

# spanish.

A Level Preparation Pack



## Overview

**The following topics are studied in the first year of A Level Spanish:**

- Families, relationships and citizenship
- Youth trends and personal identity including fashion, technology, peer-pressure, education and employment opportunities
- Culture, traditions and heritage of Spanish speaking regions and countries such as festivals, historical sites and museums
- Spanish film (El Laberinto del Fauno).

## Films

**Films – use subtitles. Alternatively, switch on Spanish subtitles for English speaking films:**

- Mirage
- Casa de papel
- Made in Mexico
- Amores en tiempos de guerra
- Aviones de papel (Australian, but watch it in Spanish)
- Voces inocentes (sad but beautiful film, if you find it, watch it!)
- Un Franco, 14 Pesetas
- Dos Francos, 40 Pesetas
- Cobardes
- Carla's Song (Ken Loach)
- Land and Freedom (Ken Loach)
- Volver (Pedro Almodovar)
- La lengua de las mariposas

## Reading, TV & Podcasts

\* Spanish TV accessible online: Rtve <https://www.rtve.es/>:

\* A popular series in Spain: 'Cuéntame como pasó', also try 'La República' and 'Isabel'

**Switch on the subtitles in Spanish (or English if you can) at least to help understand a bit more, but don't worry about understanding everything!**

\* Read gossip magazines from Spain and Latin America: <http://www.donquijote.org/culture/spain/society/customs/spanish-gossip>.

\* Read The Return, by Victoria Hislop or 'The songs of Manolo Escobar' by Carlos Alba.

\* Podcast - Entiende tu mente

## Singers & Songs

Look up the words of your favourite songs and use <https://www.wordreference.com/> to help you work out the lyrics. Check out the biography, in Spanish, of the singers you like:

- Luis Fonsa (Echame la culpa.... ) Reggaetón
- Enrique Iglesias
- Shakira
- Ozuna (Dile que tu me quieres, Tu Foto....)
- Selena Gómez
- Alvaro Soler (Sofia...)
- Julio Iglesias (Guantanamera...)

### Playlists on Spotify:

- Guaracha- <https://open.spotify.com/playlist/37i9dQZF1DWVlpazNNfpRz>
- SPANISH HITS 2020 <https://open.spotify.com/playlist/5khoF3ksobwfVwOazDapqI?si=QBfwZ3mgSqiExh9mgKsQwQ>
- Donna leake insp <https://open.spotify.com/playlist/27cbTQIMljb57AtPRLkcg6>

## Language Skills

Keep your language skills active by practising using the following websites:

- ◇ www.bbc.co.uk: 'Mi Vida Loca' <http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish/mividaloca/>
- ◇ <https://www.duolingo.com/>
- ◇ Dancing with words [https://carla.umn.edu/speechacts/sp\\_pragmatics/home.html](https://carla.umn.edu/speechacts/sp_pragmatics/home.html)
- ◇ Study Spanish <http://www.studyspanish.com/>
- ◇ Spanish language and culture (self-correcting exercises mostly) <http://personal.colby.edu/~bknelson/SLC/>
- ◇ Learning through games: <http://www.mflgames.co.uk/>
- ◇ For the news: 20 minutos <https://www.20minutos.es/>
- ◇ BBC mundo <https://www.bbc.com/mundo>

Other websites to practice Grammar and Vocabulary:

- ◇ <https://www.languagesonline.org.uk/Hotpotatoes/index.html>
- ◇ Quizlet.com (you can search for GCSE vocabulary lists or first year A Level)

## Course Specifications

<https://www.eduqas.co.uk/media/alshgmtg/eduqas-a-level-spanish-spec-from-2016-r.pdf>