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SPANISH **Language Passport**

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Place of Origin:
Spain



*London borough
most spoken in:*
Southwark

Some facts about Spanish:

- the Spanish language was influenced by Arabic
- early Spanish texts were written >1000 years ago
- Spanish is one of the very few languages to use inverted exclamation and question marks
- Spanish is spoken by 559 million people worldwide

Idioms Exercise

Review the phrases below. Speaking with your group (but without Googling!), guess the meaning of each idiom.

Phrase: *Tener una flor en tu culo*

Literal Translation: to have a flower up your bottom

What we think it means: _____

Phrase: *Hablando del Rey de Roma*

Literal Translation: speaking of the King of Rome

What we think it means: _____

Phrase: *Creerse la última coca-cola del desierto*

Literal Translation: to think of oneself as the last Coca-Cola in the desert

What we think it means: _____