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Queridos profesores de español:

¡Hola! ¿Qué tal? ☺

We hope that everything is going great for you and that all of you and your loved ones here and around the world are keeping healthy, positive and strong!

What a time we've had! Some scares, but how lucky we are here in Australia, aren't we?! Life has been so much easier for us than for most people around the world throughout the global COVID-19 pandemic, but still we have learned so many lessons from it and have had many opportunities to reassess what really is important in life. And even though we can already see the light at the end of the tunnel with the vaccination program on its way, we all can't help feeling a bit anxious and uncertain about what our world will be like when this is over, especially our younger generations that have so many doubts for their future. Therefore, now more than ever, we teachers need to do our best to provide our students with life skills and tools that will make them stronger, resilient and happy, and will help them to feel confident in themselves and in what the future will bring for them.

That's why this year's song, *Resistiré* (I will endure) is all about resilience and hope! It's a wonderful up-beat Spanish song first released in 1988 by the Spanish group *Dúo Dinámico*, which became an anthem during the pandemic in Spain last year, being played in many cities and neighbourhoods of the country, and sang collectively at a distance by people on balconies, by employees and customers in supermarkets, with the applause of Spanish citizens dedicated to the people of their health services, and in cover versions made by artists at home in different countries. For our project we are using the cover version created in Spain featuring many well-known Spanish singers from which you and your students will surely recognize a few! Check it out here:

Resistiré 2020 – Video Oficial <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hl3B4Ql8RtQ>

Therefore, the Spanish Education Office is delighted to invite all the schools in Australia that teach Spanish to participate in the Spanish Dance Video Project 2021, which besides acknowledging the usefulness of dance as a great L2 learning tool and fostering the collaboration and advocacy for the Spanish language in Australia, reinforces the importance of using a variety of resources to send out to our students positive messages that will impact their lives in a positive way, and will help them to relax and do their best to build together a better world. So, let's put on our dancing shoes and dance together with our Spanish students to this great song which we are sure everyone will love!

To participate, the Spanish teachers and students of your school will have to practice and film their own performance of the dance using the choreography created by *Gentsana* that you can find on this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iTC-hVoSMsY> It is a FUN and VERY EASY choreography!

Then, clips from your video will be edited together with clips from other schools to create a final version which will be uploaded to YouTube, and from which you will receive the link. Please send only ONE video for your school, although you could also send TWO if you have many large classes. Get students of different levels dancing together when possible – it will be so much fun! More specific instructions on how to make and send your video are below.



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While the main purpose of this project is not language acquisition in itself but the promotion of Spanish in Australia, it will definitely result in some vocabulary learning for all the students participating and will create a sense of unity and harmony among all of them. It is very important to emphasize that language level and dance proficiency are not issues to be considered here, since the final goal is to have some fun while dancing in a group to a popular pop Spanish song. As mentioned before, the lyrics are great, and this video also offers a variety of possibilities to work with language and culture.

We would like to acknowledge the University of Canterbury in New Zealand, with special mention to Victoria Escaip for sharing this idea with the Spanish Education Office.

Thank you very much for your wonderful support promoting the Spanish language in Australia! Your participation in this project is vital and will also feature the Spanish Programme of your school all over Australia! We are sure that you and your students will love this project 😊 Let's keep this wonderful project rolling out! For any enquiries and comments, please do not hesitate to contact us.

¡Abrazos!

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**INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAKING YOUR VIDEO**  
**Please send your video by 10<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER (Sunday)**

- Use the best quality video camera you have and, ideally, get someone who has experience with filming to record it.
- The video(s) will be edited with a number of institutions' video footage, so your segment(s) will be around 15-20 seconds long, depending on the number of schools participating. However, you need to **record the performance for the entire length of the music.**

1. To practice the dance use the choreography created by *Gentsana* that you can find on this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iTC-hVoSMsY>

You and your students just need to copy the moves while watching the video. You may want to go through the dance with your students in the classroom or in the school hall, although they may as well watch the video and learn the dance at home in their own time.

2. Capture the full body of the students with a distinct background that characterizes your school (you can also use posters, banners, etc.). The camera should be very stable, so a tripod is highly recommended. Shoot from a high place so that faces of students at the back can also be seen.

3. Start recording before you begin to play the music.

4. Make it fun! Encourage your students to dress up for the final recording ☺

5. Please inform students that the final version will be uploaded on YouTube.



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- (1) Go to [www.wetransfer.com](http://www.wetransfer.com)
- (2) Under “send up to 2GB” click on “add files”.
- (3) Select the file you want to upload from your documents.
- (4) Fill in the email address [asesoriacanberra.au@educacion.gob.es](mailto:asesoriacanberra.au@educacion.gob.es)
- (5) Also, fill in your email address. You will receive a message once your file has been correctly “transferred”.
- (6) Under “message” put your name and the name of your institution.
- (7) Click on “transfer”.

**You can also send us your video through a cloud file-sharing option (Dropbox, Google Drive, etc.).**

You will receive a message from us acknowledging the reception of your video within the following 5 working days. If you do not receive this message, please contact us at [asesoriacanberra.au@educacion.gob.es](mailto:asesoriacanberra.au@educacion.gob.es).