



SPANISH CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

FOR CARMEN SANDIEGO EPISODES

SEASON 1, EPISODE 9: "The French Connection Caper"

Carmen is forced out of hiding and into a reunion with her former VILE teachers that reveals details about Carmen's murky past.

The Perfect Hideout / El escondite perfecto

Students locate the perfect spot to get away from it all.

- 1. Explain that Carmen begins this episode on vacation in Tahiti, French Polynesia, where she thinks nobody will find her. As a class, find Tahiti on the map. What makes it a great hideout? Brainstorm a list of characteristics in Spanish of a great "hideout."
- 2. Break the class into small groups and have them find more perfect hideouts all over the globe. Have students present their hideout locations to the class with the reasons why they chose them.

Next Adventures / Las próximas aventuras

Students write a journal entry as Zack or Ivy about where Carmen might take them next.

- As the season ends, it looks like there are more adventures in store for Carmen, Zack, and Ivy.
 As a class, brainstorm a list of other places that Carmen's pursuit of VILE could take them.
 Have students compile a list of those place names in Spanish.
- Have students write a journal entry from Zack's or Ivy's point of view about where they
 hope they might travel next and what they might see and experience there. Support less
 advanced students by providing sentence starters, such as "Me gustaría ir a..." and
 "Me gustaría ver...".









An Unexpected Ally / Un aliado inesperado

Students discuss the plot twist revealed in the last episode.

- 1. As a class, have students summarize what happened when Shadowsan and Coach Brunt crossed paths with Carmen. Help them by providing Spanish sequencing words, such as **primero, luego, antes, después, más tarde, al principio, al final.**
- 2. Have students discuss their reactions to the episode. Ask: ¿Les sorprendieron los sucesos del episodio? ¿Qué creen que impulsó a este personaje a ayudar a Carmen? ¿Creen que Carmen puede confiar en él?
- 3. Ask students to speculate about what will happen next. Ask: ¿Shadowsan regresará a la isla? ¿Qué hará la Entrenadora Brunt?



To learn more about Carmen Sandiego, visit hmhco.com/carmen.

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