

Spanish A Level Transition Booklet

Read and complete the suggested activities. It will ensure that you get off to the best possible start in this subject area. It is very important that you read this booklet carefully over the summer. This will give you a clear understanding of what the course involves and what to expect next year.

Exam board: AQA

Paper 1: Listening, Reading & Writing

Paper 2: Writing (Film/literature)

Paper 3: Speaking

Textbook: AQA Spanish A Level (On Kerboodle)

Actividad 1 – El curso

Actividad 2 – inmersión

Actividad 3 – traducción

Actividad 4 – investigación

Actividad 5 – Gramática

Actividad 1: El curso

Read through the list of themes we will study and translate them into English. Use a dictionary to help if you need it.

Aspects of Hispanic society (in relation to any Spanish-speaking country or countries)	
Spanish	English Translation
Los valores tradicionales y modernos)	• Modern and traditional values
• Los cambios en la familia	
• Actitudes hacia el matrimonio/el divorcio	
• La influencia de la Iglesia Católica	
El ciberespacio	• Cyberspace
• La influencia de internet	
• Las redes sociales: beneficios y peligros	
• Los móviles inteligentes en nuestra sociedad	
La igualdad de los sexos	• Equal rights
• La mujer en el mercado laboral	
• El machismo y el feminismo	
• Los derechos de los gays y las personas transgénero	

Artistic culture in the Spanish-speaking world

(in relation to any Spanish-speaking country or countries)

Spanish	English Translation
La influencia de los ídolos	• Modern day idols
• Cantantes y músicos	
• Estrellas de televisión y cine	
• Modelos	
La identidad regional en España	• Spanish regional identity
• Tradiciones y costumbres	
• La gastronomía	
• Las lenguas	
El patrimonio cultural	• Cultural heritage
• Sitios turísticos y civilizaciones prehispanicas	
• Arte y arquitectura	
• El patrimonio musical y su diversidad	

Multiculturalism in Hispanic society

(in relation to any Spanish-speaking country or countries)

Spanish	English Translation
La inmigración	• Immigration
• Los beneficios y los aspectos negativos	
• La inmigración en el mundo hispanico	
• Los indocumentados - problemas	
El racismo	• Racism
• Las actitudes racistas y xenofobas	
• Las medidas contra el racismo	
• La legislación anti-racista	
La convivencia	• Integration
• La convivencia de culturas	
• La educación	

Aspects of political life in the Hispanic world

(in relation to any Spanish-speaking country or countries)

Spanish	English Translation
Jóvenes de hoy, ciudadanos del mañana	• Today's youth, tomorrow's citizens
• Los jóvenes y su actitud hacia la política	
• El paro entre los jóvenes	
• Su sociedad ideal	
Monarquías y dictaduras	• Monarchies and dictatorships
• La dictadura de Franco	
• La evolución de la monarquía en España	
• Dictadores latinoamericanos	
Movimientos populares	• Popular movements
• La efectividad de las manifestaciones y las huelgas	
• El poder de los sindicatos	
• Ejemplos de protestas sociales	

Actividad 2: Inmersión

Choose at least three of the following activities to get used to being immersed in the language.

- **Películas:** Watch a Spanish film (suggestions below)
- Volver (Pedro Almodóvar)
- Todo sobre mi madre (Pedro Almodóvar)
- ¡Ay Carmela! (Carlos Saura)
- Mar adentro (Alejandro Amenábar)
- The Motorcycle Diaries (Walter Salles)
- Ocho Apellidos Vascos (Emilio Martínez-Lázaro)
- María llena eres de gracia (Joshua Marston)
- Abel (Diego Luna)
- Las 13 Rosas (Emilio Martínez-Lázaro)

You could maybe write a review or a “ficha informativa” of the film.

- **Netflix:** Watch a Spanish-language series (suggestions below – some contain bad language, adult themes!)
- Las Chicas del Cable
- Gran Hotel
- Siempre Bruja
- Casa de Papel
- Elite (!)
- Velvet
- La Catedral del Mar
- La víctima número ocho
- Mar de plástico
- **Páginas web:** Familiarise yourself with some useful Spanish websites. Visit them regularly.

www.rtve.es

www.ver-taal.com

<https://www.bbc.com/mundo>

<https://www.20minutos.es/>

www.dailymotion.com/es

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAL4AMMMXKxHDu3FqZV6CbQ?fbclid=IwAR1p4cRRZo9uW9CwBdfjaF3jWF-zuJNRYs04w6K8AP8WlfA6AInSKpHVHwQ>

<https://radiolingua.com/coffeebreakspanish/>

https://gb.ivoox.com/en/podcast-podcast-aprender-espanol-learn-spanish-podcast_sq_f1383122_1.html

<https://www.profedelee.es/categoria/actividad/podcast/>

<https://eledeeli.wordpress.com/2015/07/26/paginas-webs-para-practicar-espanol/>

<https://www.hoyhablamos.com/category/podcasts-aprender-espanol/>

<https://superespanol.com/podcasts-para-aprender-espanol/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VMDU8QaSKdk>

<https://www.lengalia.com/es/aprender-espanol-gratis/podcasts.html>

<https://www.spanishpodcast.net/blog/>

- Twitter : Sign up to Twitter for authentic text that you can quickly flick through. They will help you pick up the language even when lazily browsing twitter. Some ideas are:

@Spain - The official Twitter for tourism in Spain

@LaFraseDelDia_ - Más que palabras. A Spanish site which tweets inspirational sayings for each day.

@spanishlanguage - Official Twitter account for Transparent Language Spanish. Learn the language with free resources, social media, and research-based software that works. Tweets expressions, phrases, words and articles in Spanish.

@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.

@spanishxxx2 - Free Spanish Sentences Vocabulary Pronunciation Grammar Tests. Tweets vocab, articles, and quizzes.

@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.

Follow *Pictoline* on social media

Join *MFL Clips with Subtitles* on Facebook

Join Quizlet and practice GCSE vocab

- **Música:** Listen to the radio in Spanish – listen online.

<http://www.los40.com/> is the website for the Spanish top 40.

<http://www.rtve.es/radio/radio3/>

<http://www.cadenadigital.com/>

<http://www.discomusicradio.com/>

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

Yep... you read that right. When you are reading articles etc, try not to look up every word as it will take you forever. 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.

Actividad 3: Traducción

Complete the translations to the best of your ability.

Translate this text into Spanish:

How family life in Spain has changed

Spain drastically modernized the institution of the family since the dictatorship of Francisco Franco during its rocky transition to democracy. Until his death in 1975, dictator Francisco Franco idealized conservative Catholic values and cemented the family as the basic unit of Spanish society. Under Franco, the veneration

Translate this text into English:

40 años de divorcio en España, la ley que acabó con el sometimiento legal de las mujeres a sus maridos

► Durante la dictadura, la disolución del matrimonio solo era posible con la muerte de uno de los cónyuges o con la nulidad

Actividad 4: Investigación

Choose a personal area of interest related to Spain or a Spanish-speaking country and prepare a short presentation (3-5 mins) of what you have found. This can include photos, an ICT presentation etc. Examples might be a festival, person (current or historical), landmark, etc.

Be prepared to present this to your class in your 1st lesson after the summer.

Actividad 5: Gramática

Complete this self-assessment of grammatical terms in Spanish

	DON'T KNOW	NEED TO LEARN	QUITE CONFIDENT	FULLY CONFIDENT
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 (<i>cada, algunos, algunas</i>)				
possessive (mi ti...)				
interrogative (<i>¿qué?, ¿cuál?, ¿cuáles?...</i>)				
Adverbs: comparative and superlative				
interrogative (<i>¿cómo? ¿cuándo?</i>)				
Quantifiers/intensifiers (<i>muy, bastante...</i>)				
Pronouns: Subject (yo, tú...)				
object: direct and indirect (lo, las, les...)				
position and order (te veo)				
reflexive (me, te...)				
relative (<i>que</i> .)				
relative: <i>lo que, la que</i> (R)				
object: direct and indirect				
indefinite (alguien)				
possessive (<i>el mío, la mía...</i>) (R)				
interrogative (<i>¿Quién? ¿quiénes?</i>)				
interrogative (<i>¿qué?</i>) (R)				
Verbs: modes of address (<i>tú, vosotros, usted</i>)				
verbs + infinitive				
verbs + infinitive + preposition				
Verbs + - me gusta/me interesa etc				
Verbs + de (<i>acabo de</i>)				
negatives (no, nunca, jamás...)				
Present (regular)				
Present (irregular)				
Perfect				

Perfect with reflexives				
Imperfect				
Near Future (voy a + infinitive)				
Future				
Conditional				
Future perfect (habrá hecho...) (R)				
Conditional perfect (habría salido...) (R)				
Pluperfect (había llegado..)				
Present participle (comiendo...)				
Subjunctive mood (how to form it)				
Subjunctive mood (which expressions trigger it?)				

I hope this guide helps you to keep up with your Spanish. Vocabulary and grammar are key to success at A-level. Make sure you are confident with GCSE grammar and vocabulary.

In order for you to keep track of what you do and to make sure you work regularly, you could track your work in a table like this:

Week commencing	Date	Source/ website	Comments
	Monday 11 Tuesday 12 Wednesday 13 Thursday 14 Friday 15	Monday.- Ocho apellidos vascos Tuesday.- Grammar Wednesday- Listening Ver-taal Thursday- Vocab Quizlet Friday.- Research/translation	Monday.- What a funny film.- I watched it in Spanish with English subtitles. I wrote a "ficha informativa" for my parents and friends about the film Tuesday- I revised present tense regular and irregulars verbs- Have to go over the irregulars again Wednesday- At first listening was difficult but I used the transcripts to help me. I love the trailers of films and adverts in this website! Thursday- I have managed to do all unit 1 vocab again.- I got 75% Friday- I did some research on the influence of Catholic church in Spain. I wrote a list of vocab and interesting facts/ I translated an article about my favourite Hispanic artist Shakira
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