Precio en euros
Puerta del Mar	10
Europa	7
Venecia	8
Don Curro	6
Astoria	10
Gibralfaro	9



Role B

Your partner is a taxi driver (**un taxista**) based at the railway station in Málaga. You play the role of a visitor waiting at the taxi stand. The taxi driver will speak first.

1. Greet the driver
2. When he asks, tell him which hotel you want to go to (Choose one from this list)
3. On arriving, ask the price of the fare
4. Pay. Thank him and say goodbye
5. Don't forget to jot down the cost of the taxi fare

Hotel	Categoría	Precio del taxi ?
Gibralfaro	5 estrellas ★★★★★	
Puerta del Mar	4 estrellas ★★★★	
Astoria	4 estrellas ★★★★	
Venecia	3 estrellas ★★★	
Europa	2 estrellas ★★	
Don Curro	2 estrellas ★★	