

TEN QUESTIONS A LANGUAGE ASSISTANT SHOULD KNOW.

1. *How large is the school?*

About 1,200 students. You can visit the webpage of the school to get more information:
<http://www.iesmajuelo.com/index.php>

2. *How old are the students?*

In the bilingual programme we have 4 levels: 1st ESO (12-13 year-old students), 2nd ESO (13-14 years old), 3rd ESO (14-15 years old) and 4th ESO (15-16 years old).

3. *Which subjects are bilingual?*

- 1st ESO: Biology and Physical Education
- 2nd ESO: History and Physical Education.
- 3rd ESO: Biology and History.
- 4th ESO: History and Physical Education.

4. *What is the school's geographical and sociocultural environment?*

The School "El Majuelo", of Gines (Seville) is a public center. It is financed with public funds and its staff is formed basically by government employees. It is located on Calle Enrique Granados, number 43, in the northeast corner of the municipality, in a residential neighbourhood of single-family homes. The Center was inaugurated on February 27, 1990, and has approximately 1200 students, of which 48% study Obligatory Secondary Education (ESO), 30% Baccalaureate.

ESO students come mainly from our own municipality, as it is the only existing Secondary Center in Gines. The town has four other primary schools.

Profile of Gines teenagers in terms of values and priorities in life. Young Spaniards are happy, friendly and carefree; rooted in their villages and not very cosmopolitan; little interested in political participation; individualistic and tolerant; accustomed to having options for almost everything and to constantly negotiate with their parents. The social and cultural origin of the families of the students of the school is diverse, with a high percentage of families settled in the county come from Seville city and with a medium socioeconomic level. The incidence of students from other countries is still low.

Geographical information: Gines is a municipality and locality of Spain in the region of Aljarafe, in the province of Seville, Andalusia. It is part of the metropolitan area of Seville. In the year 2022 it had 13 507 inhabitants. The growth rate of its population is one of the highest in Andalusia.

Level of income and consumption. According to the Institute of Statistics of Andalusia (IEA) Gines is the fifth town with the highest declared average income in the province and It has the highest percentage of young people in the Aljarafe region, being the fourth municipality in the province with the highest percentage of inhabitants under 20 years of age.

Economic activity and employment. *More than half of its inhabitants work in Seville city. However, the economic activity in the town is important, generally of small and medium enterprises: services, construction, manufacturing, retail, hospitality, transport and real estate. The agricultural activity, traditional in Gines, is now residual and in clear process of extinction.*

Finally, regardless of its agricultural and traditional character, Gines is one of the Spanish municipalities with the highest percentage of university degrees. Most of our students prefer studying in the university rather than other academic options.

5. Does the school have a partner school in my own country?

No, it doesn't.

6. Does the school have a website?

Yes, a **webpage** (<http://www.iesmajuelo.com/index.php?f=contacto>) and **facebook** (<https://es-es.facebook.com/pages/category/High-School/IES-El-Majuelo-927393670670695/>)

7. Which airport / train station is most convenient?

Seville airport is international and has many connections all over the world. Another important airport in the region is Malaga, which is better connected to many airlines. It is 208 kms far (about 130 miles) from Seville.

Madrid is the capital of Spain, and it is about 400 kms far (about 250 miles), which is 1 hour flight. If your flight arrives in Madrid, apart from the plane to Seville you can also have a fast and good train connection called AVE (high speed train), which makes the journey in 2 hours and a half.

Of course, there are bus companies to cover the journey in 6 hours approximately.

8. What are the possibilities for affordable accommodation?

Gines is close to Seville, 13.5 kms (about 8.5 miles), and there is a good bus connection if you want to enjoy living in the city and working in the town. Many teachers live in the city of Seville. But you can find housing in Gines or in Castilleja de la Cuesta, which is a town next to Gines and you can walk to the school, or you can find housing in Seville.

To sum up, there are several options to find accommodations:

- This is a blog address especially designed for Assistants with lots of useful information, like how to find housing:
<https://blogsaverroes.juntadeandalucia.es/auxiliaresconversacionsevilla/>.
- "Residencia Universitaria Fernando Villalón" (SEVILLE UNIVERSITY - LA CARTUJA CAMPUS -FERNANDO VILLALÓN RESIDENCE). This option is really good, but it is 35-minute walk far from the school. It has got everything you may need, though. It is located in Bormujos, a town close to Gines. The address:
<http://micampusresidencias.com/es/residencia-universitaria-sevilla-fernando-villalon/>
- Share an apartment / flat / house in in the city of Seville (better option due to the variety of historical buildings and entertainments) or Gines (much closer to the school, but it is a town, not the same as the city).
- Share a flat with another teacher in Gines or in Seville.
- Stay with a family in town (these two last options are subject to people's availability)

9. Who should I contact when I arrive?

You must be at the school on 1st October, although the time must be confirmed. In case of any problems, you should contact the bilingual coordinator. In September the assistant will be informed about their timetable.

10. Can you provide me with name, email... of the previous language assistant?

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