

## **Spanish transition to year 12**

For those of you who would like to continue with your studies of Spanish next year, this document will guide you to some useful websites as well as providing some resources that you can use to prepare yourself for the A level Spanish. In addition to revising key areas of grammar, I will provide sources of reading and listening material which will not only help with listening and reading but will also provide insight into key issues in Spain and Latin America that we will study at A level. I hope you find this useful!

### **Reading**

*'El boletín' – I will attach this on a weekly basis to Microsoft Teams*

Reading material taken from various authentic sources (newspapers etc) on contemporary topics in the Hispanic world. Do some light research on the topic in the title first before reading. There are 3 new texts per week and questions at the end of each text.

**El país** - <https://elpais.com/>

One of Spain's biggest newspapers. Don't try and read everything – find something of interest to you and scan read. Don't worry if you don't understand a lot of it – see if you can understand the gist. Use [www.wordreference.com](http://www.wordreference.com) to help.

**BBC mundo**

<https://www.bbc.com/mundo>

International news. There are some useful videos at the bottom with transcripts which is good for listening practice.

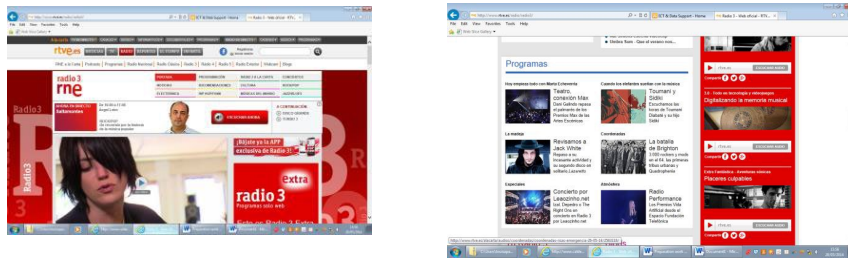
**Hola**

<https://www.hola.com/> - Gossip magazine for a more light-hearted read.

## Listening

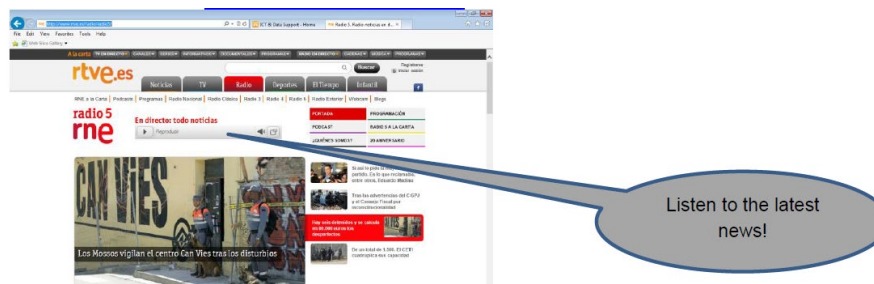
Listen to Spanish radio – even if you have it on in the background. The more you listen, the more you will start to understand - be patient though as this will take time! The links may take a while to buffer.

**Radio 3** - <https://www.rtve.es/radio/radio3/>



This is the station that a lot of young Spanish people listen to. It is set up like Radio 1 or Capital FM so has interviews, music and videos. Also, if you like 80s music, try M80 Radio <http://www.m80radio.com/>

**Radio 5** - <http://www.rtve.es/radio/radio5/> - 24 hr news channel



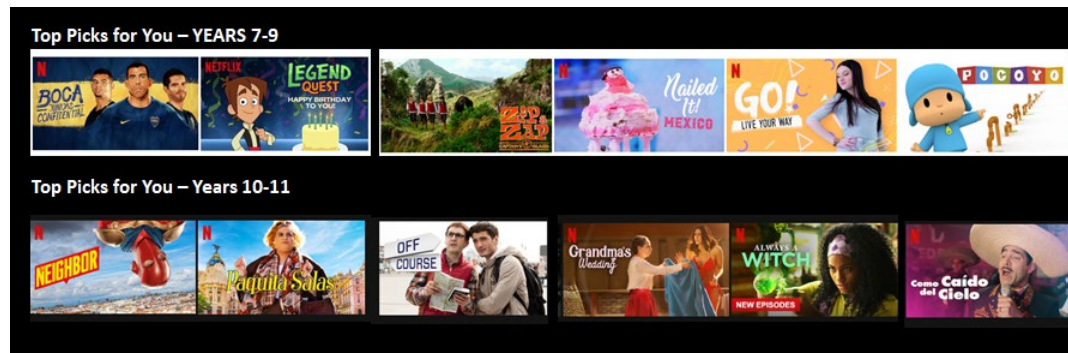
## Slow news in Spanish

[https://www.newsinslowspanish.com/?gclid=Cj0KCQjwm9D0BRCMARIsAIfvfIYQYly5Mg6-u1QV5gJ6vPJr14USIrrUWuuvdznJmaEXKD5pY5zrelaAivDEALw\\_wcB](https://www.newsinslowspanish.com/?gclid=Cj0KCQjwm9D0BRCMARIsAIfvfIYQYly5Mg6-u1QV5gJ6vPJr14USIrrUWuuvdznJmaEXKD5pY5zrelaAivDEALw_wcB)

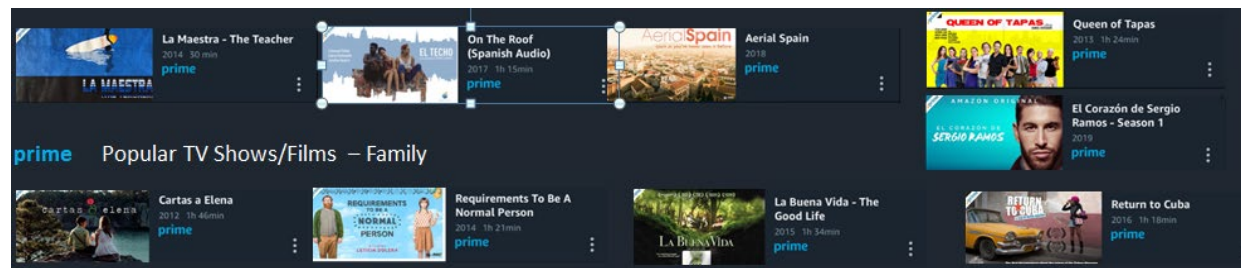
The news in Spanish but at a slower pace than normal. A good place to start if you really struggle with listening.

## Watch TV and films in Spanish

Here is some Spanish TV that you can access on Netflix;



And you can get the following on Amazon Prime;



## Websites for research

<https://www.thoughtco.com/spanish-4133085>

A website in English where you can research information about Spain and Latin America

If you are searching for information, try switching to the Spanish [www.es.wikipedia](http://www.es.wikipedia). Remember that anyone can write on Wikipedia so you must validate your research elsewhere and never quote from it! It is a good place to start though.

## Grammar

The best way to prepare for the grammar we will cover at A level is to consolidate what you already know. Don't worry about trying to teach yourself what new and complex areas of A level grammar, what is more important is that you have a solid understanding of GCSE grammar. Below is what you should focus on if you want to revise grammar (we have covered all of this in y10 and y11)

TOPIC	CONTENT
Recognise and use a range of tenses with <b>regular</b> verbs.	<u>Regular -AR, -ER, -IR verbs:</u> Tenses: Present Preterite Imperfect Near Future (ir + a + inf.) Future (eg. Sera) Conditional (eg. seria)
Recognise and use a range of tenses with <b>irregular</b> verbs.	<u>Common irregular verbs: ser, estar, tener, hacer, ir</u> Tenses: Present Preterite Imperfect Near Future (ir + a + inf.) Future (eg. Sera) Conditional (eg. sería)
Give opinions with reasons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A range of opinion expressions</li><li>• Positive and negative reasons for opinions</li><li>• To be able to agree and disagree</li></ul>

**Languages online** - [www.languagesonline.org.uk](http://www.languagesonline.org.uk)

A really good website for practising Spanish grammar.

can then select what tense you want to revise, read the explanations and complete the exercises. You can do these as often as you like and it gives you a percentage.

**Grammar booklet (cuaderno de gramatica)**

I've also attached an extensive grammar practice booklet in Teams which you can use to practice and revise grammar. Do what you can from this, don't worry if you don't understand some of it – if a specific area of grammar is too complex – move onto to something you feel more confident with and send me a message so I can help.