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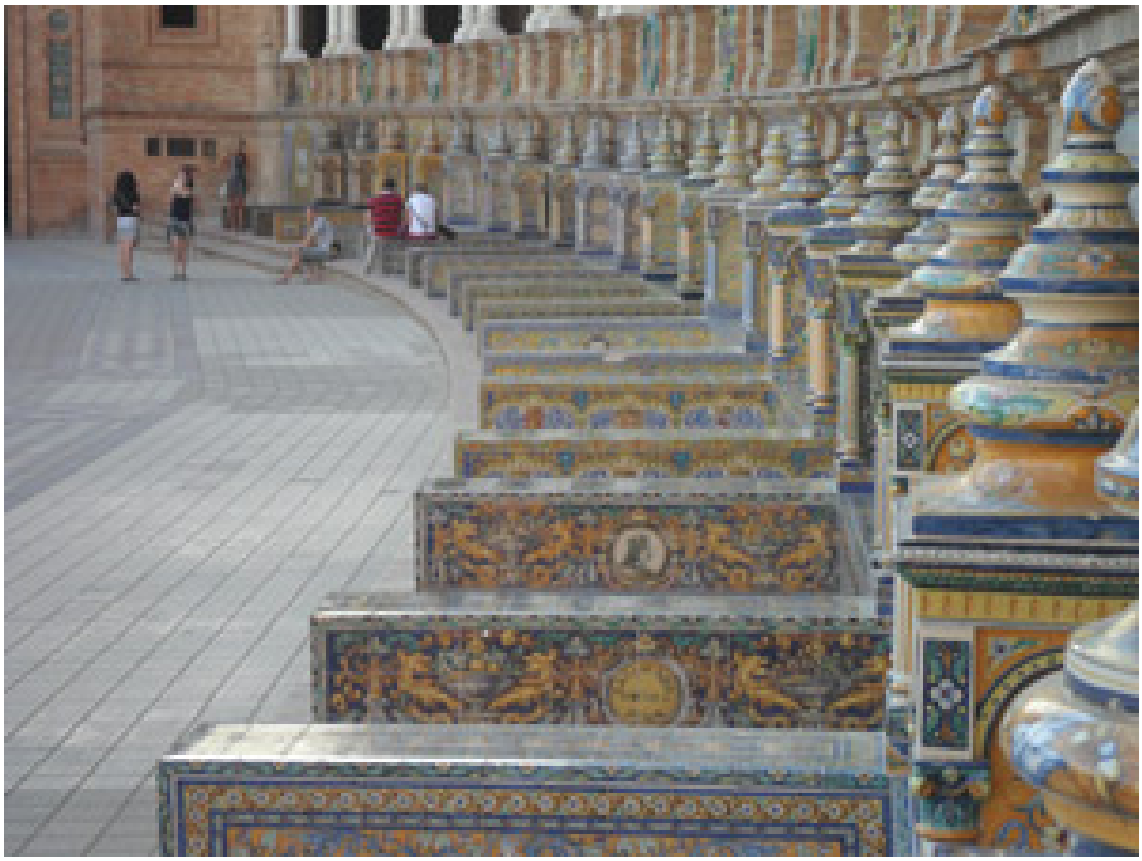

SEVILLE, SPAIN - Hello Insight Readers! Hope autumn is treating you well, it is still a scorching 90 degrees over here in beautiful Seville. These past few weeks I have been spending part of my time in a classroom (three hours a day, five days a week to be exact) reviewing the ever so important grammar rules of the Spanish language.

Afterwards, I have had the opportunity to visit culturally rich places around the city of Seville. While I would love to give you some grammatical insights, I think it is more important to share a little of Spain's history with you this week.

The first place I would like to feature is the Alcázar Real (Royal Alcázar)

In 913 B.C., the Real Alcázar was constructed. Abd Al Raman III was instrumental in its construction. *Alcázar* is an Arabic word meaning fortress or royal palace. What makes this structure so beautiful is the mixture of different types of architecture (gothic, Islamic, renaissance, and baroque).Throughout time, many monarchs have lived in this palace and today, the Spanish royal family resides here when visiting Seville.