

A Level
AQA SPANISH
COURSE INFORMATION

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EXAM Breakdown

Paper	What's assessed	Length of exam	Marks available	% of A Level
Paper 1: Listening, Reading and Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aspects of Hispanic society: current trends• Artistic culture in Hispanic world• Multiculturalism in Hispanic society• Aspects of political life in the Hispanic world• Grammar	2hr 30mins	100 marks	50%
Paper 2: Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A play (La Casa de Bernarda Alba)• A film (El laberinto del fauno)• Grammar	2hr	60 marks	20%
Paper 3: Speaking	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Part 1: discussion of one sub-theme from spec 5-6 mins• Part 2: presentation and discussion of Individual Research Project.	21-23 (with 5mins prep time)	60 marks	30%

OUTLINE OF TOPICS

A well-organised file is the key to success at A Level Spanish. If you keep to these guidelines, you will have no difficulty in keeping yourself prepared for lessons and keeping up with what is expected of you.

The aim of the A-level Spanish course is to help students develop confident, effective communication skills in Spanish as well as a thorough understanding of the culture of countries and communities where Spanish is spoken.

At A Level, the following **four themes** and sub-themes are studied:

➤ **Aspects of Hispanic Society**

Y12

- Modern and traditional values
- Cyberspace
- Equal rights

➤ **Multiculturalism in Hispanic society**

Y13

- Immigration
- Racism
- Integration

➤ **Artistic culture in the Hispanic world**

Y12

- Modern day idols
- Spanish regional identity
- Cultural heritage

➤ **Aspects of political life in the Hispanic world**

Y13

- Today's youth, tomorrow's citizens
- Monarchies and dictatorships
- Popular movements

ORGANISING YOUR FILE

For Y12&13 Label your folders as follows:

Get one very large ring binder with 10 dividers. Bring to school on the first lesson back labelled as follows:

AS:

1. Unit 1: Los valores tradicionales y modernos
2. Unit 2: El ciberespacio
3. Unit 3: La igualdad de los sexos
4. Unit 4: La influencia de los ídolos
5. Unit 5: La identidad regional en España
6. Unit 6: El patrimonio cultural

A2:

1. Unit 1: La inmigración
2. Unit 2: El racismo
3. Unit 3: La convivencia
4. Unit 4: Jóvenes de hoy, ciudadanos de mañana
5. Unit 5: Monarquías y distaduras
6. Unit 6: Los movimientos populares

7. Grammar

8. Film - El Laberinto del Fauno (Pan's labyrinth)

9. Text - La Casa de Bernarda Alba

10. Independent Research Project

- ✓ When you are given handouts, please ensure that they are filed in the appropriate section of your folder. If you miss a lesson for any reason, it is your responsibility to get a copy of anything handed out.
- ✓ It is essential that you bring your file to every lesson.
- ✓ The text books that we will be using are:
 - 👉 AS AQA Spanish + AQA Spanish A Level Year 2
- ✓ We would recommend that you purchase:
 - AQA Spanish AS Grammar Workbook by Chris Fuller
 - El laberinto del fauno (DVD)
- ✓ Use your private study time to develop your independent study skills (not just to complete homework!).
- ✓ Use online resources such as Kerboodle for explicit exam practice, or for more general information read Spanish newspapers or blogs. I would recommend you find a TV series in RTVE.es, use subtitles and watch it on your own time.

How to prepare for Spanish at AS Level

You have a few weeks in which to really prepare for your AS Level in Spanish. The leap from GCSE to AS Level is significant. At AS and A level you will be exploring topics in greater detail and moving to wider issues concerning society and the Hispanic society.

Your work will be also different, as you will be expected to work more independently and take more responsibility for your own learning. The aim of this booklet is to start developing that independence, as you will have total freedom to choose what you are doing. This booklet contains links to a huge range of media, most of which is available for free online as well as tasks to complete before September. In order to keep pace, it is vital that you work through the tasks. Little and often is better than cramming this all into the last two weeks of August! Try to build some of them into your daily routine...

Download on your phone...

There are certain apps that will help you both in class and at home. They are free, so make sure that you make the best of them.

Quizlet	To revise vocabulary. You will play an active part in creating vocabulary lists.
Wordreference	Online dictionary. Several languages are available if you are a dual-linguist.
Memrise	Online vocab revision app
Elmundo & elpais	Spanish online newspapers. You must keep up to date with the Spanish current affairs.
bbcnews	Local, national and international current affairs
Twitter	Keep up to date by following the current affairs and re-tweeting people in your class.
Kindle reader	For studying literature, you might want to get the eBook of the work to study (y13)

Watch...

Television

- Watch the latest news in Spanish <http://www.rtve.es/>, or even just the weather forecast <http://www.rtve.es/eltiempo/>.
- Take in some culinary delights with Spanish Master Chef <http://www.rtve.es/television/masterchef/> or some football <http://www.rtve.es/deportes/champions-league/>.
- Or watch some cartoons in Spanish with your baby brother or sister; you can both learn some Spanish <http://www.rtve.es/infantil/>. You will recognise some of the programmes - any guesses what Sam el bombero is <http://www.rtve.es/infantil/videos-juegos/#/videos/sam-bombero/todos/>

You can also access the TV using:

- Your own TV. If you get Euronews, you can put it into Spanish by pressing the red button
- A very good website to find series and programs is <http://www.mitele.es/>
- Another TV station is www.antena3.com, if you click "Directo" you can watch live TV.

- BBC Website <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/z4dqxb>. If you have trouble bringing the website up, type in www.bbc.co.uk/education. Then select England GCSE and scroll down until you find Modern Foreign Languages. Behind both the Speaking and Listening tabs there are loads of great videos to watch that only last a few minutes and they are a great way to practice your listening skills.

Short Spanish videos

<http://www.lingus.tv/category/learn-spanish-videos/> website with Spanish videos at different levels.

Movies

Broadway Cinema often shows films in Spanish that you would not normally get to see at the cinema.

Have a look at some updates in case there are some films coming up during the summer. Last year they played the international well-known opera *Carmen*.

Platforms such as Amazon Prime Video and Netflix broadcast some Spanish films and TV series.

Listen...

To the radio



The great thing about listening to the radio is that you can get on with something else at the same time (tidying your room??). Listen live using the *Escuchar Ahora* or the *En directo* button.

- **Radio Nacional de España (RNE)** (www.rtve.es) - if you click RADIO and then scroll down, on the left-hand side it has different sections (see black circle) and on the right-hand side it has where you can listen live (see red circle)



- *Radio Nacional*. Sus programas llegan a todos los públicos. Noticias, entretenimiento, cultura, deportes...
- Radio 3 is the station that the young listen to. It is just like Radio 1 or Capital FM and has music videos and interviews. <http://www.rtve.es/radio/radio3/>, Gain Access to a range of programmes relating to music, festivals, cinema etc:

- **Radio 5** es la radio dedicada al mundo de la actualidad, con noticias durante las 24 horas del día, todos los días del año. <http://www.rtve.es/radio/radio5/>



Listen to the latest news!

- **Los cuarenta principales** <http://los40.com/> - This is the radio station where you can listen live the latest hits.
- **M80 Radio** <http://www.m80radio.com/>. Here you can listen lots of music either live or podcasts of all programmes.



ESCUCHAR EN DIRECTO - to listen

Click PROGRAMAS - then YA VEREMOS and it takes you to all the podcasts

- www.newsinslowspanish.com **VERY GOOD** - (listening) News-based website where you can choose the speed at which the news is read. The script is available too and vocabulary explained by hovering the mouse over the word. Plenty of free content. Even more if you subscribe to it.

DEBATES ON THE RADIO

1. Sobre la crisis y el desempleo: http://www.ivoox.com/crisis-desempleo-catedratico-economia-audios-mp3_rf_701891_1.html
2. Sobre los inmigrantes y la repatriación: http://www.ivoox.com/hispanorama-582-03-la-repatriacion-desplazados-africa-audios-mp3_rf_1100981_1.html
3. ¿Se puede curar el racismo?: http://www.ivoox.com/tras-limites-4x23-1-parte-se-puede-curar-audios-mp3_rf_1111599_1.html
4. Sobre los carteles de la droga en Méjico: http://www.ivoox.com/hispanorama-582-06-los-secretos-carteles-de-audios-mp3_rf_1100986_1.html
5. Sobre los valores de los jóvenes y los valores tradicionales: http://www.ivoox.com/que-valores-siguen-presentes-paso-del-audios-mp3_rf_958298_1.html
6. Sobre el límite entre lo público y la intimidad: <http://www.ivoox.com/donde-esta-limite->

[entre-lo-publico-audios-mp3_rf_1109119_1.html](#)

7. Sobre el envejecimiento y las relaciones intergeneracionales: http://www.ivoox.com/sobre-mesa-el-envejecimiento-activo-y-audios-mp3_rf_1109183_1.html
8. Sobre le justicia: ¿es igual para todos?: http://www.ivoox.com/justicia-es-igual-para-todos-jordi-evole-audios-mp3_rf_1075646_1.html
9. Sobre la prohibición del velo en las escuelas: http://www.ivoox.com/gabinete-hay-prohibir-velo-en-audios-mp3_rf_260276_1.html
10. Sobre las deudas de los clubes de fútbol: http://www.ivoox.com/deuda-clubes-futbol-audios-mp3_rf_1105241_1.html

To podcast

www.spanishPod101.com Listening practice. You have to create a free account in order to access it.

<http://audiria.com/> variety of free podcasts

To songs

The great thing about listening to the radio is that you can get on with something else at the same time. Listen live using on the radio or you could download Spanish music on iTunes or listen them on www.youtube.co.uk

Ideas of what to do with the songs:

- The activities below
- You could print the lyrics and look for unknown vocabulary
- Find 2 or 3 Spanish singers that you might like
- Some songs are translated into English (ie. Shakira) - compare them

Tutorials:

You can revisit your grammar and practice translation by accessing websites which use songs for learning. Check this one for a reminder on the Object Direct and Indirect using Enrique Iglesia's song "Me duele el corazón":

<https://www.happyhourspanish.com/duele-el-corazon-spanish-lyrics-and-english-translation/>

Read...

Sign up to Twitter for authentic text that you can quickly flick through.



Following a page that teaches you a word a day is a fantastic way of building your vocabulary.

- @SpanishDict - very useful. Learn Spanish on the web. Tweets a random Spanish word.
- @EduLearnSpanish - Learn 3 new words a day on Twitter!

We follow all of these and recommend you do the same! They will help you pick up the language even when lazily browsing twitter. Some ideas are:

- @spanishlanguage - very useful. Learn Spanish with free resources, social media, and

research-based software that works. Tweets expressions, phrases, words and articles in Spanish

- @Spain - The official Twitter for tourism in Spain
- @lafrasedeldia_ - Más que palabras. A Spanish site which tweets inspirational sayings for each day.
- @spanishaddicts - El español de la calle (typical spoken Spanish). Esto no son simples traducciones literales, es mucho más que eso. Spanish phrases, vocab, articles and more.
- @muyinteresante - Revista de ciencia, historia, tecnología, salud, psicología, innovación y curiosidades. A Spanish news organisation that tweets in Spanish only. Great for practicing your reading skills.
- @superbritanico - Funny tweets that translate literally Spanish sayings into English ... good to learn Spanish sayings

Newspapers and Magazines

Read a foreign language newspaper - El Pais in Spanish is available in larger paper shops. In central news in the avenue (West Bridgford) if you ask them they can deliver it to the shop. El Pais has its own website <http://elpais.com/> so that you can read the paper online. You do not have to read the whole paper, just scan the headlines & pick out ONE article that grabs your attention. In order to see both sides of the coin, and even analyse it from a critical point of view, also access <http://elmundo.es> and you will be able to draw a line between their different political views.



This website gives you access to newspapers all over the world. Here is the link to a range of Spanish papers. <http://www.mediatico.com/en/newspapers/europe/spain/national/>

In Spain there is also a news website for young people: <http://primerasnoticias.com/>. It has sections on the Internet and Mobile Technology; Science and Wildlife; Education; Culture; Sport; Society and Health. A glance today contained articles about Facebook, video games and bullying to name but a few.



To catch up on the latest gossip and to see what the celebs are wearing, take a look at <http://www.hola.com/>. This is our equivalent of Hello! Magazine.

Websites

Look at the BBC website

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish/tv/onlinenews.shtml> for links to Spanish programmes available on line. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/mundo/> takes you through to news in Spanish.



Great website with magazine articles <http://www.veintemundos.com/en/> you need to register for free to access the articles, activities...

At the bottom of this website there is a link to other website :
- yabla - free videos but requires registration



If you are searching for information, try switching to the Spanish www.wikipedia.es Remember that anyone can write on Wikipedia so you must validate your research elsewhere and never quote from it! It is a good place to start though. If you scroll down, you will be able to read the sources used, so it might be a good starting point to follow those links instead.

A website in English with some great links to various topics: <http://spanish.about.com/>
Spanish lessons of different levels <http://www.spanishlearninglab.com/>

Website that teaches grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation, common mistakes... <http://gotspanish.com/>

Another website with links to a variety of aspects of Spanish language learning: grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation, verbs... <http://www.studyspanish.com/tutorial.htm>

On-line dictionary

A good on-line dictionary is: <http://www.wordreference.com/>

Vocabulary

As you all know *memrise* has lists of vocabulary that can work on and learn new things. Please create an account if you haven't got one yet. <http://www.memrise.com/>
<https://quizlet.com/> is a website that we are going to use in years 12 & 13 where you can upload vocabulary list and share them with the rest of the class. Also, you can search for vocabulary on different topics. The website has different ways to help you to learn vocabulary - flashcards, quizzes... Please create an account as we will use it a lot.

TOP TIP: Don't look up every word you are not sure of when reading an article/ book

When you are reading articles etc, try not to look up every word as it will take you forever. Skim and scan the text to get the gist. Remember to use the context or the article, cognates and common sense to figure out what the article is saying. Pick out a couple of words that you like the look of, that you feel may be real hurdles to getting the idea of the text, look them up carefully and add them to your vocab booklet. The aim at this stage is to get the gist of the article, not be able to translate it completely. You will be surprised how much more enjoyable reading will be if you really pay attention to this tip.

Grammar Practice

What should I know by now?

This is a common question asked by students about to start their AS level. You should be able to: Refer to Appendix 1 (at the end of the booklet after your work log)

You should also have a look at some of the basic grammar that we have learnt throughout KS3 & KS4 such as: adjective agreements, word order, adjectives and pronouns (personal, possessive, demonstrative, Object Direct and Indirect), a revision of the subjunctive we saw...

Links to Grammar Practice Exercises

The grammar areas in the box above are in Spanish GCSE Revision Guides which are available on Amazon for less than £5. Try CGP, Pearson or Letts which also has a CD with it. Also look at your KS4 Vocabulary. The following websites are also very useful interactive sites for grammar and language-based activities. Take a look at them. They wouldn't be on here if they weren't worth a look.

- ✓ Languages on line: The Grammar Revision resources on www.languagesonline.org.uk are great as you can then select what tense you want to revise, read the explanations and complete the exercises. You can do these as often as you like and it gives you a percentage. Another useful tactic is to translate the examples and exercises into English to ensure you understand the meaning of each tense.



- ✓ Lightbulb languages at <http://www.lightbulblanguages.co.uk/resources-sp-al.htm>
- ✓ www.studyspanish.com Very detailed grammar explanations and practice tasks, including tests. For some of the tasks you need to subscribe and pay but there are enough free resources available to everyone.
- ✓ <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z4yyjhw> - recap of GCSE Content and grammar to recap everything you will already be expected to know
- ✓ <http://www.bowdoin.edu/~eyepes/newgr/ats/> - online grammar exercises.
- ✓ Complete exercises on Appendix 2 - to apply grammar that you have revised.

Summer Work

Complete Logbook of tasks done each week in the holidays - use resources and guidance provided - e.g. Week one - revision recap GCSE Grammar of present/preterite and future tense (with evidence of work done)

Make notes and work through a range of activities and tasks during the holidays - clearly organise and label these notes, as you will need to bring them in first week back.

e.g

Grammar

Videos

Reading

Newspaper articles

Websites

Task Log

Date	Website / source	Comments
Week 1		
Week 2		
Week 3		
Week 4		
Week 5		
Week 6		

Appendix 1: Grammar self-assessment

	I DO NOT KNOW	NEED TO LEARN	QUITE CONFIDENT	FULLY CONFIDENT	Things I need to work on:
Nouns: gender, singular and plural forms					
Articles: definite (el, la...), indefinite (un, una)					
Adjectives: agreements (fem, pl...)					
Position/word order					
comparative and superlative (más, menos, el más.)					
comparative and superlative irregular (mejor...)					
indefinite (cada, algunos, algunas)					
possessive (mi/tu/su/nuestro...)					
interrogative (¿qué?, ¿cuál?, ¿cuáles?...)					
Adverbs: comparative and superlative					
interrogative (¿cómo? ¿cuándo?)					
Quantifiers/intensifiers (muy, bastante...)					
Pronouns: Subject (yo, tú...)					
object: direct and indirect (lo, las, les...)					
reflexive (me, te...)					
object: direct and indirect					
indefinite (alguien)					
possessive (el mío, la mía...) (R)					
interrogative (¿Quién? ¿quiénes?)					
interrogative (¿qué?) (R)					
Verbs: modes of address (tú, vosotros, usted)					
Verbs + infinitive (suelo + inf, quiero + inf)					
Opinion verbs + inf - me gusta/me interesa etc.					
Verbs + de (acabo de)					
Negatives (no, nunca, jamás...)					
Present (regular)					
Present (irregular)					
Perfect (he + ado/ido)					
Perfect with reflexives					
Imperfect					
Near Future (voy a + infinitive)					
'Will' Future					
Conditional					
Future perfect (habrá hecho...) (R)					
Conditional perfect (habría salido...) (R)					
Pluperfect (había llegado...)					
Present continuous (hablando, comiendo...)					
Subjunctive mood (how to form it)					
Subjunctive mood (which expressions trigger it?)					

	I DO NOT NEED TO LEARN	NEED TO LEARN	QUITE CONFIDENT	FULLY CONFIDENT
Prepositions: a/al/ a la...				
with countries, towns, places				
with month, dates, time				
Desde hace, acabar de				
Number, quantity and time				
Conjunctions				

Things I need to work on:

(R) recognise only

Appendix 2: Grammar exercises

Ejercicio 1: Selecciona la palabra correcta para el espacio.

1. Cuando llegué a casa, mi prima había _____.
a) salir b) salido c) saliendo d) salía
2. ¡Qué tiempo maravilloso! ¡Está _____!
a) nevar b) nevando c) nevado d) nevó
3. ¿Qué quiere _____ este niño?
a) dice b) decir c) diciendo d) dicho
4. Álvaro, ¿cuándo vas a _____ el ruido?
a) terminar b) terminando c) terminas d) terminado
5. No quiero _____ porque está lloviendo.
a) salgo b) salir c) saliendo d) sale
6. ¿Quién ha _____ el premio?
a) ganado b) ganando c) gana d) ganó
7. Este profesor me habla como si _____ un niño.
a) soy b) fuera c) fui d) fue
8. Sí, sí. Yo he _____ con ella.
a) hablando b) hablado c) hablo d) hablé
9. Yo se lo explicada a Juan para que lo _____.
a) comprender b) comprende c) comprenderá d) comprendiera
10. ¡Ojalá que _____ los niños mañana!
a) vienen b) vendrán c) vengán d) vendrían

Ejercicio 2: Cambia los verbos del presente al pretérito.

1. (Yo) hablo = _____
2. (Yo) voy a casa = _____
3. María y José comen = _____
4. (Yo) oigo la música = _____
5. El perro muerde = _____
6. Juana juega = _____
7. (Ellos) piensan = _____
8. (Yo) estoy en casa = _____
9. Cristiana viene = _____
10. (Tú) tocas el piano = _____

Ejercicio 3: Busca lo que significan estas palabras en inglés

1. pedir = _____
2. gozar de algo = _____
3. fiarse de alguien = _____
4. quejarse de = _____
5. tropezar con = _____
6. carecer de = _____
7. rebajar = _____
8. acrecer = _____
9. denegar = _____
10. concebir = _____

Ejercicio 4: Cambia los verbos del futuro al condicional.

1. (Tú) beberás = _____
2. (Yo) me lavaré = _____
3. (Ellos) pondrán = _____
4. (Ud.) tendrá = _____
5. María querrá = _____
6. (Yo) estudiaré = _____
7. Los chicos comerán = _____
8. (Nosotros) seremos = _____
9. Alfonso leerá = _____
10. (Ella) cantará = _____

Ejercicio 5: Cambia los verbos en estas frases al presente continuo.

1. El hombre vende manzanas en el parque.

2. Corremos a la parada de autobuses.

3. Yo leo el libro de inglés.

4. ¿Regresas a casa?

5. ¿Quién bebe gaseosa en el jardín?

Ejercicio 6: Cambia los adjetivos de cada frase (adjective agreement)

1. La hermana de Enrique es muy _____. (simpático)

2. Hay un estanque _____ en el Retiro. (famoso)

3. El profesor tiene muchos amigos _____. (inglés)

4. Compramos manzanas en un puesto _____. (azul)

5. Estamos estudiando unos libros muy _____. (fácil)

6. El padre de Manuel tiene árboles _____ en el jardín. (espléndido)

7. Hay _____ botella de gaseosa en la sala. (otro)

8. La madre de Mercedes compra flores _____ en la calle. (bonito)

What I need to revise:

Now you can use your Cuaderno de Gramática to revise different Grammar Points.