

A Level Spanish

Guide & Summer Challenge

Unit 1

Evolution of the Spanish Society

This unit provides you with the cultural knowledge of three topics related to Spain:

- 1-Changes in the Spanish family structure
- 2-The World of work
- 3-Tourism



This unit covers the other three topics about the whole Spanish speaking countries

- 4-Music
- 5-Media
- 6-Festivals and tradition

From GCSE to A Level

Some of the topics you will study at A Level are similar to the ones in GCSE Spanish but they will be covered in much more depth and detail. You will enjoy learning the cultural knowledge of six topics in A1 so that you are ready to answer the questions in the speaking exam Paper 3 that will take place at the very end of A2. You will realise that the study of grammar is as well crucial at A Level to succeed at writing essays where you will analyse a Spanish film and a Mexican novel. It is an exciting subject as it is all about gaining your independence and becoming a mature student.

Unit 2

Political and artistic culture in the Spanish speaking world





Reading List

(In the library)

- 1- *Boda en Buenos Aires* (Jaime Corpas & Ana Maroto)
- 2- *Spanish Short stories for Beginners* (Olly Richards)
- 3- *Easy Spanish Reader* (McGraw)
- 4- *A Second Reader* (Stanley Appelbaum)
- 5- *Dual Language Spanish Reader* (Peter Oakfield)

Summer Challenge 2025

Over the summer holiday, you will need to complete a task (Mrs. Matias holds the copies of a small booklet) and do some reading in Spanish as a preparation for your A Level course.

What I need to do

- 1) Complete the grammar exercises, translation, find the accents and a piece of writing in the small booklet above mentioned.
- 2) Read at least one although ideally two 'Easy readers' or novels of your choice according to your Spanish level and enjoy the stories.
- 3) From each book you read:
 - a) Write your opinion about the story and what you liked the most.
 - b) Write why you would or wouldn't recommend it

and why.

- 4) Make sure you watch at least three Spanish films with subtitles in English or in Spanish.

6-Billete de ida al país de las maravillas (Ane Villate)

7-Invisible (Eloy Moreno)

8-En las redes del miedo (Nando López)

9-La hija de la noche (Laura Gallego)

10-Diferente (Eloy Moreno)

11-El hombre en busca de sentido (Viktor Frankl)

12-Aura (Carlos Fuentes)

13-La vida imaginaria (Mara To

Websites to improve your listening skills and cultural knowledge

1-Children's **stories**

<https://www.pictocuentos.com/aventura-en-caion/3>

2- **TV** programmes

<http://www.rtve.es/alcarta/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish/news/>

www.rtve.es

<http://www.antena3.ch><http://www.rtve.es/alcarta/om/>

Websites to practise grammar and verbs

1-Practise Spanish **verb tenses**

<http://www.spanishdict.com/conjugate>

<http://www.esfacil.eu/es/verbos/conjugacion/944-alentar.html>

2-Revise your **grammar** with listening, reading exercises and learn cultural knowledge.

<http://www.ver-taal.com>

<http://www.colby.edu/~bknelson/SLC/index.php>

Other suggestions

Websites to practise cultural knowledge with specific vocabulary

1-News of many Spanish speaking countries

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/mundo/>

[ABC \(Spanish Newspaper\)](#)

The third largest newspaper in Spain and the oldest one published in Madrid (free).

[Al Dia en America](#)

Hispanic community's newspaper. Spanish language publication based in Louisville since 2004. It shares the

news that they matter to the Latino community in Kentuckiana

[El Mundo](#) The second largest daily newspaper in Spain (free).

[El País](#) High circulation left-leaning Spanish Daily.

[Lawndale News, Bilingual Hispanic Newspaper](#)

Chicagoland's Largest Hispanic Bilingual Newspaper. Web Archives at the bottom of the far right column (free).

[Mexican Newspapers, Mexican Press](#)

List of online Mexican newspapers, provided by onlinenewspapers.com (free)

[Puerto Rico Newspapers & News Media](#) National and local newspapers from Puerto Rico, in Spanish and English (free).

[Spanish Newspapers Online](#) Links to newspapers from the Caribbean Islands, Latin American, Mexico, South American, and Spain (free).

