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ABSTRACT

This study aims to examine to what extent does use of themes related to sport as a framework in which to deliver the demands of a syllabus motivate boys to study Spanish at the Form Three Level. In the researcher's experience, Form Three has always been difficult to motivate and show a decided lack of interest in Spanish.

The topic of the upcoming World Cup 2006 in Germany was used as a base on which to structure all lessons taught in this intervention. The sport of football was chosen for this intervention because of its traditional popularity at the school. Research was conducted using pre- and post- intervention questionnaires, student journals, teacher's journal and observation, and interviews.

The findings proved that the intervention strategy used was moderately successful, since the students did become more motivated, and were very interested in the topic. However, the strategy of basing all lessons on a journey to the World Cup was not the major factor in motivation. Most students pointed out that the group work used during class was the major factor in their motivation.