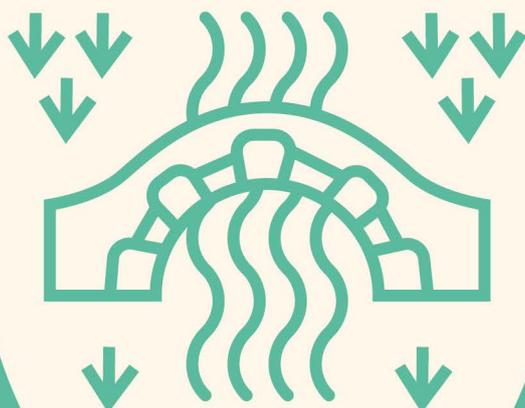




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Spanish

## A-Level Bridging Work Spanish For Summer 2020

We are delighted that you have decided to continue with your Spanish studies for A Level. This subject is fascinating and it gives you an insight into cultural aspects of Spain and other Spanish speaking countries. For your A Level course, it is essential that you are confident in your use of tenses and develop a broader knowledge of the target language country's society, government, history, fashion, art music and lifestyle.

There are lots of things you can do to help you approach A Level study more confidently. Please find below a range of different activities for you to complete before the beginning of Year 12.

All the tasks are designed to develop your Spanish skills and your knowledge of the Spanish speaking world.

There are some compulsory activities, marked **C**. You will need to complete all of these.

There are other optional activities, marked **O / O**. You will need to complete **at least 3** of these.

Activity	C/O	Tick when completed ✓
<p><b>Review essential Spanish grammar:</b></p> <p><i>YOU MUST KNOW HOW TO FORM THE PRESENT, PRETERITE, IMPERFECT, FUTURE AND CONDITIONAL TENSES.</i></p> <p>YOU MUST KNOW HOW TO CONJUGATE REGULAR -AR, -ER AND -IR VERBS, STEM CHANGING VERBS PLUS THE FOLLOWING IRREGULAR VERBS: SER, ESTAR, TENER, HACER, IR</p> <p><a href="https://studyspanish.com/grammar">https://studyspanish.com/grammar</a> (Use this site to review any part of Spanish grammar. Then complete the exercises on <a href="https://personal.colby.edu/~bknelson/SLC/">https://personal.colby.edu/~bknelson/SLC/</a> to test yourself)</p> <p><a href="http://languagesonline.org.uk/Hotpotatoes/Index.htm">http://languagesonline.org.uk/Hotpotatoes/Index.htm</a> - select a topic from the list available. Focus on the tenses above, including regular and common irregular verbs.</p> <p><b>Ensure you revise any other grammar points which you struggled with in Year 11.</b></p>	<b>C</b>	
<p><b>Be up to date with Spanish news. Read an article in Spanish by accessing online newspaper websites, e.g.:</b></p>	<b>C</b>	



<p>e.g. <a href="https://elpais.com/">https://elpais.com/</a>, <a href="https://www.prensaescrita.com/espana.php">https://www.prensaescrita.com/espana.php</a>, <a href="https://primerasnoticias.com/">https://primerasnoticias.com/</a></p> <p>Read not only for factual information but also to see how a good writer plans logically, draws arguments together and defends views and beliefs. The same applies to watching TV programmes such as the news or debates/discussion-style programmes. Watch channel <a href="https://www.20minutos.es/videos/">https://www.20minutos.es/videos/</a> for news in Spanish. You can also watch <a href="https://www.rtve.es/noticias/">https://www.rtve.es/noticias/</a></p>		
<p><b>Listen to a Spanish singer or group on Spotify or Youtube</b> Do some background research on the artist and write a short paragraph in English. What genre are they? Which instruments do they use?</p>	C	
<p><b>Watch Spanish film clips on Youtube or stream them.</b> You can also watch Spanish films on Netflix and Amazon Prime. Watching these films will help you become familiar with the work of Spanish directors and give you an insight into Spanish cinematography. Use this site <a href="https://www.imdb.com/search/title">https://www.imdb.com/search/title</a> to find a list of popular Spanish films to watch.</p>	O	
<p><b>Listen to Spanish radio, select a station according to your interests:</b> Listen live using the (Ahora) En directo button. You can access different radio stations through the site <a href="https://www.rtve.es/radio/">https://www.rtve.es/radio/</a> This will not only sharpen up your listening skills, but you will hear names of people who are important. (Listen to a song or a news item and challenge yourself to work out what is being said)</p>	O	
<p><b>Research a tradition or custom from a Spanish speaking country; does it surprise you how different this might be to the UK?</b> Make a note of when, where and how it is celebrated.</p>	O	
<p><b>Explore and investigate!</b> Keep a scrapbook of newspaper or magazine cuttings on anything you find which concerns the country and language you are going to study.</p>	O	
<p><b>Research a Spanish designer, painter, architect or sculptor.</b> Where and why is this person famous?</p>	O	

Keep a list of the dates on which you complete the activities over the holidays and bring this to your first lesson. It really will help you start off the term on the right foot.