



## Spanish Summer Tasks 2025



Welcome to Spanish A Level at Davenant. We're looking forward to seeing you in September to start the course. Until then, it's really important for you to be keeping up with Spanish over the holidays. The best approach is little and often and to incorporate it into your everyday life.

Here you will find a range of set tasks that we ask you to complete over the summer holidays and we will collect in at the beginning of term in September.

### Actividad 1.

Busca un artículo en línea sobre uno de estos temas:

- La música española
- La igualdad entre los sexos
- La influencia de la iglesia católica en España
- Las lenguas oficiales en España

<https://www.practicaespanol.com/> puede ser útil

1. Apunta 10 palabras nuevas del artículo
2. Escribe un resumen en inglés sobre el artículo (no más de 90 palabras)

## Actividad 2.

Purchase a copy of AQA Spanish A Level and AS Grammar & Translation Workbook (see link below) and complete the activities on the pages below. If you are unable to get hold of this book, then use online resources to check your understanding of these items of grammar, and practise (eg. <https://studyspanish.com/grammar> or <https://www.spanishdict.com/guide>)

Amazon link for book: <https://www.amazon.co.uk/AQA-Level-Spanish-Translation-Workbook/dp/0198415559>

ITEM OF GRAMMAR	Page	Read intro	All exercises completed
Nouns (m/f/pl)	5		
Adjectives and agreements	6		
Definite and indefinite articles	7		
Word order	8		
The preterite tense - regular and irregular	9		
The preterite tense - regular verbs	10		
The imperfect tense	11		
The conditional	12		
The future and immediate future tenses	13		
Negatives and infinitive constructions	14		

## Actividad 3

Spot the basic mistakes in these sentences and correct them. These are all based on common mistakes that we see at gcse, but need to be addressed and corrected by A Level.

**Task: Correct the one basic error in each sentence and say why it is wrong.**

1. Me prefiero el dibujo.

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2. Me gusta pizza porque es deliciosa.

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3. Odio como carne.

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4. La gente son simpática.

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5. Voy en vacaciones a Australia.

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6. Me encanta las ciencias.

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7. Vamos a el museo.

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8. Mi hermana juega el baloncesto.

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9. Mi amigos son divertidos.

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10. De la mañana leo mi libro.

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11. En lunes canto en el coro.

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12. Mi madre's cumpleaños es el ocho de julio.

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## Actividad 4

Watch "El Laberinto del Fauno". This is available on Amazon Prime and Netflix to stream. The film's title in English is "Pan's Labyrinth". Watch it with Spanish audio, but English subtitles (unless you want to challenge yourself, then take the subtitles off!)

After watching complete the following:

1. Describe each of the key characters:
  - Ofelia
  - El Capitán Vidal
  - Mercedes
  - Carmen
  - Doctor Ferreiro
  - El Fauno
2. What effect do you think that combining Ofelia's fantasy world with the post-war reality of 1944 Spain has on the overall impact of the film?
3. What do you think the key themes are in the film?
4. What is the name of the director?

## Actividad 5

### RESEARCH PROJECT

Prepare a short PowerPoint presentation in English about one of the topics below. Make sure to include the sources where you find your information.

1. Related to Literary texts

- Federico García Lorca: life and impact
- Gabriel García Márquez: life and impact
- Guernica: the impact on the Spanish Civil War

0. Related to films

- Spain in the years after the Civil War
- Stereotypes and differences between the North and South of Spain
- Beyond Almodóvar: other relevant Spanish directors in the 2000s
- The role of women during and after the Civil War

0. Related to aspects of Hispanic society

- The new non-traditional families and their influence on Spanish society
- The role of working women in Spain/Latin American countries
- Sexism in Spain/Latin American countries
- Sexism & crime in Spain
- The rights of gay collectives in Spain/Latin American countries

0. Related to Multiculturalism in Hispanic society

- How immigration has changed Spanish society
- Is Spain a racist country?
- Racism in Spanish language
- The coexistence of different cultures and religions in modern Spain

0. Related to the Artistic Culture in the Hispanic World

- Alejandro Sanz and his influence on other Spanish-speaking singers and songwriters
- The Colombia effect: Juanes and Shakira
- Cultural appropriateness and Rosalía
- The influence of flamenco on Spanish music.
- The impact of latin music hits such as Despacito
- The Spanish invasion of Hollywood: Antonio Banderas and Penélope Cruz
- The Three Amigos: Del Toro, González Iñárritu and Alfonso Cuarón
- Traditions and food of a Spanish region or South American country of your choice
- The linguistic map of Spain: a headache or an advantage?
- Research into an architectural jewel: Acueducto de Segovia, Alhambra, Alcázar de Toledo, El Escorial, La Sagrada Familia, Mérida's Roman city (Spain); Machu Picchu, Cuzco (Perú); Cartagena (Colombia); Rapa Nui, Santiago's Cathedral (Chile); etc.

0. Related to Political Aspects in the Hispanic World

- Spain's young people and unemployment
- Spanish young people: the "ni-nis"
- The Spanish Civil War: international support
- The Spanish Civil War: the role of women
- The Spanish Civil War: the arts
- The Spanish Civil War in literature and film
- Franco's dictatorship: the aftermath
- From a dictatorship to a democratic monarchy: the years of "La Transición"
- King Juan Carlos I: the unexpected king
- The impact of corruption in King Juan Carlos I abdication
- Latin American dictators: Pinochet (Chile), Noriega (Panama), Profirio Díaz (Mexico), Somoza (Nicaragua), Fidel Castro (Cuba), etc.
- Trade Unions in Spain: their rise
- General strikes in Spain in the 1990s
- Social protests: 15 M (Spain), Madres de la Plaza de Mayo (Argentina), etc.

0. Other topics:

- Spanish football: social and international influence
- Spanish-speaking sports people as international role models

- Cervantes and Shakespeare

Extra things you can do to practise Spanish over the holidays:

Films you may like to watch:

Ocho Apellidos Vascos

Ocho Apellidos Catalanes

El Orfanato

Volver

Diarios de Motocicleta

La Lengua de las Mariposas

Spanish Language Learning

[www.aprenderespanol.org.uk](http://www.aprenderespanol.org.uk)

[www.languagesonline.org.uk](http://www.languagesonline.org.uk)

[www.memrise.com](http://www.memrise.com)

[www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish](http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish) (a variety of resources for all levels but will suit older students better)

<https://radiolingua.com/coffeebreakspanish/>

<http://www.spanishuno.com/grammar.asp> grammar explanations and activities, all levels

<http://www.learningspanish-spain.com/> spanish-study-material.html

Podcasts

Hoy hablamos

News in Slow Spanish

Duolingo Podcasts

Mobile Applications

Duolingo

Conjugaciones

Babbel

Further reading

AQA A-level Spanish specification

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/as-and-a-level/spanish-7692>