

Hereford Sixth Form College:

General preparation for A level Spanish and Tasks for new Spanish A level students to complete for their first lesson.

1. General preparation for A level Spanish

There are lots of things you can do to keep learning Spanish. Independent students who seek out a variety of activities and practise on their own initiative tend to thrive at A level.

Grammar

Having a good grounding in grammar helps you to speak and write your thoughts in correct Spanish.

Learn and practise how to conjugate verbs in each tense. For each tense learn the rules for regular verbs and then for the irregular verbs.

The following websites have explanations and exercises.

<https://personal.colby.edu/~bknelson/SLC/> Try the exercises on the right.

<https://www.bowdoin.edu/~eyepes/newqr/ats/> 56 grammar topics with exercises.

<https://conjuguemos.com/activities/spanish/verb/1> Practise conjugating here. Choose a tense and click on graded practice.

Reading

Browse the Internet in Spanish. Research things you are interested in by using Spanish search terms and reading about them on Spanish language websites. Be curious and find out things you didn't know about Spanish speaking countries.

Make vocab lists of words you don't know.

<https://www.learnpracticalspanishonline.com/beginner/beginner-readings.html> &

<https://www.learnpracticalspanishonline.com/intermediate/intermediate-readings.html> Short reading passages with translations.

<https://www.bbc.com/mundo> News articles in Spanish.

<http://lanic.utexas.edu/> A hub with links to newspapers, history, geography, environment, science, museums and reference sites from across Latin America. Explore the diversity of the Spanish speaking world.

Listening

<https://www.bbc.com/mundo/media/video> Short news and current affairs videos.

<https://www.laits.utexas.edu/spe/> Native Spanish speakers from different countries speak about a range of topics. Comes with transcripts.

<https://www.brut.media/mx> Spanish videos with Spanish subtitles.

Podcasts

<https://podcast.duolingo.com/spanish> Many podcasts with explanations and context in English interspersed with Spanish segments with transcripts.

<https://coffeebreaklanguages.com/category/coffee-break-spanish/> Pick a level and click on free podcasts.

<http://www.audiria.com/capitulos.php> Short videos. Click to see the text.

[Español Automático Podcast \(espanolautomatico.com\)](https://espanolautomatico.com) 10 min. podcasts. Varied topics.

Tips for Studying A level Spanish

Watch these videos by previous students who got good grades about what helped them to learn Spanish at A level. <https://youtu.be/oAJTnNYmrRs> Student 1

<https://youtu.be/btQT5HRJmfA> Student 2

B. Answer the following questions in English

- 1 What does Iñaki's father do? _____
- 2 What kind of district does Iñaki live in? _____
- 3 When did the school open? _____
- 4 What do a lot of people dislike about the school? _____
- 5 What does Iñaki's mother say when her children do badly at school? _____
- 6 What does Iñaki quarrel about with his brother and sister? _____
- 7 What did the family do when their father lost his job? _____
- 8 What effect did the experience have on the family? _____

C. Write the correct form of the following verbs in the present tense in Spanish

Examples:

bailar (tú) **bailas**

cerrar (ellos) **cierran**

- 1. hablar (ellos) _____
- 2. comer (ella) _____
- 3. vivir (yo) _____
- 4. abrir (él) _____
- 5. cantar (nosotros) _____
- 6. vender (vosotras) _____
- 7. volver (tú) _____
- 8. dar (yo) _____
- 9. pedir (usted) _____
- 10. dormir (él) _____
- 11. hacer (yo) _____
- 12. ser (tú) _____
- 13. querer (ustedes) _____
- 14. conducir (yo) _____
- 15. empezar (ella) _____
- 16. seguir (ellos) _____
- 17. decir (yo) _____
- 18. lavarse (tú) _____
- 19. elegir (yo) _____
- 20. contribuir (él) _____