

Welcome to A Level Spanish

¡Bienvenidos!

Congratulations on choosing A Level Spanish.

The content of this booklet gives you an overview of what is covered in A Level for your reference.

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/spanish/as-level/spanish-7691/specification/specification-at-a-glance>



Over the next two years you will develop your language skills far beyond GCSE. You will learn to communicate confidently, debate current affairs, analyse films and literature, and gain a deeper understanding of the Spanish-speaking world. The film we cover in AS is *Volver* by Almodovar and we will cover a book in A2 (either *Como Agua para chocolate*/ or *La casa de Bernarda Alba*)

These transition booklets have been designed to help you arrive in September feeling confident and prepared.

During the summer you will begin the transition from GCSE to A Level. The jump can seem challenging at first, but don't worry—you are not expected to know everything before September. The purpose of these booklets is simply to refresh key GCSE grammar, introduce you to the demands of A Level and keep your Spanish active over the holidays. Spend a little time each week completing the activities. Small, regular practice is far more effective than trying to complete everything at once.

Success at A Level is built through consistency. If you spend around **30–40 minutes, three times a week**, you will give yourself an excellent start.

With this aim you have a daily challenge in the transition booklet attached (Yr 11-yr12 Transition Support Booklet.)

Grammar You Need to Master

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| 1. Nouns & Articles | Gender, plurals, definite/indefinite articles, <i>lo</i> + adjective |
| 2. Adjectives | Agreement, position, apocopation, comparatives, superlatives, demonstratives, possessives, interrogatives |
| 3. Adverbs & Quantifiers | Comparative/superlative adverbs, interrogatives, intensifiers |

4. Pronouns	Subject, direct, indirect, reflexive, order, demonstratives, possessives, relatives, interrogatives
5. Present Tense	Regular, irregular, stem-changing, reflexive, impersonal verbs
6. Past Tenses	Preterite, imperfect, perfect, pluperfect
7. Future & Conditional	Future, conditional, future perfect (intro), conditional perfect (intro)
8. Ser, Estar & Se Constructions	Ser/estar, passive, impersonal se, <i>se vende</i> , <i>se dice</i>
9. Gerunds, Participles & Passive	Continuous tenses, gerund, past participle, passive voice
10. The Subjunctive	Present, perfect, imperfect, pluperfect, common triggers, <i>para que</i> , <i>cuando</i> , <i>si</i> , commands
11. Prepositions & Conjunctions	Personal <i>a</i> , <i>por/para</i> , common conjunctions
12. Time Expressions	<i>Hace</i> , <i>desde hace</i> , numbers and quantity
13. Translation & Writing Skills	Grammar in context, sentence building, AQA-style translation

Some useful sites for grammar notes on the topics above , revision and practice are:

- ❖ <https://spanish411.net/index.asp>
- ❖ www.languagesonline.org.uk (look for the Spanish AS section)
- ❖ <http://www.studyspanish.com>
- ❖ <http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish/news/language/>