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**Mi casa es tu casa**

**Antes de leer**

Strategy – Using prior knowledge

1. In the space below, sketch a floor plan of your house or apartment and label the rooms in Spanish.
2. Imagine that you are renting a vacation home on the coast of Spain. Compare the home you live in now with one that you would like to rent.

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| Mi casa | La casa en España |
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1. Now write a description in Spanish of what you want your vacation house to look like and include the rooms and characteristics. If you like, you may include a sketch and label the parts of the house.

**Mira la lectura**

Strategy – Scanning

You can see some houses available for you to rent on the Costa Brava in Spain, which is located on the Mediterranean. Take a look and decide if one will suit your needs.

1. Look at [Casas Costa Brava](http://lestartit.net/) and click on an area where you would like to look for a house.
2. Look at the pictures and quickly read the text. Here are some terms to help you understand the descriptions.

habs = dormitorios  
casa aislada = *single-family house*  
aseo = *washroom*  
comunitario = *community*

1. Write the names of some of the houses you have to choose from that you like.

**Infórmate**

Strategy – Coping with words

1. Read the descriptions of the houses carefully.
2. Does any one of them look like the kind of place that you are looking for?  
   Yes \_\_\_\_       No \_\_\_\_
3. Write in Spanish what you like about it.
4. Write in Spanish what is missing that you want in a summer house.
5. Here are some words that you may not be familiar with. Using word skills, figure them out. Choose the correct meaning for each one.

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| cochera   * + couch   + carport   + chair | chimenea   * + fireplace   + chime   + chipmunk | calefacción   * + calendar   + calf   + heating |

1. Look again at the description of one of the houses. From what you have read, draw what you imagine the house plan to look like. Label in Spanish.

**Aplicación**

Choose one of the options below (A, B or C):

1. You have decided to rent one of these houses. Write in Spanish to a realtor on the Costa Brava.  
   Tell him:
   1. What you like about the house.
   2. Which dates you would like to stay there.
   3. How to contact you.

Ask him:

* 1. How much it will cost.
  2. How many can stay there.
  3. About someone to do the housework.

1. While staying in your summer home on the Costa Brava in Spain, you decide to hire someone to do the housework for you. Advertise in the local paper. Write your ad in Spanish. Include:
   1. The type of personality of the person that you are looking for.
   2. The type of housework or yard work that you need the person to do.
   3. How much you are willing to pay.
   4. How the person may contact you.
2. You have arrived at your summer house on the Costa Brava. You are anticipating a great summer. But you have discovered that the house is*not* furnished. Go through each room and decide what would be essential to live there this summer. Make a list of the rooms and include the furnishings that you will need to get through the summer so that you can go into town and rent them.