

## 2-08-AL42

### Is the school-children educational level in Spain sinking?

Some recent studies reveal a dramatic fall in terms of levels of proficiency measured among Spanish children attending their schools. One of them is the last OECD study, which situates Spain eight positions below in comparison with the same ranking of countries issued ten years ago.

I consider this result totally possible, because of the modern concept of education in our nation. It is often discussed if we live with the believing that kids cannot be corrected, or, in the best of scenarios, those corrections should be the minimum. This would be a mistake produced by two problems. First of them is the false myth of horrible traumas provoked by a strict education and second one is the lack of sense of responsibility suffered by both parents and teachers. The excessively permissive environment provides children without moral values who imitate the irresponsible behavior of a big part of adult people.

The measures that would have avoided this situation last years could have been various. The authority of parents, teachers and educators in general is the logical consequence of the responsibility application. There are bad examples of excessive authority in our recent history, but certainly, we should have the ability to eliminate those bad aspects in order to improve the right concept of authority.

It is an obligation for all adult individuals in our society to not allow children to do whatever they want. Is not easy to reach the perfect balance between extreme authority and permissiveness, but indeed, if we let the children live without rules, not only they are going to decrease their academic performance, but in addition to that, we will have irresponsible citizens for next generations in the close future.

**Comment [B1]:** Weak construction, suggest: "is the level of education provided to Spanish children falling?"

**Comment [B2]:** Insert definite article 'the'

**Comment [B3]:** Weak word choice, suggest: "lower"

**Comment [B4]:** Insert definite article 'the'

**Comment [B5]:** Poor construction, correct: "Whether we live in the belief that or kids should be corrected or not is often discussed,"

**Comment [B6]:** Insert definite article 'the'

**Comment [B7]:** Insert definite article 'the'

**Comment [B8]:** Weak vocab, vague meaning, correct: "breeds" or "produces"

**Comment [B9]:** Weak word relationship, correct: "a big part of the adult population."

**Comment [B10]:** Weak construction, correct: "the downturn in education results over the last few years"

**Comment [B11]:** Meaning lost here. The construction is good but it makes no sense.

**Comment [B12]:** Weak word order, correct: "not only are they going"

**Comment [B13]:** Weak construction, correct: "the future generations will be irresponsible people."

Tareas requeridas	Bueno	Parcial	Pobre	Posibles tareas del examen escrito	<b>TAREA</b> Comentario del corrector  The opinion task is fairly ok but the hypothesis task has been omitted almost entirely; you do not speculate on the consequences of courses of action which could have been taken to avoid the education problem.  This is a solid <b>Level 2</b> which has some language of higher quality.
				DESCRIPCIÓN	
				NARRACIÓN	
				INSTRUCCIONES Y DIRECCIONES	
				RELATO DE HECHOS	
X			X	FORMULACIÓN DE HIPÓTESIS	
X	X			DEFENSA DE UNA OPINIÓN	
				SUGERENCIA	
				ANÁLISIS DETALLADO DE UNA SITUACIÓN	
CONTENIDO	<b>Puntos fuertes</b> There are some very good sentences and some good use is made of collocations and linking words.				
	<b>Puntos débiles</b> There are some poorly thought out sentences where the meaning is vague or corrupted. You could have used transitions to add more cohesion to the piece.				
PRECISIÓN	There are some problems with the use of the definite article and pronouns and the quality of construction is patchy and inconsistent in quality.				