

¡BIENVENIDOS A ESPAÑOL A-LEVEL!

Summer Bridging Booklet & Transition Tasks

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¡Hola! This transition booklet is designed to help you make a smooth and successful leap from GCSE to Year 12 Spanish. Spending just **15–30 minutes a day** engaging with authentic Spanish text, music, films, or grammar exercises over the summer will keep your linguistic momentum active and set you up for absolute success in September.

COURSE OVERVIEW & COMPONENTS

The Eduqas A-Level course is designed to deeply immerse you in both the language and structural pillars of modern Hispanic societies. You will be assessed across three major pillars:

Paper 1: Speaking

An independent research project (IRP) on a topic of your choice and a structured discussion centered around the core cultural themes.

Paper 2: Core Skills

Listening, reading, continuous translation tasks (both into Spanish and into English), and critical comprehension writing exercises.

Paper 3: Critical Essay

Analytical essay writing focusing deeply on a chosen contemporary film (e.g., *El Laberinto del Fauno*) or literary novel.



ACTIVIDAD 1: INTRODUCCIÓN A ESPAÑA

Before starting your lexical and thematic work, refresh your baseline knowledge of Spain by researching and completing this structural cultural profile file.

CATEGORY DESCRIPTOR	YOUR FINDINGS & DATA NOTES
Capital City & Largest City	
Official & Co-official Regional Languages	
Total Population & Main Religion Profile	
Currency Used	
Geographic Borders & Bordering Oceans	
Longest River & Highest Mountain Peak	



Fascinating Facts Challenge:

Find three unique or surprising historical, culinary, or architectural facts about Spain that go beyond typical tourist knowledge. Note them down to share in week one!

ACTIVIDAD 2: SPECIFICATION CORE THEMES

Translate the foundational core curriculum structures below into natural English. Use an academic digital tool such as SpanishDict or WordReference to assist with advanced vocabulary terms.

Theme 1: Aspects of Hispanic Society

A-LEVEL VOCABULARY ELEMENT	ENGLISH CONCEPTUAL TRANSLATION
Los cambios en la familia	
Actitudes hacia el matrimonio y el divorcio	
La influencia de la Iglesia Católica	
Las redes sociales: beneficios y peligros	
La mujer en el mercado laboral	
El machismo y el feminismo	

Theme 2: Multiculturalism in Hispanic Society

A-LEVEL VOCABULARY ELEMENT	ENGLISH CONCEPTUAL TRANSLATION
La inmigración: los beneficios y los aspectos negativos	
Los indocumentados y sus problemas cotidianos	
Las actitudes racistas y xenófobas	
La convivencia de culturas en centros urbanos	

Theme 3: Aspects of Political Life

A-LEVEL VOCABULARY ELEMENT	ENGLISH CONCEPTUAL TRANSLATION
El paro agudo entre los jóvenes	
La dictadura de Francisco Franco	
La evolución histórica de la monarquía en España	
La efectividad social de las manifestaciones y las huelgas	

ACTIVIDAD 3: CULTURAL IMMERSION

Immerse yourself directly in the target language this summer. Choose **at least three** distinct media forms below to explore.

Recommended Film & Series Shortlist

- **El Laberinto del Fauno (Pan's Labyrinth) [2006]:** *Highly recommended!* This masterpiece directly connects with our Paper 3 analytical essay syllabus. Watching it over summer will give you a major competitive advantage.
- **Ocho Apellidos Vascos (Spanish Affair) [2014]:** An excellent comedy to help understand Spain's complex regional identities, accents, and lighthearted stereotypes.
- **Las Chicas del Cable / La Casa de Papel (Netflix):** Highly engaging series for fast-paced modern conversation exposure.

Digital Learning Platforms & Audio Channels

- **News in Accessible Spanish:** Check out **Hola qué pasa** (holaquepasa.com) for real-world global news written beautifully for intermediate learners.
- **Interactive Audio Practice:** Download the **LyricsTraining App** to play musical grammar games using contemporary music tracks.
- **Structural Grammar Revisions:** Utilize **Languages Online (Spanish Section)** or **SpanishDict** to brush up on regular and irregular preterite, present, and imperfect tenses.

★ TOP STRATEGIC READING TIP:

When consuming text or watching films with subtitles,

do not pause to look up every unfamiliar word

. It disrupts your flow and enjoyment. Skim and scan to naturally evaluate the gist of the text using context. Select just 2–3 high-value vocabulary words per day to look up and record inside your study log.

ACTIVIDAD 4: TEXT TRANSLATION TASK

Read the structured contextual background information below carefully, then translate the Spanish text passage into natural, fluent English prose.

Contextual Backdrop: Spain has emerged as a deeply progressive, highly secular nation in modern decades. While modern legislation around civil partnerships has transformed standard domestic architecture, historical cultural bonds to tradition remain foundational across many unique communities.

"La triste realidad en España es que las parejas se separan cada vez más. La tradición de los llamados '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 de la forma más rápida posible.

A partir del año 2005, con una reforma importante, el 'Divorcio Express' permite que los cónyuges no tengan que exponer ningún motivo para la ruptura. Con este sistema, en un plazo de tres meses se pueden presentar los documentos, terminar los trámites y conseguir la anulación del matrimonio."

Your English Translation:

ACTIVIDAD 5: INDEPENDENT MINI-RESEARCH

Prepare a concise, engaging **3-minute presentation** about an individual aspect of the Spanish-speaking world that genuinely interests you. This might be a historic cultural festival (e.g., *La Tomatina* or *Día de los Muertos*), a landmark, a historical figure, or an artist. You can prepare an interactive digital presentation or a physical poster. Be prepared to present this during our first week of classes!

SUMMER STUDY PROGRESS LOG

Log your daily interactive habits below. Focus on small, sustained actions over time rather than attempting to finish everything at once!

DATE TRACKER	ACTIVITY TYPE & CHANNEL	CORE SUMMARY / KEY TERMS DISCOVERED
<i>Example: 15 July</i>	<i>Film / Listening Practice</i>	<i>Watched 30 mins of 'Ocho Apellidos Vascos'. Noted: cónyuge (spouse).</i>
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