

Spanish A Level

Transition Booklet

This booklet will ensure that you get off to the best possible start in Spanish A Level. 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 Eduqas WJEC

Paper 1 Speaking

Paper 2 Listening, Reading & Writing

Paper 3 Writing (Film/Novel)

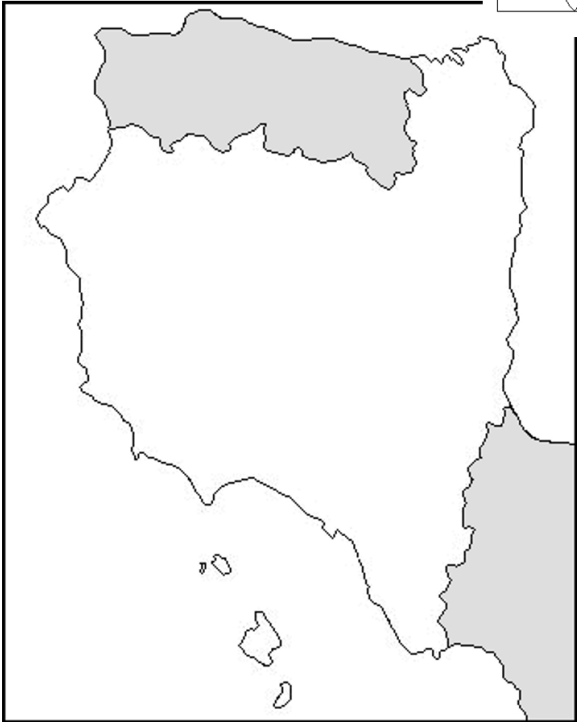
Textbook Oxford University Press (Kerboodle) Course

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Introducción

Capital City: Official Language: Population:	Information about Spain		Currency: Religion: Population: Largest city:
Fascinating Facts 1 :	Longest River: Highest Mountain: Coastline: Borders with:	Flag:	Fascinating Facts 5 :
Fascinating Facts 2 :	Fascinating Facts 3 :	Fascinating Facts 4:	



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
<u>La influencia de los ídolos</u>	<u>Modern day idols</u>
Cantantes y músicos	
Estrellas de televisión y cine	
Modelos	
<u>La identidad regional en España</u>	<u>Spanish regional identity</u>
Tradiciones y costumbres	
La gastronomía	
Las lenguas	
<u>El patrimonio cultural</u>	<u>Cultural heritage</u>
Sitios turísticos y civilizaciones prehispánicas: Machu Picchu, la Alhambra, etc	
Arte y arquitectura	
El patrimonio musical y su diversidad	



Multiculturalism in Hispanic society

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

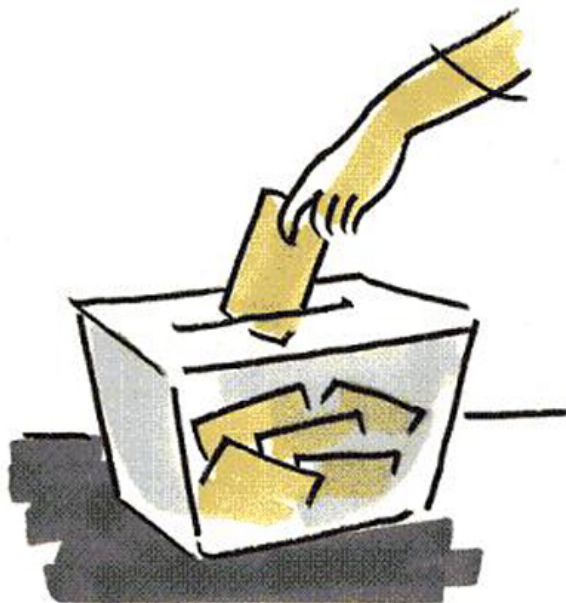
Spanish	English Translation
<u>La inmigración</u>	<u>Immigration</u>
Los beneficios y los aspectos negativos	
La inmigración en el mundo hispánico	
Los indocumentados - problemas	
El racismo	Racism
Las actitudes racistas y xenófobas	
Las medidas contra el racismo	
La legislación anti-racista	
La convivencia	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
<u>Jóvenes de hoy, ciudadanos del mañana</u>	<u>Today's youth, tomorrow's citizens</u>
Los jóvenes y su actitud hacia la política : activismo o apatía	
El paro entre los jóvenes	
Su sociedad ideal	
<u>Monarquías y dictaduras</u>	<u>Monarchies and dictatorships</u>
La dictadura de Franco	
La evolución de la monarquía en España	
Dictadores latinoamericanos	
<u>Movimientos populares</u>	<u>Popular movements</u>
La efectividad de las manifestaciones y las huelgas	
El poder de los sindicatos	
Ejemplos de protestas sociales (eg El 15-M, las Madres de la Plaza de Mayo, ...)	
Las religiones	



Actividad 2: Inmersión

Choose at least three of the following activities to help you get comfortable immersing yourself in the language.

Películas

Watch a Spanish film (suggestions below)

- Culpa mía (2023) – **Prime Video**
- Diecisiete (2019) – **Netflix**
- Chavalas (2021) – **Netflix**
- El club de los incomprensidos (2014) – **Amazon Prime Video**
- Ocho Apellidos Vascos (**Spanish Affair**) – 2014 *Vimeo on demand*
- The Motorcycle Diaries (**Diarios de motocicleta**) – 2004 – *Channel 4*
- El Laberinto del Fauno (**Pan's Labyrinth**) – 2006 - *learningonscreen.ac.uk/ondemand/*
- María llena eres de gracia (**Maria Full of Grace**) – 2004 – *Sky Go*

You could write a review or a “ficha informativa” of the films

Series en Netflix

Watch a Spanish-language series (suggestions below – some contain bad language, adult themes!)

- [Las Chicas del Cable](#)
- [Un Cuento perfecto](#)
- [Siempre Bruja](#)
- [Casa de Papel](#) (my favourite!)
- [Elite](#)
- [La Catedral del Mar](#)
- [La víctima número ocho](#)

The Netflix logo, consisting of the word "NETFLIX" in a bold, red, sans-serif font.

Páginas web

Familiarise yourself with some useful Spanish websites. Visit them every day.

[BBC Bitesize - A Level Spanish](#)



[Seneca Learning - A Level Spanish](#)



[Languages Online](#)



[StudySpanish.com](#)



[Conjuguemos](#)



[El País \(News in Spanish\)](#)



[Lingolia Spanish Grammar](#)



[SpanishDict](#)



[Hola qué pasa News in easy Spanish](#)



[LyricsTraining](#)



Sigue

Instagram

- @spanish.with.vicky
- @spanishvipofficial
- @spanishpod_101
- @spanish.toons

YouTube

- *Butterfly Spanish*
- *Spanish After Hours*
- *Dreaming Spanish*

Música

Listen to the radio in Spanish – listen online.

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

<https://emisora.org.es/cadena-dial/>

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

Libros

Try reading a book in Spanish from the reading list. You might want to start with a bilingual book with parallel texts in both languages. Magazines are also good; choose things that are interesting to you. Look on <https://www.amazon.co.uk/s?k=parallel+text+spanish>



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. 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. Translation is a whole different ball game, and you will learn it soon enough.

You will be surprised how much more enjoyable reading will be if you really pay attention to this tip.

Actividad 3: Traducción

Complete the translation to the best of your ability. Try to do this without help.

How family life in Spain has changed

Read this text for background information:

Spain has been a progressive country in terms of legalising same sex marriage. New laws have allowed gay couples to have the same rights as heterosexual married couples. Same sex marriage is now an integral part of Spanish society and the fact that Spain is now more secular than ever means more and more people are choosing to have civil weddings rather than get married in a church. Young people go to church less than before and its role and importance in society is diminishing. Nonetheless, in all regions of Spain, lots of people still declare themselves as Catholic and still prefer to get married with a religious ceremony in a church. Just because the political situation is secular doesn't mean that all citizens have changed their religious beliefs. Spain still remains, above all, a country that respects the Catholic faith.

Translate this text into English:

La triste realidad en España es que las parejas se separan cada vez más. La tradición de los dichos "matrimonios para toda la vida" es del pasado. Cuando una pareja no funciona y hay una ruptura, la convivencia se hace imposible y lo más conveniente es divorciarse y hacerlo de la mejor y de la forma más rápida posible. La Ley del Divorcio se aprobó en España en 1981. Hasta el año 2005, el modelo de divorcio se consideraba como un último recurso para esas parejas que se hubieran separado y llevado un largo período de tiempo separados. Antes, se exigían al menos 2 años de separación antes de poder comenzar el proceso legal del divorcio. A partir del año 2005, con una reforma importante, la Ley del Divorcio pretende reflejar el valor de la libertad en el matrimonio y el Divorcio Express permite que los cónyuges no tengan que exponer ningún motivo para la ruptura, como antes, ya que es suficiente decir que quieren separarse. Con el Divorcio Express, dentro de tres meses se puede presentar todos los documentos, terminar los trámites y conseguir la anulación del matrimonio.

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, a presentation etc. Examples might be a festival, person (current or historical), landmark etc.

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Actividad 5: Gramática

Complete the ***Diagnostic Misconceptions tasks*** on Seneca. I recommend doing a few at a time, rather than attempting all at once!

To join Seneca, please follow these instructions:

Joining Seneca

1. Go to <https://help.senecalearning.com/en/>
2. Enter the requested details, ensuring you remember your username and password.
3. Download the Seneca app to your mobile phone.

To join the class, please follow this link or scan the QR code: <https://app.senecalearning.com/dashboard/join-class/9q89jywyuj>



I hope this guide helps you to keep up with your Spanish. It is very important that you do 10 to 30 minutes every day so you don't forget 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 every day and to make sure you do at least 10/30 minutes a day you could track your work in a table like this:

Week commencing	Date	Source/ website	Comments
9th June	Monday 9 th	Monday: Ocho Apellidos Vascos	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 10 th	Tuesday: Grammar	Tuesday I revised present tense regular and irregular verbs- Have to go over the irregulars again
	Wednesday 11 th	Wednesday: Listening	
	Thursday 12 th	Thursday: Vocab Quizlet	
	Friday 13 th	Friday: Research/translation	
			Wednesday At first listening was difficult but I used the transcripts to help me. I love the trailers of films and Lyricstraining. I loved it!
			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
16th June	Monday 16 th Tuesday 17 th Wednesday 18 th Thursday 19 th Friday 20 th	Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday